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CRIMINAL PROFILER TAKES REAL-LIFE CRIME LESSON TO CARDINAL NEWMAN STUDENTS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is proud to announce that a criminal profiler with the Behavioral Sciences Unit (BSU) will be a guest speaker at Cardinal Newman School on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 9:00-11:45 in the morning.

Senior Special Agent Bo Barton will present his criminal profiling and law enforcement knowledge to juniors and seniors who are taking a "True Crime" class.

The class gives them an in-depth look at various, high-profile crimes, specifically murders that have impacted an area of society or the country.

The course study includes an examination of: the nature of a crime, the criminal element, the victim(s) and the motive associated with a violent crime.

Many of these students have law enforcement aspirations and have a general, keen interest in learning about criminal profiling.

Agent Barton will give a lecture and hands-on lesson concerning several key areas of Behavioral Science including: crime assessment, crime scene assessment and construction, victimology, offender profiling, and post-offense behaviors.

Agent Barton has visited several area high school and colleges to discuss these topics.

His lesson offers an optional assignment that allows the students to review a case and offer their profile interpretation.

The assignment will be measured according to the school's existing grading scale.

Director Lloyd says, “We appreciate Cardinal Newman School’s interest in learning about an important part of the criminal justice system. I feel confident that Agent Barton’s expertise will help the students gain an appreciation of the men and women who wear the uniform every day.”

In addition to this lesson, the students will tour SLED’s Forensic Laboratory on September 22nd to get an inside look at how analysts solve crimes through DNA, They will learn how each department within the lab works simultaneously to solve violent crimes across SC.

Special Agent Bo Barton’s Career Background:

Agent Barton is currently a Criminal Investigative Profiler with the Behavioral Science Unit (BSU).

He performs violent crime analysis, threat assessment offers offender characteristics or investigative strategies to law enforcement agencies across the state and country.

Agent Barton is also a part of the Cold Case Unit and Crisis Negotiation Team.

In his 21 year service with SLED, Barton has worked with The Midlands Region, The Bloodhound Tracking and SWAT Teams, Narcotics Unit, Governor’s RAID Team, Attorney General’s Office, FBI’s Violent Criminal Task Force, (FBI), The Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) Task Force, The United States Secret Service and The United States Attorney’s Office.

He has specialized training in several areas such as various types of homicides and sexual assaults, mental and personality disorders, multi-jurisdictional drug conspiracy, white collar crimes, interview, interrogation and undercover techniques.

Education:

Agent Barton is a Lexington County native who graduated from Gilbert High School.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree from Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C.

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