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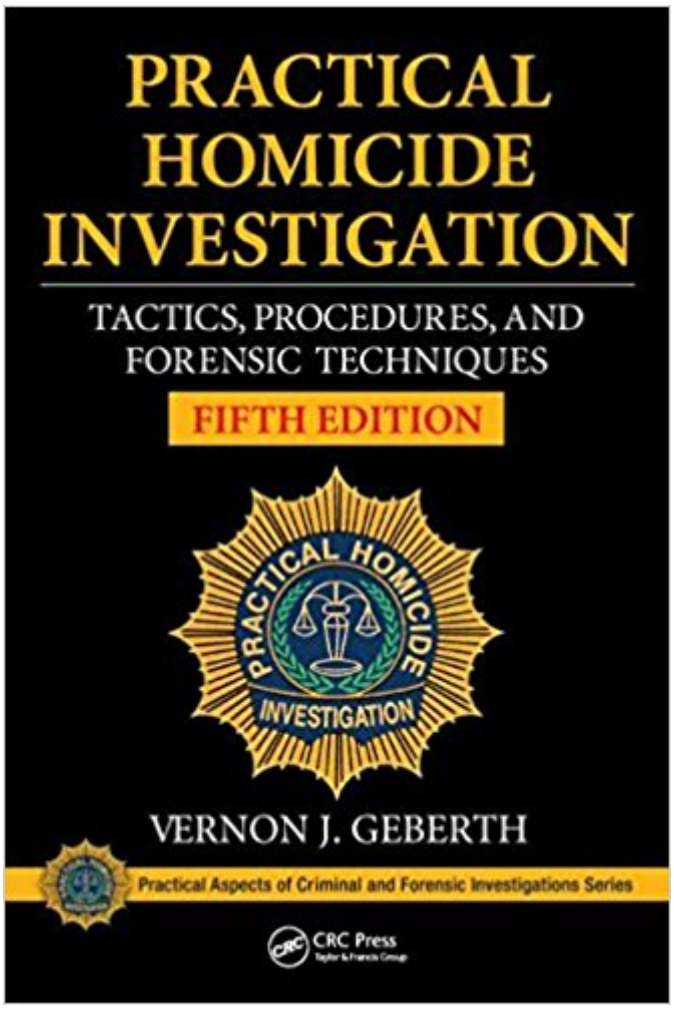

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Synopsis

Renowned for being THE definitive resource for homicide investigators, Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques details the recognized protocols used by investigative divisions of major police departments throughout the world. The text is used in most police academies, including the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.Now in its fifth edition, the book begins with a comprehensive discussion of homicide crime scenes and moves chronologically from initial police notification, the correct police response that follows, and the subsequent steps necessary to conduct an intelligent investigation. It then delves into the more technical aspects of homicide investigation, augmented with numerous pictures and full-color illustrations that involve pertinent case histories.This latest edition includes three new chapters along with fully revised chapters with new case histories and techniques that reflect the latest forensic methods and modern investigative procedures.Highlights of the Fifth Edition Include: Newly revised "Homicide Investigatorâ ™s Checklist" A new chapter on the latest DNA technology A rewritten chapter on equivocal death investigations that includes staged crime scenes Additional information on modes of death Fully updated chapters on death notifications, sex-related homicide, management for police administrators, suicide investigation, and narcotics-related and homosexually based homicides Over 920 photos and illustrations, 250 new photographs, and several new case histories Eminent author, lecturer, consultant, and expert witness Vernon J. Geberth incorporates his more than four and a half decades of real-world law enforcement experience in this quintessential reference. This classic and must-have resource provides the most vital information needed by detectives and police investigators responsible for cases in violent and sudden death. Remember: do it right the first time. You only get one chance.â •Vernon J. Geberth, M.S., M.P.S., Homicide and Forensic Consultant, Author of Practical Homicide Investigation, and Series Editor of The Practical Aspects of Criminal and Forensic Investigations

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For over 44 years, I have participated in the New York State Criminal Justice System as Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, and Judge.During my seventeen years a Prosecutor in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, I was the Bureau Chief of the Homicide Bureau. As Chief, I supervised, investigated, and prosecuted more than one thousand homicides in Bronx County, New York.During my tenure as Homicide Bureau Chief, I had the great pleasure of working closely with Vernon J. Geberth, when he was the Commanding Officer of the Bronx Homicide Task Force. Commander Gebert's extensive knowledge, unmatched expertise, and boundless creativity with homicide investigations, was responsible for the successful prosecution of countless homicides in Bronx County.Geberth has succeeded in the impossible. The 5th Edition has totally revised and expanded the most outstanding and comprehensive treatise on Practical Homicide Investigation Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques. Commander Geberth has made major revisions to each chapter, including 250 new photographs and 900 illustrations, and detailing all 21st Century advanced forensic and technological improvements in this "must have" treatise for those given the supreme responsibility of investigating homicides.Commander Geberth's Practical Homicide Investigation, 5th Edition, explains every aspect of a homicide investigation, with an easily understood, how-to-approach, from a professional who has been there. He takes the reader from the homicide scene and covers every possible situation that may be encountered during a homicide investigation, complete with do's and don'ts, right up to the apprehension and arrest of the homicide fugitive.

When the first edition of Practical Homicide Investigation, Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques, was publish in 1983, it was 460 page in length, the photos were all in black and white and there was no mention of DNA, AFIS or cellular telephone technology.This newly published 5th edition of Practical Homicide Investigation, is 1226 pages in length, and double the physical size of the first edition. Each successive edition expounded on techniques, scientific advancements and critical case examinations, not present or known, in the prior editions. It is a collaboration of

information made possible by the author, who has dedicated his life to providing the most up to date reference tool to homicide, death investigators and criminal prosecutors throughout the country.This behemoth of a text continues that legacy and includes an advance chapter on DNA technology, which Law Enforcement has come to rely on in criminal investigations, and is written in a manner that is easily understood by the reader.The identification of Unidentified Bodies or Human Remains is essential in any homicide investigation and this book documents the utilization of National Databases and DNA techniques to aid in such identifications.Advances in electronic and digital crime scene mapping, have made such devices less expensive for cash strapped agencies to purchase, easier to use, and the benefits of their application at a crime scene are explained by Mr. Geberth.Each of the 24 chapters are well documented with detailed, full color photographs, or Medical Legal Art illustrations, which provide additional examples or explanations when traditional photographs are unable to do so.

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