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Evidence Uncorked: Forensic Science Comes to Temecula

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DNA Workshop:
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Workshop Abstract

The DNA workshop will focus on key topics in the DNA community such as activity level examination and reporting, effective DNA testimony, Investigative Genetic Genealogy, and Modernizing DNA workflows using Artificial Intelligence. We will also cover legal updates specific to DNA analysis and court testimony. Additional workshop presentations will include exciting new technologies moving the discipline forward.

Presenters

Christina Walsh (Riverside County District Attorney's Office)

Joe Pasternak (Promega)

Nadia Cisse (California Department of Justice)

Melissa Haas (Bode)

Gabe Feltner (Othram)

Bob Taft (Riverside County District Attorney's Office – Cold Case Homicide Team)

Mike Chamberlain (California Department of Justice – Legal)

Mandi Van Buren (DNA Labs International)

Amanda Murray (DNA Lab International)

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