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**Biography:** Jeff grew up in Nebraska where he graduated high school. He received his Bachelor of Science from Wayne State College (Nebraska) where he participated in an archaeological excavation internship program in Jordan analyzing and documenting historical evidence. He continued his historical investigative interests as a graduate student in Nebraska Wesleyan's Forensic Science Master's program conducting research applying forensic toolmark analysis to recovered butchered remains from the same archaeological site in Jordan. After receiving his Master's, he worked for the Nebraska State Patrol as an intelligence analyst before joining the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI). He has been with Wyoming DCI for 12 years. He started as a fingerprint examiner in the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) section. At that position, he analyzed fingerprint cards from criminal arrests and job applications. Currently, he is a forensic analyst with the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory. He responds to crime scenes and examines latent prints in the laboratory.

**Workshop:** *Solving Crimes* - Students will discover the different methods that are used for collecting evidence and identifying unknown items of evidence. They will explore the different equipment and techniques used both in the field and in the laboratory. Students will test and identify different types of evidence and see how fields such as fingerprints merge with forensic science and play an important role in the justice system.