

**David C. Watson**

**Retired Master Detective  
Prince William County Police Department**

***CURRENTLY***

Private Investigator (DCJS registration number: 99166830)  
Owner – D. C. Watson Investigations, LLC

(Private Investigation Business License number: 11-5290)  
Special Conservator of the Peace, Prince William County, VA (2005-2007)  
Special Police Officer, Prince William County, VA (2002-2005)  
Investigator for Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Prince William County, VA  
(2002-2007)  
Assigned to the Bowman Homicide Task Force (VSP Trooper murdered in 1984) (2004-  
2007)  
Contract Investigator US Department of State  
Contract Applicant Investigator, Prince William County Police Department, VA  
Certified Instructor through Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (elapsed)

***PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY***

27 years with Prince William County Police Department  
Appointed 1974 as a police officer  
Served as a patrol officer from 1974 through 1980  
Promoted to Investigator 1980  
Advanced to Senior Detective 1992  
Advanced to Master Detective 1993 until Retirement in 2001

***MILITARY SERVICE***

1970 – 1974 United States Navy Ceremonial Guard, Washington, DC  
Secret Clearance, White House Clearance.  
Continuously performed Naval and Joint Service ceremonies from 1970-1974 which  
included:  
Pall bearer for Former Director of FBI, J. Edgar Hoover (1972)  
Death Watch for Senator Richard Russell, Georgia  
Pall bearer for Former President Lyndon B. Johnson (1973)  
Aide to Coordinator, POW Affairs (1973)

Assigned to President Nixon's Personal Escort during his Inauguration

I have served in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Prince William County Police Department for twenty-one years. During that time my area of expertise has been the investigation of violent crime including murder, sexual assault and robbery.

### ***SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS***

- Founder and Past First President of the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association (VHIA) (1993-2000)
- Executive Director Virginia Homicide Investigators Association (2000-2009)
- Lead Detective on capital murder cases – all resulting in the death penalty
- Called in by numerous police departments within the Commonwealth of Virginia to consult on high profile murder cases
- On a panel that re-wrote the Multi-Jurisdictional Investigation Team Manual, FBI Academy

### ***GUEST LECTURER/INSTRUCTOR***

Northern Virginia Community College (Substitute-Instructed one semester on basic criminal investigation)

Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy (instruct on Interviews and Interrogations)

Australian Embassy (Lectured to the Returned Services Group on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment Issues)

Strayer University (lecture on logic)

Prince William County Fire Marshall Arson Class (lecture on basic death investigation)

Virginia Homicide Investigators Association (instructed on basic death investigation)

### ***ASSIGNMENTS***

2002-2007 – Investigator for the Prince William Commonwealth's Attorney's Office with duties that include homicide investigation, special investigations around the Commonwealth and assisting the police departments within the County of Prince William with death investigations

2002 – Assigned to the Prosecutor's Task Force, DC Sniper Case

1998-2001-In Charge of Cold Case Homicide Office, PWCPD

1993 – 2001 Criminal Investigation Division, Violent Crimes Unit

1982 – 1993 Criminal investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons Unit

1980 – 1982 Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Property Unit

1974 – 1980 Patrol Operations

\*served thirteen years as a trained hostage negotiator for the PWCPD

### ***TRAINING***

1999 – Cold Case Homicide Seminar, Naval Criminal Investigation Service, Norfolk, VA  
1993 through 2009 Virginia Homicide Investigators Association’s Homicide Training Conferences (each year, three day conferences)  
1993 – International Homicide Investigators Association’s Homicide Training Symposium, Manassas, VA  
1993 – VICAP International Homicide Symposium, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA  
1992 - Advanced Sex Crimes Seminar, Fairfax County Police Academy  
1992 – Hostage Negotiations  
1992 – Detection and Recovery of Human Remains, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA  
1991 - International Homicide Investigators Association’s Homicide Training Symposium, Kansas City, MO  
1991 – Crisis Negotiations Seminar, FBI, Norfolk, VA  
1990 – Blood Stain Pattern Analysis, Division of forensic Science, NVCJA  
1990 - Serial Crimes Training Course, Office of the US Attorney, Fredericksburg, VA  
1990 – Conflict Negotiations, Prince George’s County Police Academy, MD  
1989 – DNA Evidence Seminar, Virginia State Crime Clinic, Luray, VA  
1988 – Death Investigation School, Metropolitan Police Department Homicide Branch, Washington, DC  
1987 – Sex Crimes Investigations, NVCJA  
1987 – Crime Scene Technician School, PWC  
1986 – National Conference on Serial Murders, Unidentified bodies, Missing Persons Seminar, Oklahoma City, OK  
1985 – Arson for Profit Seminar, Metropolitan Police Department Training Academy, Washington, DC  
1985 – Death Investigation Seminar, NVCJA  
1985 – Medico Legal Seminar, Fredericksburg, VA  
1984 – Hostage Negotiations Seminar, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA  
1983 – DEA Drug Investigation School, NVCJA  
1982 – Criminal Interrogation and Behavioral Analysis Interviews, Reid College, Chicago, IL  
1981 – Interviews and Interrogations, NVCJA  
1980 – Forensic Science Seminar Series, NVCJA Virginia Bureau of Forensic Science  
1980 – Hostage Negotiations for Police Officers, NVCJA  
1979 – Basic Criminal Investigation School, College of William & Mary, Virginia Criminal Justice Service Commission  
1979 – Death Investigation School, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA  
1978 – Organized Crime Investigators Training Seminar, NVCJA, Department of the Treasury

***PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS***

Virginia Homicide Investigators Association (Founder, charter member, President from 1993-2000)  
Executive Director, VHIA, 2000-2009  
International Homicide Investigators Association (charter member – elapsed)  
North Carolina Homicide Investigators Association (active membership – elapsed)  
Maryland Homicide Investigators Association (active membership – elapsed)

### ***AWARDS/RECOGNITION***

1979 – Outstanding Police Officer Award from VFW Post 1503, Woodbridge, VA

1986 – Commendation from Prince William County Board of Supervisors (for solving numerous rapes Prince William County)

1987 – County Executive Award, Prince William County

1987 – Valor Award, Prince William County Chamber of Commerce (for solving numerous murders and rapes in 1996)

1989 – Police Service Award from the Prince William County Police Officers Association (solving numerous murders and rapes in 1998)

2001 – Certificate of Appreciation from the Fairfax County Police Department for Outstanding Contributions for the Fairfax County Police Criminal Investigation Bureau

2001 – Commendation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Virginia

2001 – Commendation from Prince William County Board of Supervisors

2011 – Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association

Currently I am the owner of D. C. Watson Investigations, LLC