



**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE'S CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION PROGRAM EARNS APPROVAL FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION**

Fort Myers, Fla. (June 29, 2009) – The Crime Scene Investigation program recently received approval from the Crime Scene Certification Board of the International Association for Identification (IAI). This globally recognized certification allows program graduates to take the first level IAI certification exam. The College was also approved as a regional testing center for the IAI exam.

The IAI is the world's oldest and largest organization of forensic science professionals and represents some 6,900 practitioners in seventy five countries.

“Obtaining an education in crime scene investigation that meets strict IAI standards is a first in Southwest Florida, and distinguishes SWFC from other colleges offering similar programs,” said Denise R. Womer, Program Manager of Legal Studies for Southwest Florida College.

Students enrolled in the CSI diploma program at Southwest Florida College learn various aspects of crime scene analysis including: crime scene processing in a laboratory, forensic photography, and crime scene investigations from instructors with extensive training and experience in forensics.

Mock crime scenes are staged to sharpen students' skills in identifying, securing, and processing various types of crime scenes. The CSI diploma can be completed in just nine months and is currently being offered at the Southwest Florida College Fort Myers and Tampa campuses.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, please call toll-free 1-888-526-7973 or visit [www.swfc.edu](http://www.swfc.edu).

*Southwest Florida College is an accredited, private, nonprofit institution of higher learning centrally located in Fort Myers, Tampa, Port Charlotte, and includes the Institute of Interior Design located within the International Design Center in Estero. The College has been providing post secondary education to Floridians since 1974 and offers programs in Allied Health, Business, Design, Education, Information Technology and Legal Studies. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and skills that will help prepare them for rewarding careers in fields with high growth potential. For more information, call toll free 888-526-7973 or visit [www.swfc.edu](http://www.swfc.edu).*

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