

HOMICIDE CASE STUDIES WILL ALSO BE  
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CALGARY POLICE AND RCMP:

## DET. SCOTT GUTERSON – CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Case study on the homicide of Vida Smith

On July 22, 2020, 70-year-old Vida Smith was reported missing by her family, last seen at the family's home the day before in Chestermere. Det. Guterson led investigation into the missing Smith, with very unusual circumstances.

## DET. DONNA COLE – EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

Case study on the Ertale Lounge Shooting

On March 12, 2022, EPS members were called to Ertale Lounge at 118 Avenue near 124 Street, after reports of multiple shots being fired outside of the bar. Police officers and first responders were met by a devastating scene. Approximately 70 rounds had been fired into a crowd of people. Eight people had been shot. One of the victims, 28-year-old Imbert George, succumbed to his injuries. This case study will highlight handling a very demanding and complex investigation with a high volume of information.

# DET. TYRONE BRAND — RCMP

Case study on the homicide of James Rufiange

The investigation of the homicide of James Rufiange occurred on November 25, 2020, in Red Deer, Alberta. Within the investigation, there were tough circumstances the team needed to navigate surrounding confidential source information disclosure, witness safety, and implied privilege issues, resulting in the prosecution almost being stayed. This presentation will highlight the issues encountered, the steps taken to mitigate potential disaster, and the importance of engaging the Crown early on issues.