

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER – Brandon Perron is a professional criminal defense investigator, criminal justice trainer and consultant with over 32 years of experience. Brandon is a nationally recognized *Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator, Certified FTER Forensic Interviewer, and Florida Licensed Private Investigator*. He has also served meritoriously as a Criminal Investigator with the *United States Air Force* and as a Florida Public Defender Investigator for the 19th Judicial Circuit where he continues in the capacity as the Investigations Director. In 1994, he developed the *Component Method of Criminal Defense Investigation* and authored *Uncovering Reasonable Doubt: The Component Method*, which is used to train criminal defense investigators in the public and private sector. He has also authored *Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery: The FTER Method - A Forensic Approach to the Interview for the Criminal Defense Investigator* as well as the novel *The Quest For Truth*. Brandon has delivered the Component Method training and certification to thousands of public defender investigators across the nation to include but not limited to the US Military Defense Counsel, USMC Defense Counsel, Federal Public Defenders, over twenty (20) states Public Defenders, nine (9) Florida Public Defender agencies, and countless private investigators specializing in criminal defense.

In 1998 he was named one of the “*Top Ten Private Investigation Leaders in the United States*” by *P.I. Magazine* and has been qualified by the courts as an “*expert in criminal investigation.*” The National Association of Investigative Specialist named him the 1999 “Most Dynamic Speaker”. In 2002, The Kentucky Public Defender awarded Brandon one of its highest statewide awards, the *Kentucky Public Advocate Award*. In addition, the National Association of Investigative Specialist also named him the *Investigator of the Year* for both 2003 and 2004. The Florida Board of Certified Investigators presented Brandon with the 2005 *Award of Excellence* for “distinguished service in the area of educational advancement.” Brandon has also been awarded several military awards including the *United States Air Force Commendation Medal* for his “crime solving abilities. He continues to write, develop and deliver training in the discipline of criminal defense investigation with objective of raising the standards within the discipline.