

Attachment A

Cause and Manner of Death: Skeletal Trauma and Taphonomic Issues

Location: Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666 (1921 Old RR 12 and 2101 Freeman RR)
Dates: May 12 and 13, 2025

Schedule

Day 1

8:30 – 9:00 Arrive at FACTS (2101 Freeman Ranch Road)
9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks and Introduction
9:15 – 10:00 Lecture: Role of the Forensic Anthropologist in Medicolegal Death Investigations
10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 11:45 Lecture: Skeletal Trauma in Cause and Manner of Death
11:45 – 12:00 Question and Answer
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 1:15 Travel to Grady Early Building (1921 Old Ranch Road 12)
1:30 – 2:30 Show and Tell: Examples of Skeletal Ballistic, Blunt, and Sharp Force Trauma
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:45 Lecture: Taphonomic Considerations in the Interpretation of Cause and Manner of Death
3:45 – 4:00 Question and Answer; Show and Tell: Examples of taphonomy on bone

Day 2

7:45 – 8:00 Arrive at FACTS (2101 Freeman Ranch Road)
8:00 – 9:30 Border Crosser Deaths and the Texas Code of Criminals Procedures
9:30 – 10:30 Lecture: Process of Human Decomposition and the Estimation of the Postmortem Interval
10:30 – 10:45 Break and Travel to Forensic Anthropology Research Facility
10:45 – 11:55 Field Activity: View Human Remains in Various Stages of Decomposition
11:55 – 12:00 Return to Classroom / closing remarks