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Vancouver Police Museum's latest exhibition *True Crime* looks beyond the headlines

Vancouver, BC - "The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is the responsibility of the living to do so for them"

The Vancouver Police Museum's newest exhibit, *True Crime*, goes beyond sensational headlines to understand the people involved, the lives lost and how the police used real evidence to find justice for those touched by the city's most horrific crimes.

True Crime provides an in-depth look at the science and investigative dedication that goes into a criminal investigation as we invite you to step inside the building that once housed the City morgue, the forensic laboratory and the people who worked tirelessly to bring closure to Vancouverites when the worst happened. *True Crime* emphasizes that an investigation may "go cold" but it is never closed, never forgotten.

In conjunction with *True Crime* the Vancouver Police Museum presents the **5th Annual Speaker Series: Beyond The Headlines**. This year our series will look at the investigations of a number of well known murder cases from Vancouver history. Each speaker will bring their expertise to the lecture in order to provide a unique perspective.

Dates: Alternating Wednesdays from April 6th to June 7th
Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 — Heidi Currie | Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity

This is the true story of Thomas Kosberg, who stood trial on six counts of capital murder in Vancouver Supreme Court for killing his entire family with an axe in 1965. Found not guilty by reason of insanity, Thomas was placed in strict custody at Riverview hospital, and released ten years later to work and living his life as a 'sensible fellow' in Vancouver.

Follow criminologist Heidi Currie through a forensic examination of the murder, the trial, and confinement of Thomas Kosberg – Vancouver's axe-wielding mass murderer. Learn about the insanity plea, and how the defence of mental disorder compares today.

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 — Eve Lazarus | The Unsolved murder of Jennie Conroy

On December 27, 1944, 24-year-old Jennie Conroy finished her shift at the grain elevators and left to join her family for a late Christmas dinner. Jennie missed her bus by less than a minute.



The next day her body was found at West Vancouver's Capilano View Cemetery. She had been beaten to death with a claw hammer.

Join Eve Lazarus, journalist, author and blogger who has a passion for unconventional history and a fascination with murder. Her books include *Cold Case Vancouver: the city's most baffling unsolved murders* and *Sensational Vancouver*. Her latest book is *Blood, Sweat, and Fear: The Story of Inspector Vance, Vancouver's First Forensic Investigator*.

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 — Kevin McLaren | Project Resolute: an investigation of the Etibako family and Ashley Singh murders

On May 15th, 2006 fire engulfed a townhouse located at 2484 Cassiar Street in Vancouver, BC. The fire claimed the lives of four members of Etibako family and Ashley Singh, the girlfriend of the lone survivor of the fire – Bolingo Etibako. The ensuing investigation identified a suspect who was a previous criminal associate of Bolingo, and after an extensive undercover operation Nathan Richard Fry was identified, charged and convicted for five counts of First Degree Murder.

Join Kevin McLaren, Lead Investigator for Project Resolute, as he takes you into the heat of the investigation of the four members of the Etibako family and Ashley Singh. The majority of his last 20 years of policing was dedicated to the Major Crime Section, he retired as the Sergeant in charge of Homicide Team 1 in 2016.

Wednesday, May 26th, 2017 — Brian Honeybourn | Inside the BC's Unsolved Homicide Unit 31 Cold Cases Solved! The BC Unsolved Homicide Unit was formed in 1996. It was made up of 20 police officers, which included 4 Sergeants. The Unit was composed of 16 RCMP and 4 VPD officers divided into 4 squads each headed by a Sergeant. Brian Honeybourn was the VPD Sergeant in charge of 3 VPD officers and 1 RCMP officer. Money wasn't a problem, they could travel to follow a lead with no challenges and had all the support they could possibly ask for in terms of human resources. Join Brian as he takes us behind the headlines of some of BC's cold case investigations.

Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 — Staff Sergeant Lindsey Houghton | Gang Suppression in BC End Gang Life is their motto, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit's job is to target, investigate, prosecute, disrupt and dismantle the organized crime groups and individuals that pose the highest risk to public safety due to gang violence. This is no easy task. Between 2006 – 2015, every ten day there was a gang-related homicide or attempted homicide. There have been 35 mass shootings resulting in more than 85 victims. Join Staff Sergeant Lindsey Houghton as he talks about some of BC most notorious gangs and the violence that is left in their wake.

Our events tend to book up quickly. Please register early at vancouverpolicemuseum.ca/speakerseries