Day One -DPS HQ

Keynote Address by Colonel Melissa Zebley, Delaware State Police

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At the beginning of her career, in July 1992, she was assigned to Troop 6 in Prices Corner, and through the years has held positions including drill instructor, sergeant assigned to Troop 1 in Penny Hill, patrol supervisor, public information officer and later director of that department, lieutenant, captain, major, operations officer and lieutenant colonel.

A 1991 graduate of the University of Delaware, where she earned a bachelor’s degree, Zebley also graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command in 2000 and earned a master’s degree in 2003 from Wilmington University. She is a 2008 graduate of the 235th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, and has been a Wilmington University adjunct instructor and a program assistant for the Criminal Justice program.

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Expert Panel:

Panelists:



Colonel Melissa Zebley

Delaware State Police



Sergeant Yanira Scarlett

Des Moines PD



Assistant Chief Carrie Jacobs

Iowa State University Police Department



Special Agent Holly Witt

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation- Major Crimes Unit



Captain Deborah Vitko

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Case Review

The Murder of Angela Bradbury

Presented by Special Agent Scott Reger and DOI Analyst Nikki Roberts



 After Hours

Day 2- Camp Dodge

