



Defense Investigators Association
The California Organization of Public Defender Investigators
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“A WALK THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM”

Defense Investigators Association Annual Seminar

JUNE 12TH & 13TH 2025

Pismo Beach, California

June 12, 2025

8:00 - 9:00

REGISTRATION & WELCOME

9:30 – 10:00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

10:00 – 12:00

NATURE VS NURTURE

SAM CUNNINGHAM, BARRIOS UNIDOS

GANG EXPERT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

BLEU WATKINS, BARRIOS UNIDOS

12:00 - 2:00

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 - 3:15

LITIGATING A GANG HOMICIDE

JANAE TORREZ, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, MAJOR

CASES UNIT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

3:30 - 4:30

**CASE STUDY OF A FEMALE GANG
HOMICIDE DEFENDANT**

MELISSA SANDOVAL, DEPUTY IN CHARGE,

YOUTH SERVICES UNIT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

5:00 – 9:00

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME DINNER

Blast & Brew-Provided by DIA

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JUNE 13, 2025

8:00 -10:00

INVESTIGATING A GANG HOMICIDE

PATRICK ELLIS, INVESTIGATOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

10:00 - 12:00

INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATIONS OF GANG MEMBERS

JERRY AYALA, CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY, Ret.

12:15 – 2:30

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH

Madonna Inn-Provided by DIA

3:00 – 4:00

PROBATION/PAROLE RELEASE

MARGIE ZAMARRON, CDCR AGENT, Ret.

4:00 – 4:30

EVALUATIONS & CERTIFICATES

The Defense Investigators Association and the DIA Seminar Committee appreciate your attendance and look forward to seeing you at future DIA/DITA events.

Leticia Macias, DIA President
Adriela Guzman, Seminar Committee Chair
Margie Zamarron, Seminar Committee Co-Chair

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