Analysing social media messages of major crime suspects
a one-day workshop

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Using forensics linguistics to prove authorship of texts, Twitter posts, emails and internet chat relay in criminal investigations

1 November | Rothley Court Hotel | Leicestershire

• Open source: using forensics linguistics to analyse social media messages and prove authorship of texts, Twitter posts emails and internet chat relay

• Covert investigations: tactical advice on authorship disguise and on uncovering assumed identities online on both the surface and Dark Webs

The Investigator is hosting a one day workshop for all major crime investigators on how to use the principles of forensics linguistics in an operational context to prove the authorship of short form messages in major crime cases.

It will also provide tactical advice to covert officers on authorship disguise and on uncovering assumed identities online on both the surface and Dark Webs.
Led by Professor Tim Grant, a widely recognised leader in this field, the workshop will draw on high profile cases studies of investigations that Professor Grant has worked on with UK police forces.

These include:
• Murder of Amanda Birks in Staffordshire
• Murder of Debbie Starbucks in Northamptonshire
• Race hate campaign carried out by Margaret Walker in Hampshire
Professor Grant is Director of the Centre for Forensic Linguistics and Senior Lecturer in Forensic Linguistics at Aston University, Birmingham

He not only leads the way internationally in research in forensic linguistics, but is unique in that he has worked with UK police forces in an operational context in many high profile criminal cases.

He is nationally recognised by the National Crime Agency and is part of the expert database that the NCA provides as valuable reference for investigators.

Current online challenges
The workshop will look at the current challenges and opportunities in using social media messages as evidence in an investigation.

The relative anonymity of social media and the online space affords suspects can prove challenging for investigators, particularly as the internet and mobile devices are now integral forms of evidence in all major crime cases.

This expert advice can be used in all major crime cases including murder, sexual assault, counter terrorism, perverting the course of justice, cyber harassment and bullying.

The day will include:
Session One: an introduction to the principles of forensic authorship analysis and how they can be applied to major crime cases drawing on current research and thinking

Session Two: a look at recent high profile cases in which Professor Grant has worked with UK police forces to disseminate key learning, challenges and best practice

Session Three: how to use forensic linguistics on both the surface and Dark Web in the area of authorship disguise and assumed identities online.

HOW TO BOOK

Venue: Rothley Court Hotel, Westfield Lane, Rothley, Leicestershire, LE7 7LG

Accommodation is available at the hotel for a discounted price of £75 B&B please call 0116 237 4141 and quote The Investigator when booking your room.

Details: Registration 9.15am, start time 10am, finish 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch are included in the price

Cost: £249 per delegate or 2 for £450

Booking: Please send the delegates name(s), email address and purchase order to info@the-investigator.co.uk or telephone 0844 660 8707 for further information. Payment can be made by debit/credit card.

The venue
Set in a magnificent estate, Rothley Court Hotel boasts idyllic, manicured grounds and wonderful period features. The stunning, 10-acre grounds feature a trout-filled river, rose walks and an 11th-century chapel.

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