1. Could you describe how you got to where you are today (i.e. What did your early education/ qualifications look like? Did you always know that that was something you wanted to do? What other career options did you explore beforehand? What was your impetus to join the unit?)
2. Most interesting case? Best part of the job? Least favorite part of the job? What would we be most surprised to hear about your day-to-day job? (i.e. What do you spend a majority of your time doing?) Biggest “lessons learned” on the job?
3. Which famous cold case (that you have or have not worked on) do you think is the most interesting to you? Why?
4. Do you watch any CSI shows yourself? How accurate are they? Biggest (in)accuracies? Any pet-peeves?
5. What’s an average case look like? (i.e. How complex is the average crime scene? When approaching a scene, what do you look for first? What stands out to you? From your experience, what percentage of scenes are open-and-shut where evidence is pinpointed on the scene? How many aren’t? What kind of personas do you normally see in your line of work? Is there usually a clear reasoning behind the cases?)
6. Recommendations to students or people who want to go into the field? Important skills to practice and have in preparation if planning to go into your field of work? What type of training do you have to do? Is there any type of training you’re always getting re-certified for?
7. Has the job impacted your outlook on people in any significant way? What’s the biggest thing it’s taught you to do? How do you mentally compartmentalize what you see at work?