

RITA Y. SHULER

coming from Charleston, South Carolina

WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Osterneck Auditorium

COST: FREE



As a retired Special Agent / Forensic Photographer with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Rita Shuler shares inside details, personal perspectives and forensic procedures of thirteen of the most chilling murders that gripped the state of South Carolina in her debut book, *Carolina Crimes*. Included are murderers Pee Wee Gaskins, Rudolph Tyner, Rusty Woomer, and Larry Gene Bell.

Her second book, *Murder in the Midlands: Larry Gene Bell and the 28 Days of Terror that Shook South Carolina*, is the detailed story of the kidnappings and murders of 17 year-old Shari Faye Smith and 9 year-old Debra May Helmick in the summer of 1985. A cloud of terror hung over the entire state of South Carolina for twenty-eight days until one piece of physical evidence led law enforcement to the killer. Rita leads the readers through these twenty-eight days of one of the most notorious double murders and manhunts in South Carolina history, sharing some of her personal interactions with some of the key players.

This case has been featured on the Discovery Channel's *FBI Files*, in the CBS movie *Nightmare in Columbia County*, and on Court TV's *Forensic Files*. Visit <http://www.historypress.net/>.

