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## **Forensic Scientist Dr. Henry Lee to be Keynote Speaker at 29th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering**

**Hartford, CT** – Dr. Henry Lee, Chief Emeritus for the Scientific Services for the State of Connecticut and world renowned forensics expert, will present a keynote address on “Forensic Science: Utilizing Technology to Solve Crimes” at the 29th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering on May 25, 2004 at the Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill, CT. The event will be attended by more than 200 members of the Academy, invited guests, and winners of the 2004 statewide science competitions. The newly established H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence, created by the Academy and sponsored by Gerber Scientific, Inc., will be awarded for the first time to the two first place winners of the 2004 Connecticut Science Fair and the first place winner of the 2004 Connecticut Science Talent Search.

A member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, Dr. Lee is considered one of the world’s foremost forensic scientists. He has been a prominent player in many of the most challenging cases of the last 45 years, and has worked with law enforcement agencies in helping to solve more than 6000 cases. His testimony figured prominently in the O. J. Simpson trial, and in convictions in the “Woodchipper” case as well as hundreds of other murder cases. He has assisted local and state police in their investigations of other famous crimes, such as the murder of Jon Benet Ramsey, the 1993 suicide of White House Counsel Vincent Foster, the murder of Chandra Levy, the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart and the reinvestigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Currently Connecticut’s Chief Emeritus for the Scientific Services, Dr. Lee was the Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Connecticut from 1998 to 2000 and served as Chief Criminalist for the State of Connecticut from 1979 to 2000. He was the driving force behind establishment of a modern State Police Forensic Science Laboratory in Connecticut. In 1975, Dr. Lee joined the University of New Haven, where he created the school’s Forensic Sciences program. He has authored hundreds of articles in professional journals and has co-authored more than 30 books, covering areas such as DNA, fingerprints, trace evidence, crime scene investigation and crime scene reconstruction. His most recent books include *Famous Crimes Revisited*, *Cracking Cases* and *Blood Evidence*.

The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering was chartered by the General Assembly in 1976 to provide expert guidance on science and technology to the people and to the state of Connecticut, and to promote the application of science and technology to human welfare and economic well being. For more information about the Academy, please see [www.ctcase.org](http://www.ctcase.org).

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