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BIOLOGY STUDENTS GETTING 'CSI' LESSON, MINUS COMMERCIALS

Forensic Specialist Drew Atkinson, a crime lab detective with the Kansas City Police Department, will share his expertise with biology students at Ruskin High School (7000 East 111th St.) Friday, March 8 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Atkinson will draw a correlation between his CSI training and what students need to learn in their high school science classes.

“One of the topics the detective is going to discuss with our students is what types of classes they should take if they are interested in this particular career field,” said Bethany Kelly, Ruskin biology teacher. “This is really important since the majority of investigators are actually scientists and not criminal justice majors.”

Atkinson will place particular emphasis on DNA, DNA testing and how DNA is discovered at crime scenes because it is the current topic of study for Ruskin biology students. “Scientific methodology is always one area where students struggle,” Kelly said. “We hope Detective Atkinson can bring some clarity to it.”

Kelly said Ruskin’s biology teachers think this type of ‘real world’ teaching activity will be beneficial to the students on a variety of different levels. “We hope this would build student excitement in biology and ultimately, create a renewed interest in all fields of science,” she said.

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