



PIAI QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Private Investigators Association of Idaho

Dear Members, Sponsors and Colleagues,

*"Summertime and the Living is Easy"
... well we do our best don't we!*

The PIAI quarterly newsletter reaches private investigators and industry colleagues from across the nation. Our readership and our membership are growing, and I attribute that to the networking of PIAI leadership AND our fabulous PIAI members. Thank you!

This quarter, we bring you a very interesting interview in **AT THE PODIUM**. From an investigator's perspective, I know you will find this interview especially interesting. Ada County Detective Tim Cooper leads the cold case investigation of Snake River Jane Doe, a young girl who was abducted in September of 1974 and whose abduction & murder was detailed by the murderer himself, serial killer, Ted Bundy. Bundy described the abduction of Snake River Jane Doe in detail during his "marathon of confessions" shortly before his execution in 1989. The case is still open, it's still solvable, and it happened near Boise, you may have a clue that solves this mystery. PIAI member Steve Gorski of SRG Investigations

is our **IN FOCUS** highlight this quarter. There is always something to learn, agreed? Steve brings his valuable insights and experiences to the forefront. **THE PRESIDENTS POST** keeps you up to date on the business of the PIAI and the latest business news and our new member announcements. And remember, all the PIAI webinars are available for viewing in the **TRAINING & EDUCATION** section. Check in and check out the **LIBRARY** selections as well as a great **PODCAST** by Kelly Paxton. Elder Abuse cases

are increasingly prevalent, and Kelly provides and investigators look into Elder Care abuse and the protections available for the elderly. July 24th is National Private Investigators Day and on **DID YOU KNOW...** you can read more historical facts about the Idaho history of Private Investigators. Enjoy your newsletter over a cup of coffee and have a great summer!

Pat Bruder, Editor



PRESIDENT'S POST



Hello Everyone,

Happy Fourth of July! Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of this beautiful country which we are blessed to call home. Wishing our PIAI family, colleagues and industry partners a thoughtful and Happy 4th of July.

The PIAI is very excited to introduce five new members to the PIAI family.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Joseph Gaines is a retired Police Officer from Torrance Police Department in California. Mr. Gaines has established JG Ops and is enrolled in the CPI Certification Course.

Steve Gorski is an Active Member of the PIAI and is based in Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. Steve is owner of SRG Investigations, LLC. Steve has over 30 years of distinguished experience in law enforcement and workplace investigations. Steve is our IN FOCUS highlight this quarter.

Justin D. Hodson Founder and CEO - Hodson P.I. | Certified Professional Investigator. Justin is a renowned private investigator specializing in various investigative services. A leader in the private investigation industry, Hodson is a former executive officer and board member of the California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI). Hodson is also a Certified Professional Investigator (CPI), of which there are less than 100 in the world.

Trevor Sparrow is based in Mountain Home, Idaho. Trevor, a former Probation and Parole Officer for the Idaho Department of Corrections, received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and an associate's degree in law enforcement from Idaho State University. Trevor is an entry/student member and is currently enrolled in the PIAI Certified Private Investigator Program.

Corrine Vitley is based in Boise Idaho. Corrine served as Chief of Security for Ada County-Fourth Judicial District-Marshals office and Senior Probation and Parole Officer -District 4 Community Corrections. Corrine has a B.S. in Sociology/Criminology, Minor in Political Science/Law from Colorado State University and joins the PIAI as an entry/student member.

INDUSTRY NEWS:

I had the great pleasure of meeting with Mike Toth, the Founder and Chairman of the newly established **Montana Association of Licensed Investigators**. MTALI is based out of Billings Montana and serves the entire state of Montana. On behalf of the PIAI Board and all our valued PIAI members, I extend a warm welcome and our wholehearted support. Welcome to the neighborhood MTALI!

The PIAI was a proud sponsor of the **Idaho Bar Association Annual Meeting** on June 17th in Boise, Idaho. The PIAI exhibitors table was a popular spot for attendees. VP Mike Rossi and I networked like hummingbirds on behalf of our PIAI members illustrating the valuable asset PIAI members provide to the legal community.

Don't miss the PIAI July Webinar featuring Justin D. Hodson. If you want to grow your business, [this webinar is a must see!](#) Details and Zoom invitation included in this Newsletter.

PAT BRUDER

President, PIAI

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The PIAI is honored to welcome our new neighbor!

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[The Montana Association of Licensed Investigators \(MTALI\)](https://mtali.org) was founded to unite and strengthen the private investigation profession across Montana. For years, licensed investigators in Montana have operated without a centralized professional network. MTALI was created to change that—bringing investigators together to share knowledge, elevate standards, and build a stronger, more connected industry. MTALI is committed to advancing professionalism through training, ethical practices, collaboration, and advocacy. As the profession continues to evolve, MTALI serves as a trusted resource for connection, leadership, and growth for investigators across the state.

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AT THE PODIUM

TIM COOPER

ADA COUNTY SHERIFF 'S
COLD CASE DETECTIVE

The Investigation: SNAKE RIVER JANE DOE — A Ted Bundy Victim from Idaho

*An exclusive PIAI interview with Ada County Sheriff 's
Cold Case Detective Tim Cooper*

Pat Bruder: How did you become involved in the efforts to identify Snake River Jane Doe?

Detective Cooper: Well, it came to me through my primary assignment, which was working highway interdiction with my canine. Over the years, I had occasion to speak with truck drivers at truck stops, rest areas, and similar locations. As you may know, many truck drivers listen to podcasts while they're driving.

Many were true-crime enthusiasts and from time to time, the cold case of Snake River Jane Doe would come up. I was often asked, "Is it true that there's a Jane Doe victim of Ted Bundy who was abducted out here on this stretch of interstate?" After having been engaged in many of these discussions, I thought, *You know what? This is something we need to look into a little more closely.* I hadn't heard much about it formally.

PB: Specifically, regarding Bundy's confessions, I know a lot of criteria was applied in evaluating the credibility of his confessions. Was it the consistency in his confessions, or were there other factors that led you to conclude Ted Bundy might have been telling the truth about Snake River Jane Doe?

DC: I think two things apply there. Of course, without finding Jane Doe, it's impossible for anyone to state with 100% certainty that every detail Bundy provided is true and accurate. But investigators still must form an opinion, especially when deciding whether to continue pursuing a case. In our view, the credibility level was such that we had an obligation to move forward.

There were two primary reasons we continued the investigation. First, Bundy was consistent. There was no reservation or hesitation in his account. I've conducted thousands of interviews, and when I listened to Bundy's interview, I did not detect the typical signs of deception. Granted, it's more difficult because I wasn't sitting face-to-face with him. I'm speaking only from what I could interpret from the recordings and the substance of his confessions.

The second major factor was Bundy's description of specific landmarks — what you might call "benchmarks" — leading to the location where he claimed he disposed of Jane Doe in the Snake River. In reviewing those benchmarks, we found only one location in Elmore County — or even Ada County, for that matter — that closely matched his description. If his description had been vague — trees, water, rocks, sand — that could apply

to countless places. But Bundy provided highly specific details. Taken as a whole, we believed it was necessary to follow up on his confession.

Another important factor was what we learned through networking with colleagues and other resources. Valuable information came from former Elmore County Sheriff Rick Lehrer, who served in the area for more than 40 years. He was working in the same timeframe that Bundy claimed he killed Snake River Jane Doe, and he knew the area extremely well.

Sheriff Lehrer also confirmed that there had never been a formal search for Jane Doe. That was significant. It's not as though numerous searches had been conducted, and the information had already been discredited. There had been no organized search effort.

PB: According to records and your podcast interview, Bundy was never offered any deal or incentive to make these confessions. He understood there would be no stay of execution or other benefit.

DC: Correct. In fact, I once read a quote from then-Florida Governor Bob Martinez regarding Bundy's execution. I'm paraphrasing, but the media had asked whether Bundy's cooperation or attorney appeals might result in a delay of execution. Governor Martinez reportedly responded very firmly that there would be no delay whatsoever; "We have sent word back the rendezvous with the electric chair will be next Tuesday at 7 o'clock in the morning."

I believe Bundy fully understood he had nothing to gain by confessing — other than perhaps some final sense of self-worth by providing closure or justice. What stands out to me is that throughout the entire interview, Bundy never asked, "*Will this help me?*" or "*Can you put in a good word for me?*" He never attempted to negotiate. Ultimately, perhaps Bundy needed to prove to himself that he could follow through on his promise to provide information leading to unknown victims or undiscovered victim locations.

Bundy provided graphic details about how he took human life, just as he did during what I refer to as his marathon of confessions. Those confessions were witnessed by investigators from multiple states, and many have since been validated. In fact, just recently, another cold case in Utah was resolved through information connected to Bundy. Over time, it has become increasingly clear that we need to take his confessions very seriously.

PB: Bundy stated he picked up Snake River Jane Doe near an exit along Interstate 84 and remembered seeing a neighborhood visible from the highway. Were residences in that area ever investigated?

DC: No. And it's difficult to determine exactly which area he was referring to. Bundy described ranch-style homes visible from the vicinity of an off-ramp or exit. Recently, an author from Australia wrote a book after hearing one of our podcasts, and he spent considerable time explaining why he believes the location may have been near the Vista exit.

Anything is possible, but I'm less committed to any single exit than I am to some of the other details I believe are more critical to finding Snake River Jane Doe. If Vista was the location Bundy referenced, it's interesting that he failed to mention the nearby airport, which seems like something he would have noticed. However, there was a gas station there, and we do possess one of Bundy's fuel receipts from that location.

I wouldn't fully commit to Vista specifically. The Eisenman exit — what we know today as exits 59A and 59B — was not configured then as it is today. At that time, the area was largely unpaved. Old survey maps, aerial imagery, and collision reports from that time indicate there was a dirt

expansion or pull-off leading in that direction of Vista. Bundy also described pull-offs along old US-30 that would fit that type of terrain. So, when Bundy referred to an “exit,” he may have meant Vista or somewhere nearby. It’s difficult to say with absolute certainty.

PB: Bundy also stated the victim carried a green backpack and wore a beaded necklace. Have there been efforts to recreate or analyze similar items from that timeframe?

DC: Given the limited detail Bundy provided about those items, any analysis would likely produce numerous possibilities. That said, we have received tips about backpack brands that were common during that timeframe. I recently received a very detailed analysis from a criminal justice student who submitted dozens of pages regarding the case, including the possibility that Jane Doe may have been Native American and unreported. As we know, missing person cases involving Native Americans have historically faced significant reporting challenges. There have even been national news programs addressing that issue.

As for the necklace, having spent considerable time in the Southwest, I’ve seen similar turquoise-and-silver beadwork necklaces frequently. It’s an interesting theory. Still, Bundy gave a more detailed description of Jane Doe herself than he did of her clothing or possessions. He described her as a Caucasian female, possibly even a juvenile.

PB: Was being Caucasian consistent with Bundy’s victim profile?

DC: Yes. It aligns with what we know about Bundy’s victim selection patterns over time — young females, often with hair parted down the middle. He described her as approximately 5’6”, with light brown hair, and possibly between 15, 16 or 18 years old.

He also discussed this particular victim with at least one other individual prior to his formal confession. We have some information from that source, though I haven’t been able to obtain additional details recently.

PB: Did he speak specifically about the body disposal site?

DC: Yes, he did. We continue investigating Bundy’s detailed description of the route and surrounding landscape. The challenge is that the area looks very different today than it did in 1974. I’ve spoken with one of the former investigators who was present during Bundy’s confession. From what I understand — based on conversations with him and former Sheriff Rick Lehrer — Bundy was describing his 1974 route traveling east from Washington to Utah. Today we would use Interstate 84, but at that time portions of I-84 were still under construction. Drivers were frequently detoured onto old US-30. Many of the landmarks Bundy described align more closely with US-30 as it existed then. However, by 1989 — when he gave the confession — he may have mentally associated the route with Interstate 84, which complicates efforts to match everything precisely.

PB: What type of vehicle was Bundy driving at the time?

DC: He was driving his infamous Volkswagen Beetle. In fact, there’s a photograph of him leaving Washington with the vehicle packed nearly to the ceiling with belongings in September 1974. I can confirm that a former girlfriend of Ted Bundy’s told detectives that Bundy telephoned her from Nampa in early September 1974. That coincides with the gas station receipt dated September 2, which I mentioned earlier. Based on that evidence, I believe Bundy encountered and abducted Snake River Jane Doe on that day. My job is to piece it all together.

PB: Do you consider digitized microfilm archives to be one of the most promising remaining avenues for identifying Snake River Jane Doe?

DC: I wouldn’t necessarily call them the most promising avenue, but they are certainly an important one. At this stage, we’re pursuing multiple investigative paths simultaneously. We

likely won't know which source ultimately provides the breakthrough until we find it. Because so much time has passed, we often must rely on preserved records and historical resources rather than modern technology alone.

PB: You've explored so many different avenues in the search for answers. Your commitment to solving this cold case is admirable and deeply appreciated by all. Are you hopeful that Snake River Jane Doe will eventually be identified?

DC: Very hopeful. I'm fortunate to work for Ada County Sheriff Matt Clifford, who is deeply committed to cold cases and bringing them to resolution. That level of support means a great deal. We've visited the site numerous times. Sheriff Clifford has dedicated significant resources to the effort, including our dive team, which has spent countless hours searching the river. We obtained a dredging permit from the state and conducted dredging operations in the area. We've used sonar equipment, boats, and extensive search resources. We've also worked closely with landowners along the river, and we're incredibly grateful for their cooperation in granting access to gates, boat ramps, and private property.

It's truly been a remarkable example of a community coming together across county lines to help solve a case involving someone none of us have known for 50 years. When you see that kind of compassion, dedication, and collaboration — both inside and outside law enforcement — it gives you hope.

PB: What can members of the public do to help identify Snake River Jane Doe?

DC: The public response has already been outstanding, and I'd love to see that continue. People can help simply by contacting us with information — even details that may seem minor. We've received tips involving missing family members, friends, and loved ones who disappeared during the summer or fall of 1974. In at least one case, we were able to help provide answers to a family through community involvement and investigative follow-up.

PB: Your efforts offer hope to family members and community members searching for answers.

DC: It's our privilege, it's our pleasure to be in a position to help.

If you remember someone who went missing around September 1974, or if anything in this description resonates with you, please contact the Ada County Sheriff's Office at 208-577-3102 or Imontague@adacounty.id.gov.

For a more in-depth discussion of this case, including how it came to Detective Cooper's attention, you can listen to the Ada County Sheriff Cold Case Files podcast on [Spotify](#) or [YouTube](#).

RESOURCES:

<https://abcnews.com/US/timeline-ted-bundys-brutal-crimes/story?id=61077236>

https://youtu.be/ev3A9FxZ1_8?si=rpy-r7dAjbCRCaQu

https://youtu.be/wLvKlxXboB0?si=BjLXRg4LjjGJbDO_

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/nov/01/serial-killer-ted-bundy-said-girl-in-boise-was-a-v/>



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IN FOCUS
STEVE GORSKI

What first drew you to the profession of private investigation, and how did you get your start in the field?

I'm relatively new to the PI world. I retired from law enforcement earlier this year and decided that starting my own PI business was the best way to balance a semi-retired lifestyle with the flexibility to set my own hours. The work felt like a natural extension of what I was already doing as a detective. One of the great things about PI work is how much you can tailor it to your preferences. There's tremendous flexibility in the types of cases PIs take on. It's rare to find two PI businesses in Idaho that do exactly the same thing. That ability to specialize is a real upside to this field..

What is one case or investigation that has stayed with you throughout your career, and why did it have such an impact on you?.

After thirty years in law enforcement, there are a handful of cases that have stayed with me — and unfortunately, it's almost never the good ones. One recent example was a cold child molestation case with a particularly disturbing fact pattern. Delayed reporting is extremely common in these cases. The victims in this one didn't start coming forward until nearly two decades later. Typically, once one victim speaks up, others often follow. I worked the case as a detective

and was able to see charges filed in my county just before I retired.

Unfortunately, the prosecutor in the other county where most of the crimes occurred wasn't as motivated, largely because cold cases can require a significant amount of work to prosecute. Since retiring, I've continued working on the case as a private investigator. Some of the victims hired me to search for additional victims in hopes of getting charges filed in that second county. I'm handling the work pro bono, and it's been incredibly rewarding. We've made solid progress, and I've seen the positive impact it's had on the victims who felt the system had failed them.

What investigation or professional experience has taught you the most valuable lesson so far?

There are many lessons from both law enforcement and PI work, but one that stands out is this: victims need a champion—someone willing to take ownership of their case. Anyone can handle an easy investigation that's handed to them on a silver platter. The truly complex cases require someone who is determined to see it through to the end.

Unfortunately, victims sometimes get assigned an investigator who may lack the experience, resources, or time to do the job properly. Sometimes the investigator is simply overloaded or not fully committed. In law

enforcement, victims don't get to choose their investigator — it's the luck of the draw. In the private sector, clients have the ability to hire (and fire) based on results.

The best investigators I've known are the ones who grab hold of a case and refuse to let go until they achieve a good resolution. They take it personally. If a victim can find that kind of investigator, they're in very good hands.

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I'm fortunate that money doesn't have to be my primary motivation. I spent years as a patrol officer and detective because I truly enjoyed putting bad guys in jail. As I moved up the ranks to Captain, I became more of a bureaucrat and got further away from the work that originally drew me to policing.

I moved to Idaho years ago and worked as a state investigator (construction and real estate) before returning to local law enforcement as a detective. For the last five years or so, I've been able to focus purely on working cases without the administrative burden. In rural Idaho, that has mostly meant sexual assault cases, particularly those involving children. While our violent

crime rates are low, we see a lot of abuse cases that often fly under the radar—child pornography, molestation, and increasingly technology-enabled crimes like sextortion targeting teenagers.

These investigations are difficult, but I found I was passionate about them. Roughly 75% of my caseload involved these types of cases, and I was putting offenders in prison for decades, thanks in large part to a partnership with a strong, aggressive prosecutor. There's nothing more rewarding than getting a pedophile off the streets. At the same time, I saw that many of the victims came from families with very limited financial resources, and many of these cases would never have been fully investigated without someone motivated to do the work.

When my retirement approached, I knew I had something valuable to offer victims and their families. I got good at building these cold cases from the ground up, and I didn't want to walk away from that.

A personal experience last year reinforced this for me. I helped a friend of a friend who had been sexually assaulted as a child. When she tried to report it, she was told it probably wasn't worth pursuing because of the lack of physical evidence and the passage of time. That experience confirmed what I already knew: many victims

simply need help navigating the system.

I also recognized that many law enforcement agencies lack the specialized experience needed to handle complex Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM) cases. After discussing it with my former department, we agreed I would assist on new cases as they arose following my retirement. This quickly expanded to any area that lacked the resources, including assistance to tribal police departments.

What skills or personal qualities do you believe are most important for someone to succeed as a private investigator today?

There are many, but if I had to pick one, it would be persistence. The more time and energy you're willing to devote to an investigation, the better the results. Often, it's the small, easily overlooked detail that breaks a case open.

How has the profession changed during your career, particularly with advances in technology and information access?

It's changed dramatically — almost too much to cover. Technology is a powerful tool when you know how to use it, but it's also a double-edged sword. While we don't see many elderly people robbed at gunpoint in Idaho, there are tens of thousands of tech-savvy criminals sitting in warehouses along the Myanmar-Cambodia border (and other places) targeting

PIAI SPEED ROUND WITH STEVE GORSKI

Texting or talking?

TALKING.

Favorite day of the week?

MONDAY.

Favorite city in U.S. besides the one you live in?

HUNTSVILLE, AL.

Surveillance or watching paint dry?

SURVEILLANCE ALL DAY.

Would you rather be able to speak every language in the world or be able to talk to animals?

TALK TO ANIMALS. I'M NOT A FAN OF PEOPLE.

Favorite holiday?

CHRISTMAS.

Scale of 1-10, how good of a driver are you?

7, AT BEST.

At what age do you want to retire?

I'M RETIRED AT 51 AND LOVING IT. I DO STILL WORK A FEW HOURS A WEEK AS A PI, HOWEVER LOL.

Invisibility or super strength?

SUPER STRENGTH.

Is it wrong for a vegetarian to eat animal crackers?

YES, IF YOU'RE A VEGETARIAN, YOU DON'T DESERVE ANYTHING ANIMAL RELATED.

people across the state through phone and online scams. Many victims lose their entire retirement savings. And it is not just people in rural areas not familiar with technology. I was at dinner in Boise last week with some very affluent people. After one man asked me what I do, he proceeded to tell me he was scammed out of over a hundred thousand dollars two weeks prior. All based on an unsolicited text and phone call that started with the crook knowing a single small detail about the person. If you can access the information, so can the bad guys.

Social media has also fueled countless new crimes—fraud, drug trafficking, grooming, and harassment or sextortion that are leading to teen suicides. In my experience, the good guys are usually playing catch-up. While advances like DNA technology are game-changers, technology continues to create new challenges. Many of the cases I worked were decades old with little or no physical evidence. Technology is giving us new tools, but I've found old-fashioned detective work—surveillance, door knocks, examining records—is still critical to success.

What advice would you offer to newer investigators who are working to build credibility and a strong professional reputation in this field?

If you don't have much experience yet, find a mentor. Work for an established investigator, take an internship, or start in a related field like loss prevention. This is a difficult business to break into without prior experience or someone to bounce ideas off. The last thing you want is to let a client down on something that could have a major impact on their life.

There's also no shame in referring a client to someone else when a case falls outside your area of expertise. I just did that the other day. We can't be experts in everything.

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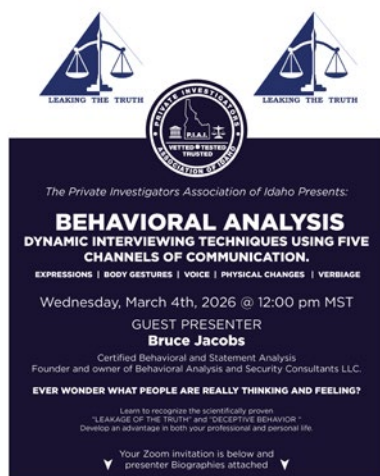
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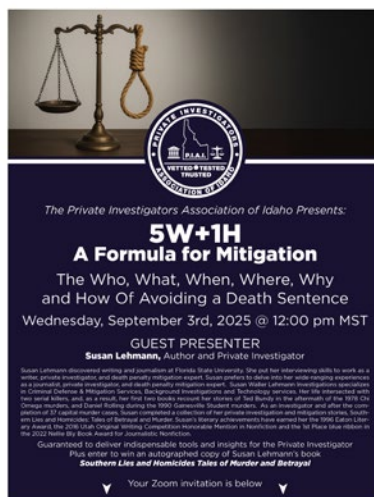
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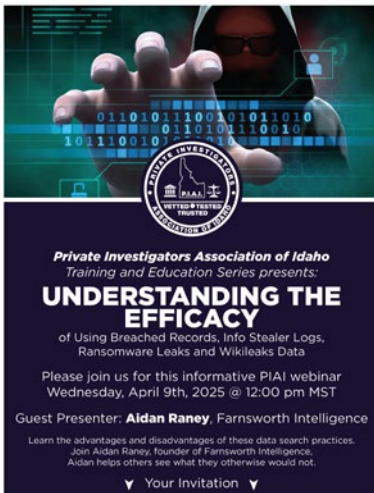
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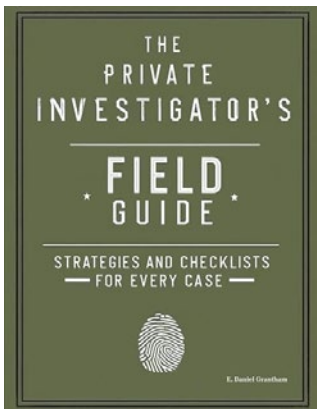
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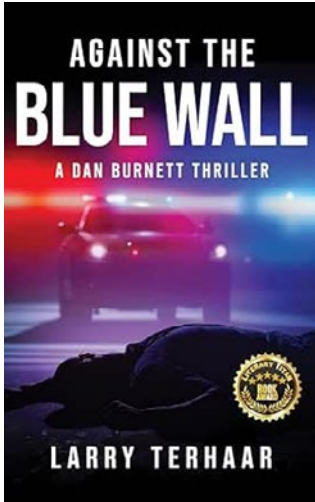
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Matt Coyle (Editor) **Michael Bracken** (Editor)

Guest Editor Matt Coyle and Series Editor Michael Bracken read hundreds of private eye stories, ultimately selecting the twenty stories included here as The Best Private Eye Stories of the Year. The included stories represent the work of long-establish private-eye writers as well as those just beginning their publishing journey, and they were found in genre publications such as Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine and Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine, anthologies such as Private Dicks and Disco Balls, and in unexpected publications such as Jerry Jazz Musician—proving that the private eye genre is alive and well in short form.

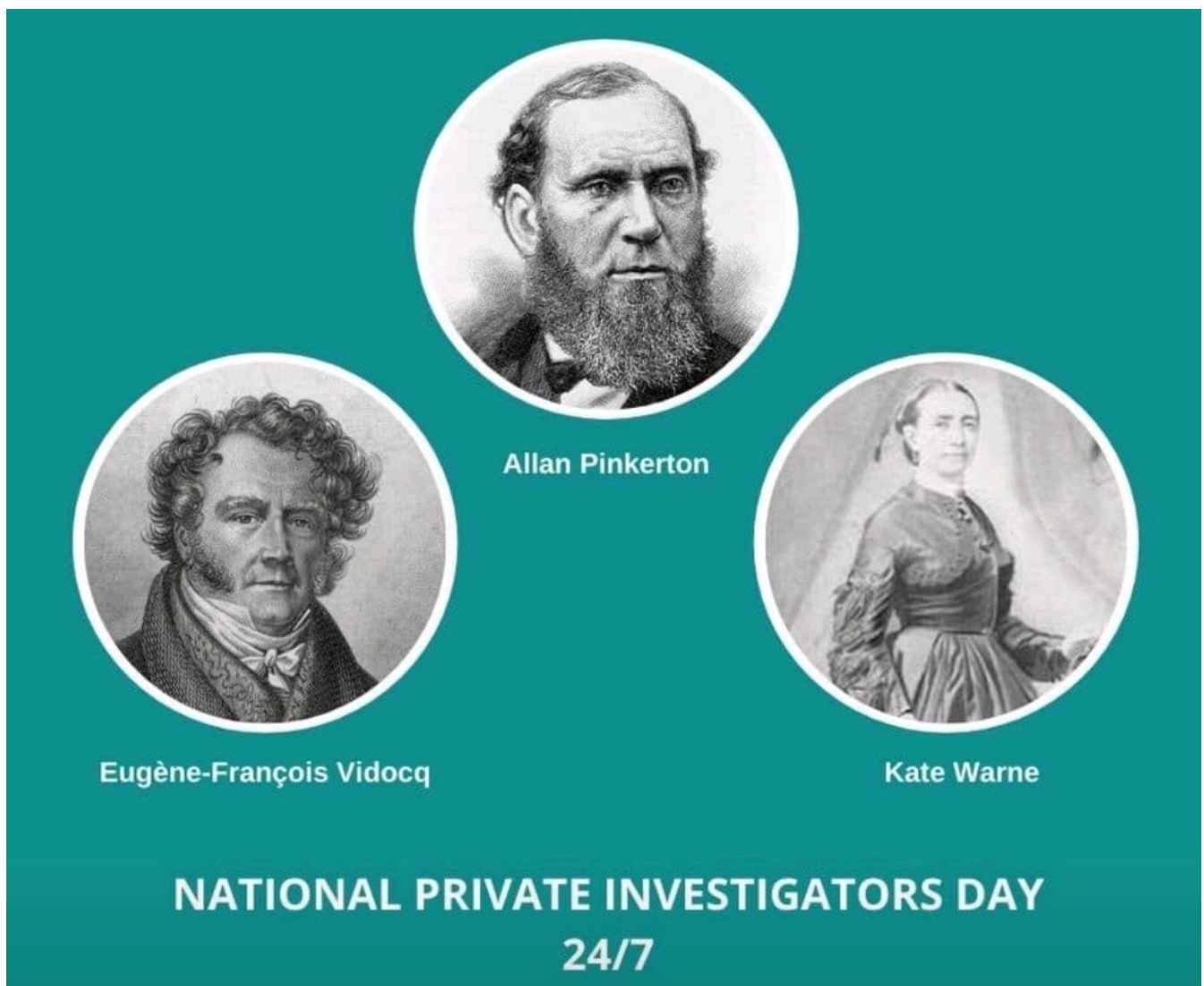
Matt Coyle, guest editor, is author of the bestselling Rick Cahill crime series. His books have won the Anthony, Shamus, Lefty, and San Diego Book Awards, among others. He was named the San Diego Writers Festival 2021 Mystery Writer of the Year and received the Odin Award from the San Diego Writers and Editors Guild in 2024.

Michael Bracken, series editor, is an Edgar and Shamus Award nominee and three-time Derringer Award winner. Additionally, he is the editor of three dozen anthologies, including a Derringer Award winner and three Anthony Award nominees. He is a recipient of the Short Mystery Fiction Society's Golden Derringer for Lifetime Achievement and, in 2024, was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters.

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