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SCALI Executive Director's Message:



I trust that all of you have braved the 60 degree winter months and have emerged ready for a healthy spring and summer.

While most of us have been working hard with our businesses and helping our Clients with case after case, a few dedicated SCALI members have been hard at work over these 60 degree winter days getting SCALI business in order. The Executive Committee met in Columbia, SC in January and held a marathon meeting to review the hard work that the By-Laws & Procedures Committee had put together. Several proposed changes to our

Amendments will be forth coming for members to look at and vote on. The Membership Committee has been working hard on the renewal campaign which claimed 176 renewals from the 213 members counted in 2011. The Legal & Legislative Committee is preparing for an April 2012 Hit the Hill trip to Washington, DC. The Finance Committee chaired by Guy Johnson has been busy closing out the 2011 books and establishing areas to save and track finances. Donna Brooks Brisbin has put out one winter month Journal and with this issue, kicks off the 2012 year with another awesome edition. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2012 SCALI Scholarship and working on selecting a winner. The Awards Committee has established new guidelines for award nominations and is preparing for the awards banquet to be held at our Annual Conference. Throughout all of this, I have been working with the Committee's to make sure they are active and functioning Committee's and that each has a purpose that will benefit the members of our Association. During our upcoming May 2012 conference, I will be soliciting new members to help fill out many of these committees. For those of you who may be looking for a way to become more involved with SCALI, this is your opportunity to volunteer to help. I have met with Bob Joseph and Clay Boswell over the winter and am pleased to announce that we are in the process of putting together an entirely new website. It will be a working website and we have plans to expand the ways we do business with the many features that we will be trying out.

Finally, Michael Spane and Ken Robison from Hawkeye Investigations & Security have been working since last fall to put together a Spring Conference agenda that ROCKS! Mark your calendars now – May 10-12, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Columbia, SC. Information can be found on our current website and brochures will be mailed. Almost all of the speakers are new to SCALI and have not presented to us in the past, including Casey Anthony's former defense attorney Cheney Mason. A full conference agenda can be found in this issue and on the current SCALI website. Also, please note that we are having an awesome golf tournament prior to the start of the conference on May 10 that you won't want to miss. Also – our annual business meeting will be held on Friday, May 11 after the final speaker of the day.

It's an exciting start to 2012 and you won't want to miss any of it. Get involved and stay active. Your support is welcomed.

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Each issue, I wonder what's going to come together and somehow, I am never disappointed.

This issue which will pick back up with our quarterly publication, has some interesting articles.

One of the most important things I learned in law enforcement was to think like the other side. Well, this issue includes some articles by people who do not appreciate our chosen occupations. However, I think it's important that we know how they are trying to avoid us, such as the Ghost Mail article. Which could also benefit ourselves! I think you will find the article on avoiding being followed as entertaining as informative.

With the economy in such an upheaval, our profession needs to pull together and find new and inventive ways to make us even more appreciated and inventive.

Let's hope the advent of Spring, springs us into the action feeling well and full of promise!

See you at the Spring Conference!

Donna

Awards Nominations Open

The SC Association of Legal Investigators (SCALI) Awards Committee is now accepting applications for awards for consideration, which will be presented during the May 2012 meeting in Columbia. Please be sure that you read carefully the SCALI Awards Nomination eligibility requirements for each award. A deadline of April 1, 2012 has been established for receipt of nominations for SCALI awards. The form and eligibility requirements are attached.

Should you desire additional information or have questions, please contact Michael Spane, Awards Chairman at 803 750-8858.

Please send in your nominations as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute the committee may not have time for he or she to go through the process.

Again the Awards Committee thank all of you for your prompt attention to this year's award criteria.

*Regards,
Michael Spane*

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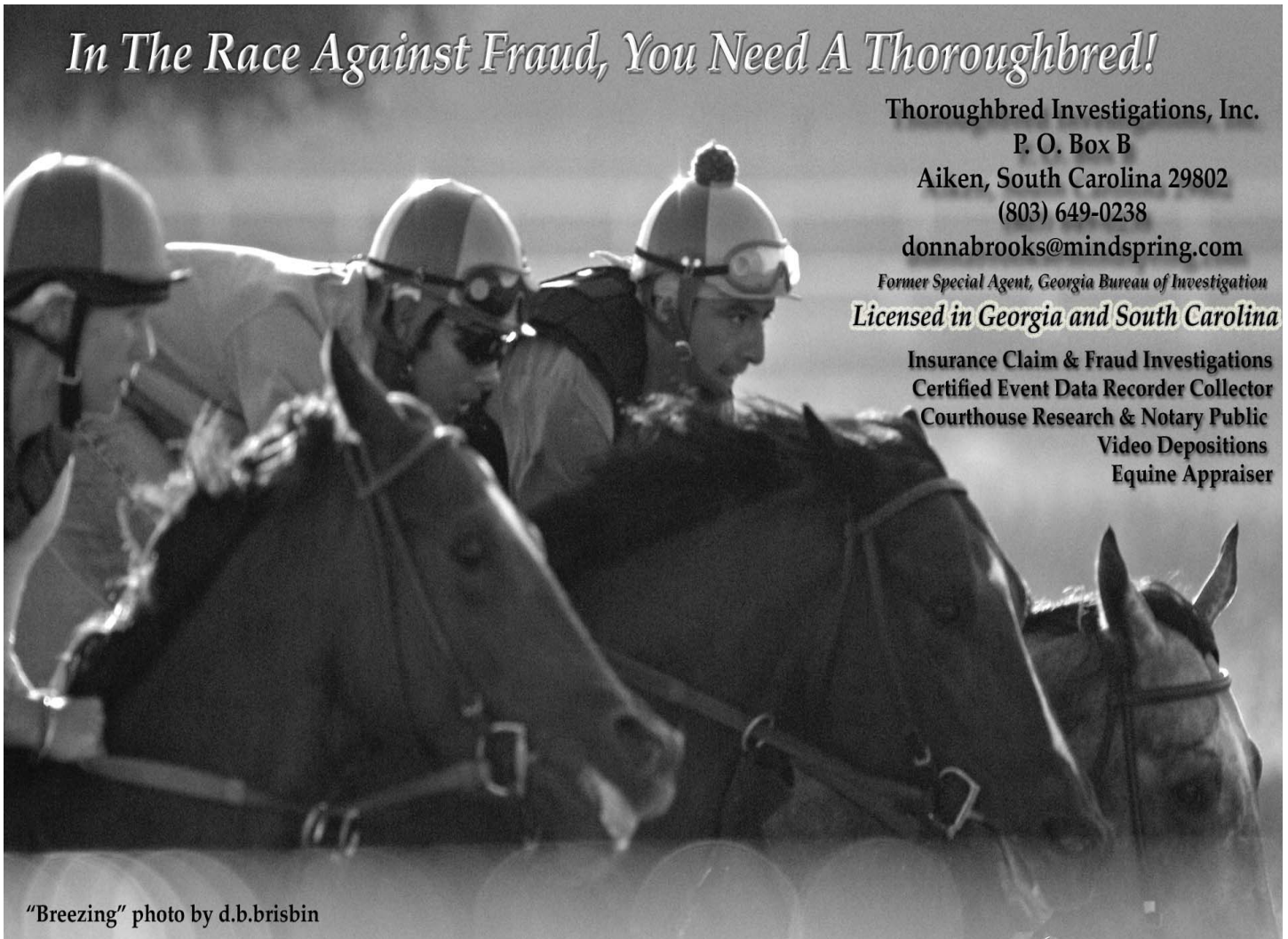
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The Midlands

North Region held it's monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb 21st at Panera breads on Bower Parkway in Harbison.

(Attendance was great with 9 people. Dave MacDougal was detained at a meeting and Mike Watson had a knee injury and was at the Doctors.)

The meeting was highlighted by discussions on ethics as well as Public

Defender/OID matters that we were advised about by Glenn Harrell in detail.

Joe Dorton told us about an extradition case ruling on alimony where a Richland County court ruled after a divorce alimony is not enforceable. The actual case is going to be posted on the listserve. Joe also showed off some new camera holding devices and this led to a spirited discussion.

Chris Hilditch discussed membership

matters also.

Donnie Elgin won "Best Dressed" award for his sleek suit!

All in all it was a great meeting with a lot of information exchanged as well as fellowship.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20th.

Ken (the other White Meat)



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The Southern Coastal Region aka the Lower Coastal Region held a meeting on January 17 at Sticky Fingers in Summerville, SC.

There were 13 of us in attendance and the food was good. The fellowship was even better.

Our next lunch meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 12:30 P.M. at Sticky Fingers in Summerville.

This will be our last meeting prior to

We all shared in a round table type of discussion which evolved into the ever hilarious "war stories."

The group decided that we would meet on a quarterly basis and our next meeting will be scheduled in early April prior to the Spring Conference. I want to thank all that attended the

the Spring Conference in May. Please mark your calendars for April 10 and of course, I will send out reminders as the date draws closer. If you have not made your reservations for the Spring

Regional Meeting and encourage everyone to try to attend your regional meetings.

We all have to eat lunch and what better way to do it than with a bunch of friends and colleagues.

Conference yet at the Embassy, you may want to do so. The SCALI block is filling fast.
 Thanks, Wayne

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Unlicensed Mortgage Loan Originator Pleads Guilty

Columbia, SC... An unlicensed mortgage loan originator recently pled guilty to charges related to mortgage fraud. Larry K. Shackelford of Hartsville was convicted of obtaining signature or property under false pretenses. The charges stem from a collaborative effort between Florence Police and SCDCA ("the Department").


A Department investigation uncovered Mr. Shackelford's attempt to deceive a lender into believing he was authorized to conduct business with South Carolina consumers. He sent the lender a letter that appeared to be issued by the Department. Mr. Shackelford created "SCDCA" letterhead and forged a Department employee's signature under a statement indicating he could originate mortgage loans.

"This incident serves as a reminder to consumers to make sure a mortgage broker or loan originator is licensed before doing business with them," said Charles Knight, staff attorney for SCDCA, "and as a reminder to loan originators that a felony conviction bars you from participating in the mortgage industry," he continued.

The Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the licensing of mortgage brokers and loan originators. Consumers can visit www.NMLSCConsumerAccess.org or contact SCDCA at 1-800-922-1594 to see if a mortgage broker or loan originator is licensed.

SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit:


**www.sconsumer.gov
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Multi-State Mortgage Settlement Scam

Columbia SC... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs ("SCDCA") has become aware that scam artists are once again following the headlines in their attempts to separate consumers from their personal information.

This latest pretexting scam comes on the heels of the \$25 billion mortgage settlement five banks entered into with state and federal officials. The settlement will result in relief for consumers who are in need of a loan modification, those who are underwater in their mortgages and those consumers who were harmed during the foreclosure process.

Fraudsters are calling consumers and claiming they can tell the consumer if they are eligible for relief under the settlement. The scammer asks the consumer to provide their bank account information so settlement monies can be direct deposited into the account. Consumers beware! In reality, it will take six to nine months for the settlement administrator, attorneys general and the banks to figure out who will be eligible for assistance. Those who qualify for relief under the settlement will be contacted by letter.

If a consumer is contacted by phone about the settlement, SCDCA encourages them to hang up and call the bank directly at the numbers below.

For more information on this

settlement, consumers may also visit:

www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com/help.

Ally/GMAC: 800-766-4622

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Options For Consumers Harmed During The Foreclosure Process

Columbia, SC... Consumers who were financially harmed during the mortgage foreclosure process may be entitled to compensation or other remedy. The opportunity comes from enforcement actions brought by federal banking regulators against fourteen mortgage servicers. Under the terms of a consent order, the servicers are required to offer an "Independent Foreclosure Review" to consumers whose primary residence was subject to a foreclosure action between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. If the reviewer finds that the servicer's errors, misrepresentations or deficiencies during the foreclosure process caused the consumer harm, an appropriate remedy will be given.

Participating servicers are required to send letters concerning the program to eligible borrowers before the end of the year. Consumers can also visit www.IndependentForeclosureReview.com or call 1-888-952-9105 for more information, including the listing of servicers involved and how to request a review. Request to Review Forms must be postmarked by April 30, 2012.

Consumers who are not eligible for this program or who are having difficulty making mortgage payments can visit SCDCA's website at www.sconsumer.gov/publications.htm for educational brochures on foreclosure scams, mortgages and credit counseling.

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Process Server vs. Sheriff: the ServeNow Infographic

December 06, 2011 | by PInow Staff

Who should I hire: process server or sheriff?

Recently, ServeNow set out to find a clear, legitimate answer to the question, "Should I hire a process server or sheriff to serve my legal papers?" Data was collected from surveys of 100 paralegals, legal assistants, and legal administrators who have papers served regularly. The results were based on speed of service, customer service, knowledge of laws, success rate, and average cost.

What were the results?

In all areas except for cost, the results were overwhelmingly in the favor of process servers. Process servers ranked higher in speed of service and customer satisfaction, and also achieve a higher success rate. More than half of the

people surveyed say that process servers are more knowledgeable about the laws, and most people are willing to pay extra to have their papers served by a process server instead of a sheriff.

To better illustrate the results, we created an infographic. What is an infographic?

An infographic is a visual representation of statistics, data, and information through charts, images, and other visual comparisons.

Why did we create the infographic?

When presented in a visually dynamic way, statistics and information are easier to comprehend than when reading through traditional written data. The infographic helps people understand that turning to a professional is the best way to ensure their papers get served, and it also provides

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a resource to process servers, who can link to it or embed it on their own websites.

Notable statistics:

78% of legal professionals surveyed prefer process servers over sheriffs

90% of the time process servers completed the serve faster than sheriffs

Process servers averaged a customer satisfaction rating of 4.28 of 5 stars vs. the sheriff's 2.55 stars

Only 13% of those surveyed believe sheriffs know the laws better

Process servers were rated more likely to successfully serve the documents

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National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI) Update

Dave Mac Dougall

Mike Spane and Dave Mac Dougall recently attended the National Association of Legal Investigators [NALI] Mid-Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The day and a half conference featured an interactive discussion on legal ethics as well as a presentation on how to write a clear, concise report. Additional presentations included computer and cellphone forensics and social media and internet investigative tools.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of J. Cheney Mason, Esquire. Mr. Mason was one of Casey Anthony's trial attorneys. He provided interesting insight into the case the state built against Casey Anthony and how he helped defend her.

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Now, I am not known as a particularly heavy drinker. As a matter of fact I rarely imbibe at all. But one cool evening in October, 1999, I was ready to answer that age-old question, "Just how much CAN I drink before passing out?"

It all started after dropping Blondie off at her home. Blondie had been my partner since 1988. Having just completed a 10-hour shift with no stressful calls I was anxious to get home and kick back to watch a few hours of TV before hitting the bed. Now I lived at the time in a small house on the edge of the Harbison State Forest, with a heavily wooded area across the street. It is not unusual to see a deer in my front yard, rabbits, or even the occasional raccoon.

But this morning as I turned into my driveway, climbing the steep upgrade into my carport, my headlights hit on a sight that, literally, took my breath away.

There, in the center of my carport, one giant paw inside my 55-gallon trash can, the other held up, palm outwards, as if waving at me to stop, was a brown bear.

At first I just sat there in my unmarked unit, staring at him staring at me. Then he turned back to his examination of my garbage, ignoring me. At about this time I grabbed the radio microphone in my unit and made a BIG mistake; I advised the dispatcher that I was out at my residence with a bear; thereby notifying all of the units on the air.

As my house was one and a half miles

from our headquarters, this elicited a response of approximately four units screaming down the road towards me. Bears don't like noise.

I determined that fact because I, in my infinite wisdom, chose to exit my vehicle at that time with my Sig Sauer .45 clutched in my hand, as if THAT was going to stop the bear.

Now, this bear was only about four feet in length, but when he turned from my garbage can, already enraged by the sirens of the approaching units, he stood on his back legs and straightened up, stretching his body upwards, opening his his mouth wide and growling out a yell that actually hurt my ears. I don't know what I was thinking; I can't remember anything really, just a numbness coming over me, a paralysis if you will. I raised my gun two handed and pointed it at the bear, yelling "FREEZE" at the top of my lungs.

The bear, to my utter amazement, stopped, dropped to all fours and bolted for the woods across the street—just as the responding units arrived. Now I'm not saying that my fellow officers did not believe my story, but they did seem to be enjoying themselves. In a daze, I went along with most of their bantering, answering the questions for the incident report as to the "suspect's" height, weight, hairstyle, was he carrying a shovel, and as to whether or not he had a "pic-a-nic" basket or an accomplice named "Boo-Boo".

But I balked when it was suggested a sketch artist be called to the scene. Several of the officers were discussing

the fact that, to their best recollection, no one had ever seen a bear around this part of the state. By now everyone was sliding up to me to get a whiff of my breath.

Seeing the skeptical looks on their faces I grabbed a flashlight and began walking towards the area I had last seen the bear, or at least his backside. Right at the edge of the roadway, about three inches deep in the soft soil, was a paw print.

Pointing to it I said, "Indigenous or not, that ain't a deer print!" After several hours of searching conducted by Wildlife officers and others, no sign of the bear was found. However, people in my neighborhood woke in the morning to find their trashcans overturned and the contents strewn around their carports. It was on the news that afternoon and evening on the TV. Not too much of a fuss was made, just a human interest story where they trotted out biologists and wildlife experts to comment on building encroaching on the bears habitat and weather patterns. Just a story to fill some time.

But when I walked into my office that day there was a six foot cardboard cutout of Smokey The Bear behind my desk. Someone had hand written a slogan in a balloon next to his mouth; "Only YOU can prevent wild bears....."



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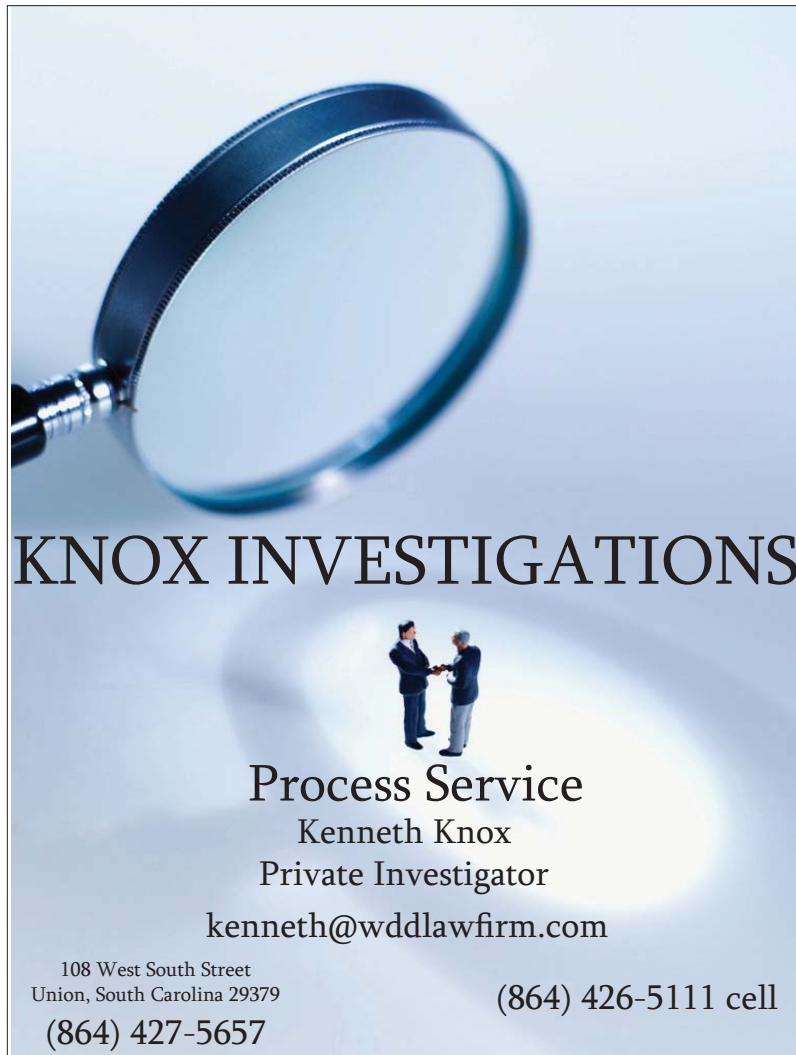
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CONVENIENT. When I first got Earth Class Mail I had a lot of fun with the novelty of receiving and reading my postal mail while being hundreds of miles away. Being location independent was handy but not really essential.

E-mail Etiquette

November 20, 2011 | by PInow Staff

E-mail etiquette for private investigators. Even if you haven't heard any complaints about your emailing style, there's still a chance that you are violating an email etiquette rule or two. It might not seem like a big deal, but sometimes potential customers or other industry professionals judge a private investigator by his or her sent messages.

The best way to avoid making a bad impression is to ensure that you and your staff are on the same page about your policies for business-related emails. To help you recognize and correct any email errors you or your colleagues may be making, we have compiled this list of 10 common email etiquette violations. Don't feel bad - most of us have been guilty of these at some point!

Unprofessional Email Address

Using freddiewatchesyou@isp.com as your address probably won't leave a favorable impression with your email's recipient. Your best option is to have a business email address with the same extension as your private investigator website (e.g., fsmith@xyzinvestigations.com). At the very least, choose a professional address such as xyzinvestigations@isp.com.

Cluttered Signature Block

Some people clutter their signature block with images, quotes, wild fonts and other unnecessary items. Make it easy for people to find your contact information in your email signature by sticking to a format similar to this:

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Hitting Reply-To-All More Than Necessary

If someone sends you and a group of others an email, only hit "reply to all" if your response truly needs to be seen by everyone. If you want your response to be private or you are only replying with a few words, spare everyone else the hassle of checking their inbox and only reply to the sender.

Writing A Novel

Your email should be fairly short and to the point. You will lose the recipient's attention if you don't clearly state your objective right away, or if you stray from your objective. If your message includes many different thoughts or involves coordinating a group of people, you might be better off using a phone call to convey your message.

Error-Filled Messages

Spelling or grammar errors look unprofessional, and wording your thoughts incorrectly can lead to confusion or even bigger problems. Take a couple of minutes to self-edit your email before you hit "send."

Sharing Too Much

Keep in mind that the email you send can be saved, forwarded and generally shared with people who you might not want seeing it. Think twice before sending sensitive information, angry messages, off-color jokes or anything else that might be detrimental if it fell into the wrong hands. Also, if you don't want everyone on the email chain to see each other's addresses, use the "Bcc" function to keep this information hidden.

Delayed Responses

If someone sends you an email and

needs a quick response, don't leave them hanging. Even if you just send them a sentence or two saying you will respond later, at least the other person will know you received their message.

Indiscriminate Forwarding

Almost all of us have that one friend, relative or co-worker who forwards every single email to us - whether it's an important message or a video of a cat hanging from a ceiling fan. This practice eats away at people's time and elevates their stress level when they see a full inbox waiting for them. Make sure you only forward important messages.

Vague Or Misleading Subject Line

If your subject line says something like "Hi John" as opposed to "Request for XYZ forms," chances are that your message might not be read as quickly. Your subject line should state exactly what you'll be discussing in the email.

Additional Email Mistakes

Writing in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS or no capital letters

Using emoticons such as :-) and :-*
Using internet slang such as LOL, TTYL, ROFL, OMG
Excessive punctuation!!!!!!!
Crazy colors and fonts
Animated images

If any of these mistakes sound familiar to you, you can run through this checklist with each message you send for a while. And if you know anyone who has email problems, we encourage you to email the link to this article to them.

2012 SCALI Spring Conference Agenda

Thursday – May 10, 2012
10:30 AM SCALI Golf Tournament

- 4:00 pm SCALI Committee Meetings
- 4:30 pm Early Registration
- 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting – with Committee Chairpersons
- 6:00 pm Early Hospitality Cocktails & Networking – Included with registration
- 7:00 pm Hospitality – Food & Cocktails – Included with registration

Friday – May 11, 2012

- 7:30 am Registration
- 7:30 am Coffee and Refreshments
- 8:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks – SCALI Director Ken Walter
Welcome - Mayor Steve Benjamin/ SLED Chief Mark Keel
- 8:30 am Michelle Stuart – Internet Profiling and Intelligence Gathering
- 9:30 am Judge R. Knox McMahon/Court Room Procedures/Etiquette
- 9:45 am SCALI Executive Committee Meeting – Executive Committee Members
- 10:30 am Networking Break - Refreshments
- 11:00 am Dr. Daniel Demers/DNA and the Private Investigator
- 12:00 pm Lunch with SLED – Included with conference registration
- 1:30 pm J. Cheney Mason, Esq. / Florida v. Casey Anthony & Defense Strategies
- 3:30 pm Scott Roder (The Evidence Room) Forensic Animation
- 4:35 pm SCALI Business Meeting – SCALI Members Only
- 6:30 pm Hospitality & Networking
- 7:00 pm Awards Dinner Banquet –Dinner included with conference registration

Saturday – May 12, 2012

- 7:30 am Coffee and Refreshments
- 8:00 am Opening Remarks
- 8:10 am Major John Tate, Lexington County S. O.
Court Room Procedures and the Private Investigator
- 9:00 am Jeff Spivack / Forensic Multimedia Analyst
- 10:00 am Dr. David Price/Forensic Psychology
- 11:00 am Round Table Discussion

12:15 pm Dismissal and Presentation of Certificates.

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

"38-Year Fugitive Killer Found Running Arizona Wedding Chapel"

Pat Shaughnessy Patrick Cote Sheila Klapper

Three NALI members in two states teamed up to help track a killer who had absconded from parole nearly 40 years ago. Investigators Sheila Klapper of San Jose, California, Pat Shaughnessy, of Phoenix, Arizona" and Patrick Cote of Casa Grande, Arizona, assisted in locating Montana fugitive Frank R. Dryman, who absconded from parole in 1972.

They found him running a wedding chapel in a small desert town south of Phoenix, living under the name of Victor Houston. Before After It started when a California attorney hired Klopper on behalf of his client, Clem Pellett, an oral surgeon from Bellevue, Washington. Pellett had become fascinated with whatever happened to the man who murdered his grandfather, Clarence C. Pellett, in April 1951 near Shelby, Montana.

Dryman, then 19, was convicted of pumping seven slugs into Pellett. Dryman was originally sentenced to hang, but that conviction was overturned and he was sentenced to life in prison after a second trial. He was paroled after 14 years, but two years later disappeared from the supervision of the state of Montana.

Some four decades later, Klopper conducted database research using the Merlin database and developed two possible addresses for Dryman, aka Frank Valentine. In Arizona. One address was in Glendale, a suburb of Phoenix, and the other was a post office box in Arizona City located near Casa Grande, about 50 miles south of Phoenix. Klopper hired Shaughnessy to assist with the Arizona research. Shaughnessy undertook the usual skip tracing research using public records in the State of Arizona and Maricopa County, specifically in Glendale. After checking the local city directories for

the last ten years for the Glendale address, as well as the assessor and recorder records, there was no indication Dryman or Valentine had, at least for any significant amount of time, resided at the Glendale address. The address was owned by the same individual for a good number of years and that individual was not familiar with the fugitive. No Arizona records were found under either known names for the fugitive through civil litigation, judgments, liens or motor vehicle records. Other on-line and database research was conducted without success.

Research using the Skip Smasher database produced a business name associated with the Arizona City post office box, but it was unclear if the business had any connection to the fugitive. A postal forwarding request form was sent to the Arizona City post office. Shaughnessy received the results back, which provided a physical address. This turned out to be the key piece of information needed to further locate Dryman who was later found to live at this address, but under an assumed name.

Using the new address information, the investigators ran new database research which identified the occupant's name as Victor Houston. To determine if Victor Houston and Frank Dryman were the same individual, the investigators obtained drivers license records including a photo, which are available to private investigators in Arizona.

Shaughnessy asked Klopper to provide a photograph that the client or Montana parole authorities might have of the fugitive. No photograph was available from the Montana Department of Corrections, but the investigators learned that the fugitive had identifiable tattoos on his fingers. The tattoos were inked on him while in prison.

Further research revealed Victor Houston was the proprietor of Pink Panthers Signs, was an Arizona Notary Public, and a church deacon licensed to conduct marriage ceremonies.

Shaughnessy contacted Cote, a former police chief, who agreed visit the Arizona City address provided by the post office. Armed with a good photo of Dryman, Cote approached the property owned by Houston. While visiting with Houston, the legal investigator big victories an occasional series.

Cote observed prison tattoos, although somewhat altered, on the man's hands. Cote telephoned Shaughnessy once he was certain of the subject's identity. Shaughnessy notified Klopper. She notified the excited client that the fugitive was located.



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The investigation continued even after the aging fugitive as arrested. Shaughnessy and Klopper conducted an extensive background of Frank Dryman, primarily for the benefit of the Montana Parole Board, to establish his activities over the last 38 years. Records were researched in states known to have been residences for the fugitive, including Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada. Sheila concentrated on California research but also assisted in developing a chronological portrait of Dryman's marriages, divorce, and places of residence, along with known family members.

Besides obtaining Arizona MVD records, a number of real property related documents were located for Victor Houston pertaining to the Arizona City property, Arizona Secretary of State's Notary Commission records, and divorce records from the fugitive's fifth Winter 2011 marriage to a Debbie K. Houston whom he married in Las Vegas. Interviews were conducted with a couple of local Arizona City residents, particularly Patricia Lindholme, a neighbor and good friend of the fugitive who provided a local perspective and a vast amount of information, leads to other marriages, information on Dryman's children, some New Mexico history involving a son-in-law with a questionable death, and other character-related data.

Shaughnessy and Cote interviewed others to further develop Dryman's past history including with local authorities, and with the father of Dryman's son-in-law who died in a somewhat suspicious manner.

Research has been undertaken to ferret out rumors that Dryman may have been involved in the disappearance of one of his five wives. Marriage records were obtained between California and Las Vegas,

Nevada. The plot has thickened indicating this case may not be over as research is ongoing to determine the identity of the possible missing wife and the circumstances surrounding Dryman's son-in-law's death.

Armed with the assembled records between the client and the investigators, Dr. Pellett and other members of the Pellett family testified at the fugitive's parole hearing in Montana on June 4, 2010. The Parole Board revoked Dryman's parole and returned him to prison; his parole eligibility will be reevaluated in five years.

Dr. Pellett, the victim's grandson, has since come to Arizona to meet with the investigators on the case and was part of a presentation given to the Arizona Association of Licensed Investigators (AALPI). An audio CD of that presentation is available. The trio of investigators and Dr. Pellett also gave a similar presentation at NALI's annual conference in Las Vegas in June 2010. Additionally the team participated in an Internet radio presentation on an internet-broadcast, 'Pis Declassified,' hosted by NALI member Francie Koehler.

This radio show is available at www.voiceamerica.com or www.pisdeclassified.com/show.



NCAA Enforcement Arm Considers Use of Private Investigators

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Could it be that stalking players while they are pumping gas isn't just for the Clay Traviges and SporsByBrooks of the world? The enforcement arm of the NCAA is apparently considering the possibility of employing private investigators as standard practice during the course of their investigations. Per Dennis Dodd from CBS Sports:

NCAA enforcement may be going private – at least private investigator. As the NCAA's most feared division reinvents itself, that little nugget emerged during my recent conversation with enforcement director Julie Roe Lach. She has been with the NCAA for 14 years. But it was the last 12 months or so that have been the most challenging, with seemingly a scandal a week.

"Literally, if they could mobilize someone in a matter of hours as opposed to us putting someone on a plane it's a timeliness issue," Roe Lach said.

"That, to me, is where we need to stay ahead of the curve."

"We could. Our bylaws don't preclude it," Roe Lach said. "We'd have to be very careful how we do it."

From the outset, in fairness this does make at least some small semblance of sense given the stated goal of a more effective investigatory power. The NCAA has grown increasingly frustrated in recent years over an apparent inability to effectively enforce its own rules, and more than a few have viewed this as undermining their legitimacy as an organization.

A basic inability of the enforcement arm to procure sufficient evidence to effectively prosecute wrongdoers has seemingly been a growing problem in recent years. The Cam Newton investigation, for example, was ultimately dropped not because anyone believed that there was no impropriety but simply because a lack of any firm, action-

able evidence. Even the Reggie Bush scandal, easily the biggest institutional conviction obtained by the NCAA in recent years, was far from controversy-free, as admittedly the NCAA delivered harsh sanctions based upon very slight evidence of actual wrongdoing on the part of anyone associated with the university.

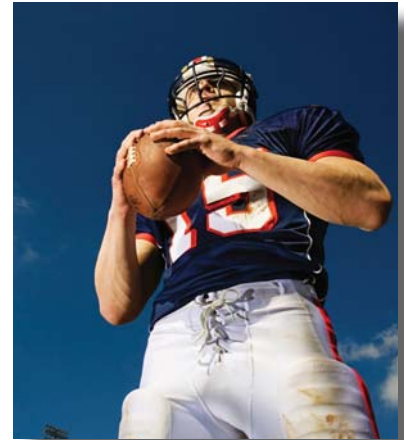
In general, there seems to be a growing sense that the current NCAA regulatory framework is simply not workable. As such, given these various issues, the NCAA in recent months has looked for ways to strengthen punishments for violators, simplify its notoriously complex rulebook, and find ways to increase its investigatory abilities.

To that last end, hiring private investigators is largely justified because the current team of investigators is clearly overtaxed and stretched too thin. By effectively outsourcing at least some portion of their investigations, the NCAA could cut its investigation-related costs and at the same time increase its response time from the moment they decide to look into a given situation until boots actually touch the ground. Private investigators, too, would likely entail greater anonymity than is normally afforded during the course of their investigations. If the NCAA legitimately wants to make their investigations more fruitful in terms of producing actual evidence of impropriety, the outsourcing proposed above certainly seems like a potentially effective solution on an initial glance.

Having said that, is this idea just plain bad for business?

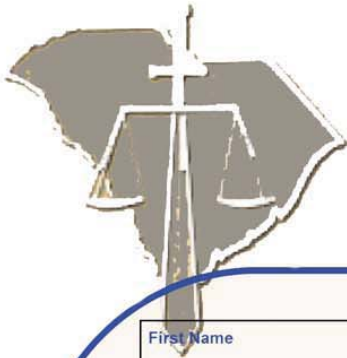
College football is a business that literally generates billions of dollars, and one that has experienced strong, consistent growth at a time when

nearly every other industry on the face of the planet has experienced declines in recent years. Given the importance



of individual players in that billion-dollar industry and the near-countless sources of impermissible benefits -- coaches, agents, runners, marketers, students, boosters, trainers, sidewalk alums, business owners, etc. -- it's somewhat naive to think that, on some level, many players at many different institutions are not being paid in one form or another.

College football is already plagued with enough scandals as it is, and given that is increased surveillance really the best of ideas, especially at a time when there is a growing consensus that players should be paid? How much would the emphasis on widespread impropriety fuel further efforts to create ways to legally compensate players within the NCAA regulatory framework? How many current and future college football followers could ultimately be turned off to the sport due to a sense that the sport itself is simply too corrupt? Both are valid concerns, and neither necessarily has a simple, straightforward answer. Admittedly, this change in approach could certainly help enforcement, but one cannot help but speculate that this could be the opening of Pandora's Box.



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Learn How To Avoid Being Followed By A Private Investigator

by Bill Rounds Esq. on August 18, 2009

How is it that the most nutty character, Dory, in the movie Finding Nemo actually teaches a very valuable principle? Let me assure you, it is not how to speak whale, it is what to do when you realize that you are being followed by a private investigator. There are certain times when it is most likely that you will be the subject of an investigation, ways to recognize surveillance, and ways to avoid private investigators or "burn" the investigator.

When is Investigation By A Private Investigator Likely

Even the Hollywood image of police or private investigators conducting surveillance on a subject make one thing very clear, there must be some reason to investigate the person. The most likely reasons for investigation include when you have filed a claim with your insurance company for personal injuries, if you are involved in litigation, or for divorce or child support/custody issues. Essentially, there must be an incentive to discover some detail of your private life, such as breaching any sense of bank privacy you think you have, before you need to think about avoiding private investigators. Otherwise, hiring a private investigator to do surveillance on you is just a very expensive hobby.

The economic resources of the person or entity that might be investigating you is also a clue to how much surveillance is actually being conducted on you. In a small lawsuit or in an average divorce proceeding, there are probably only a handful of days, 4-5, over the course of several months in which surveillance is actually being conducted and the instruments of surveillance are probably low tech. The higher the value of the case or divorce,

the more resources are likely to be allocated to the surveillance, thus more days in the same period of time devoted to it and the more sophisticated the surveillance is likely to be. If there are specific events that are the subject of the underlying dispute, such as visitation days of children when the fitness of the parent is at issue, the likelihood of having to avoid surveillance on those occasions is much higher. Common sense is a good guide as to when, how and how often a private investigator might be following you.

How To Recognize That You Are Being Followed By A Private Investigator

Far from the image of two guys parked in front of your house for hours in a sedan, drinking coffee and eating fast food, investigators use much more sophisticated methods to avoid detection because avoiding detection is the name of the game for them. The most obvious signs that you are being followed by a private investigator are that you see an unfamiliar car in the neighborhood, you notice a car or a person following you, or if you notice a stranger taking pictures or video of you, your property or your neighborhood. Some other signs that a private investigator is following you are that your friends and acquaintances tell you they have received phone



calls or visitors asking about you or you get an increased number of wrong numbers or hang-ups. You may also want to check under your car for any tracking devices that might be attached to it. Once you suspect that you are under surveillance by a private investigator, you may then take action to disrupt or avoid surveillance.

How To Avoid An Investigator

Many people, upon discovering that they are being watched, immediately engage in evasive action, either overtly or covertly, to lose their investigator. This is especially useful if you think you are being watched but haven't identified the snoop. If the investigator doesn't think they have been discovered, they will simply return another day and probably still get the information they were looking for. If you have identified an individual as a suspected snoop the best way to avoid being followed and ruin their case is to confront them about it. This takes some guts, especially if you aren't certain about their activities, but it lets them know that they have been burned. Keep in mind that the investigator will never admit that they are investigating you. Even if you catch them taking pictures of you they will come up with some lame story about how they grew up in your house and are just reminiscing about old times or something like that. If you are wrong about being followed by a private investigator, you may look weird but there will be no real harm done to the

other person.

The key to ending surveillance and avoiding surveillance by private investigators in the future is to then follow them until they leave. I have no qualms about recommending this because if they can do it to you, you can do it to them. You do not need to hide the fact that you have reversed the roles, it is actually better if they know you are watching them. You may either be up front about suspecting that the private investigator is following you or pretend that you believe their story and pepper them with questions about the details of what they are doing and why. If their behavior is truly suspicious, you may even be able to notify the police. In either case, the investigation is probably going to end because the investigator has been burned. You can also think about becoming a resident of Uruguay.



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But I did not notice the true value until I was on a trip to South America for a two months. During that time I received a new debit card, a new credit card, lots of paperwork for taxes as it was that time of year and even a few packages. Knowing that all of this was safe and secure while I was thousands of miles away helped me enjoy my trip even more. Even if you do not save on the sales tax aspects with purchases or by avoiding ID Theft there is still this increased benefit of convenience and peace of mind.

JUNK MAIL. Earth Class Mail helps you reduce and eliminate junk mail. They will be implementing processes where they will contact senders you specify to remove you from the list. This saves a lot of time and as we all know time is money!

EASY TO USE INTERFACE. The interface when you login is easy to use and helps save you time by organizing your postal mail like you would organize email.

MINOR DOWNSIDES. There are some minor downsides. The cost of about \$20 per month. Plus, scans can be pretty expensive. Currently addresses are only available in the United States. But I am excited about the announcement of overseas addresses such as Switzerland and wish they were operational now. There is a check deposit service but it seems fairly expensive but the fee may be acceptable to establish your location independence. Finally, currently the registered agent service is limited to states where I would not want to be incorporated.

Conclusion

If you suspect you are being followed, play the game and follow your follower. The best way to do this is to openly confront them about following you, much like Dory confronting Marlin, and then openly follow them until they leave. This will keep your private life a little more private from any investigator that might be following you. You can also avoid surveillance cameras, keep out of transactional databases, avoid pretexting and ensure tools like Spy Bubble are not on your cell phone(s) to protect your phone conversations to make private investigators jobs much more difficult. The book *How To Vanish* has lots more tools and techniques you can use to avoid private investigators.



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CONCLUSION. I rate Earth Class Mail an 8.5/10, think this is a service everyone can benefit from and highly recommend you open an account today.



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