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AISOCC THE AMERICAN INVESTIGATIVE SOCIETY OF COLD CASES

A PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE UNSOLVED

The American Investigative Society of Cold Cases is a non-profit, volunteer based organization of professional investigators whose sole mission is to assist law enforcement agencies in solving cold cases. AISOCC Review Board and Consulting Committee Members review cold cases across the following categories: investigatory, legal, forensic science, behavioral science, medicolegal, and others as they apply per case. Collectively, AISOCC offers advice and suggestions for how to get over “the hump” many cold cases present. Law enforcement agencies are welcome to contact AISOCC to schedule case review.

AISOCC’s Mission

To actively investigate unsolved cold cases and assist law enforcement and the victims’ families in their quest for truth and justice by using factual scientific evidence and applied forensic criminological means in order to hold the responsible party(s) accountable.

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A Message From Your President



Dear AISOCC Members –

2017 is now in our rearview mirror as we look forward to 2018 and the changes we can bring to stagnate cases. We will also continue to improve the organization of electronic files from law enforcement so that it is easier to review. I know how frustrating it is when we get a case to review and it is in no order and appears to be a heaping mess of endless documents. I recognize this problem and will try to come up with a system to correct this problem going forward.

2017 has seen a lot of changes within AISOCC and that is expected as we evolve as a non-profit organization that helps law enforcement solve cases. The ‘Hunt for the Zodiac Killer’ television show that appeared for five episodes on the History Channel has been bringing in new members to our Society. The world saw what a fresh set of eyes and modern technology can accomplish on cold cases. A special thanks to AISOCC members Sal Labarbera, Mary Ellen O’Toole, Suzanna Ryan and Misty Johansen who assisted in this monumental show. 1.5 million viewers got to see Suzanna Ryan utilize her skills to obtain male DNA from a fifty year old case...that’s what it is about....Moving cold cases forward.

We are still currently looking for a venue and organizer for the 5th annual conference and are still taking suggestions.

2018 will see more exposure via television for AISOCC and more cases from law enforcement for us to review. We must remember above all else, we are reviewers of cold cases, that is what we do. Everything else is secondary. I look forward to the rest of 2018 and to all of our members who care about the unsolved.

Respectfully –

Kenneth L. Mains
President

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A Message From Your Vice President



Please welcome new AISOCC Vice President, Dr. Christopher Kunkle:

Dr. Kunkle is a forensic psychologist and criminal investigation consultant with over 21 years in the field of criminal investigation. As an expert in violent and sexual crimes he brings a unique combination of training and experience in forensic science and violent criminal behavior to unsolved case investigation. Using classic criminal investigation techniques combined with analyzing the behavioral dynamics of violent offenders and victimology, Dr. Kunkle constructs offender profiles and offers recommendations on offense dynamics that help reconstruct the crime scene. He has been recognized for his innovative work in the management of sexually violent predators, has evaluated more than a thousand violent and sexual offenders throughout the U.S. and has published articles on stalking, violence risk assessment and violent sexual disorders.



As one of the inaugural members of AISOCC in 2013, I am proud to have been selected to be Vice President of this fine organization. Over the last four years as a consulting team member and then Overall Consulting Chair I have watched AISOCC grow. While in the last year we have lost some key initial AISOCC members, what I have learned about those drawn to AISOCC is that there are always strong and dedicated members willing to step-up to the plate to serve the cold case initiative. Each of you have come to us as selfless contributors dedicated to helping the law enforcement agencies and victims' families that look to us to help solve their cases. I continue to be amazed by the level of energy each of you have to devote your free time to cold case resolution.

In the coming year AISOCC is going to focus on getting back to its roots. While we are devoted to serving the cold case initiative overall, we as an organization need to first and foremost be committed to concentrating on the cases that are brought to us by our law enforcement partners, as they are opening their books to us and allowing

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us into a space that is rarely permitted in this field. The mere fact that so many agencies have allowed us into their private worlds is extraordinary. We need to take full advantage of this opportunity and offer them the best insight that we are able. In recent months, as we have been working on our most current case, I have been thrilled with the interaction of our multidisciplinary team. I would like to continue with this type of open interaction, as I believe it is key to offering the unique perspective of our vastly experienced consulting team. With that said, we are always looking for new ideas and new ways to help AISOCC grow the cold case resolution initiative. This starts with our valued members. Please share them with Detective Mains and myself so we can keep AISOCC moving in the right direction.

Each time we receive a case I remind myself why I do this? It's because of the way violence has touched my life both professionally and personally. It's because of the expertise I have built over decades of work in this field. It's because, if we even help one loved one of a murdered or missing person resolve their case we will have given them the closure that they so desperately seek.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you as we move forward. Thank you for all that you do!

Christopher Kunkle
Vice President

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Featured Books



The Atlanta Missing and Murdered Children Case: Default for Investigating Violence against Blacks

By: Dr. John Liebert

*"Oxford Town in the afternoon
Ev'rybody singin' a sorrowful tune
Two men died 'neath the Mississippi moon
Somebody better investigate soon."*

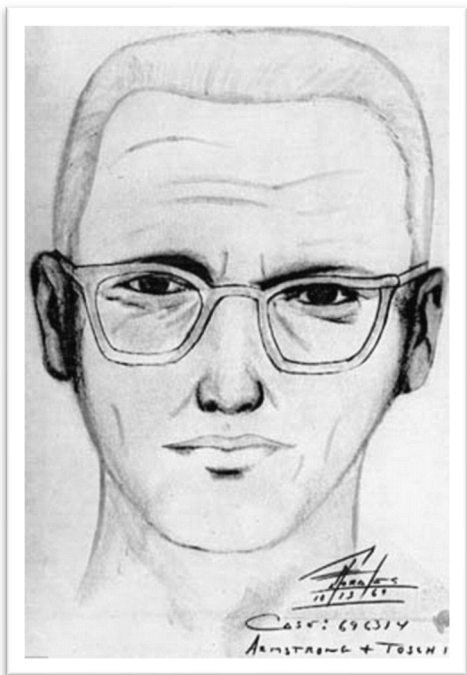
- Bob Dylan

“In this unique review of a case that is probably the default between investigating violence in the Old South and the New South, I review my decision-making for profiling the killer(s) within the context of my personal experience in the racial violence in Georgia leading up to the Civil Rights Law of 1966 and projecting it to the future of inner city violence plaguing our society today.” CRC/Taylor & Francis Publishing, In press for release in 2018



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AISOCC Members Out and About



The Hunt For The Zodiac Killer

Let us congratulate AISOCC members President Kenneth Mains, Sal Labarbera (CC), Mary Ellen O’Toole (RB), Suzanna Ryan (RB), and Misty Johansen (GEN) for a magnificent job on their roles in “The Hunt For The Zodiac Killer” that premiered November 14th, 2017 on The History Channel! With the efforts of each member, the

case of the Zodiac Killer was brought to a new light and progress was made to further the solvability of a decades old cold case. That is what AISOCC is all about – lending top notch expertise to assist in even the toughest of cases, and that was proven through the progress made in The Hunt For The Zodiac Killer.



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Sal Labarbera (CC) and President **Ken Mains** leading the investigation.



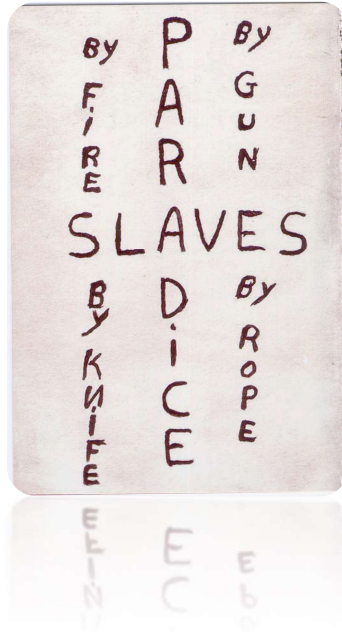
Suzanna Ryan (RB), using state of the art technology, was able to obtain a sample of male DNA detected from a drop of blood on a pair of pants worn by an alleged victim of the Zodiac.



Misty Johansen (GEN), otherwise known as “The Zodiac Historian”, has 20 plus years of experience researching the Zodiac Killer. It was her dedication to this case

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that revealed details that no others had discovered...a connection between a Tim Holt comic about a death wheel that mentions “by knife, by gun, by rope, by fire”. This same quote is mentioned on the back of an alleged Zodiac Halloween card as seen below...



Mary Ellen O'Toole, Ph.D.

As a former FBI agent in the San Francisco FBI Division, **Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole** provided extensive knowledge into the “behavior” of Zodiac and implications of this behavior through her years of experience working on the Zodiac case with the FBI.

- Katelyn Wisniewski
AISOCC Newsletter Editor

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Kelly Ayers, President of The Chesapeake Bay Division of the IAI

The Chesapeake Bay Division of the International Association for Identification shall be a Regional Division of the Parent Body of the International Association for Identification (IAI) and shall operate as a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Maryland.

The Spring 2018 Educational Conference is celebrating 20 years of forensic science at West Virginia University. The conference will be held at Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place. April 26-27-2018

Address: 2 Waterfront Pl, Morgantown, WV 26501

Hotel reservation and conference registration information will be announced as we move closer to the conference date.

For more information, please see www.cbdi.ai.org

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Training Opportunities



COLD CASE
CONFERENCE
February 5-6, 2018



ARIZONA'S COLD CASE CONFERENCE

This cutting edge two-day seminar will provide practitioners with a comprehensive overview of cold case homicide investigations. Local and national experts' presentations designed for detectives, prosecutors, and lab analysts who work forensic cases. The seminar includes relevant case studies, methodologies, cutting-edge DNA technology and techniques. Discover successful ways to approach victims and suspects in cold cases. Learn how the Maricopa County Attorney's Office Cold Case detectives and prosecutors can work with law enforcement to ensure successful prosecution.

Date: February 5 – 6, 2018

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Location: Black Canyon Conference Center

9440 N. 25th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85021



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2018 5th Annual AISOCC Educational Conference

We have approached a new year and that means the planning stages for the upcoming 2018 5th Annual Educational Conference will soon commence. AISOCC is seeking individuals interested in hosting this year's conference as well as others who are interested in helping to organize the event. AISOCC appreciates those who are able to volunteer in any way to contribute to the success of this year's upcoming conference. If you are interested in hosting the 2018 conference, have any suggestions for a venue, or would like to volunteer in organizing this event it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Membership Reminder and Renewals

It is because of our dedicated members who put so much time and effort into AISOCC that we are able to thrive as a growing organization. Please take the time to renew your memberships by your due date so that we as a team can move forward in promoting AISOCC and our mission in solving cold cases!

To add, I will be taking on the duty of tracking our membership renewals. With this, members will be given advanced notice that their membership renewal date is coming due. Please feel free to contact me at katewisniewski00@gmail.com if you are unsure of your renewal date.

Thanks,

Katelyn Wisniewski
AISOCC Newsletter Editor

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Journal of Cold Case Review



Submit Your Paper and Contribute to Cold Case Resolution!



The Journal of Cold Case Review (JCCR), published under the auspices of the American Investigative Society of Cold Cases, is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed, open-access publication that publishes scholarly works consisting of research, commentary, or practices on any topic contributing to the understanding and improvement of cold case investigative processes or awareness. If you would like to contribute your paper,

please find our manuscript submission guidelines at: <http://www.aisocc.com/journal-of-cold-case-review/>. While not a member, the JCCR will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Journal Publishers of the Committee on Publication Ethics; <https://publicationethics.org/about>.

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Member News

Please welcome our newest AISOCC members of the quarter!

Michaela Brooks (GEN)

Rose Cobo (GEN)

Michael Hill (GEN)

We want to hear from you!

We welcome your ideas, articles, contributions, etc. to the newsletter. Have an article you think could help heighten awareness about a topic related to cold cases? Have a training seminar we can advertise for you? Send them in; we would be happy to consider them for inclusion in the next issue. Find an informational error we need to correct, please make us aware as information accuracy is our goal. And we are always actively recruiting for articles of all kinds. Please consider writing an article for next issues of The Crucible. Deadline: **April 15th, 2018**

To submit to AISOCC's Newsletter,
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For AISOCC membership questions membership@aisocc.com

Got a tip on a cold case? Contact our Tip-Line Tips@aisocc.com



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