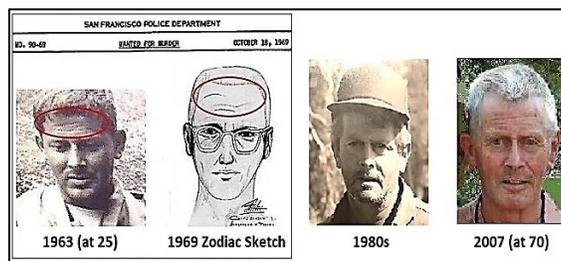


Breaking Bombshells: Volunteer Cold Case Team Secures DNA from the Same Person an FBI Whistleblower Verifies is the “Zodiac Killer”

Experts at 5 colleges and victim families await lab results on hairs found on a 1966 Riverside victim

CA/Wash., D.C. (EMBARGO: Thursday, May 17, 6 am PT):

Thomas J. Colbert’s “**Case Breakers**” (CBs) found DNA on a 30-year hiking mat once owned by USAF vet Gary F. Poste. Poste is also the man that a senior FBI agent alerted the team about: The felon has been secretly listed as the Zodiac “suspect” in Headquarters’ computers since 2016 – with his “partial DNA” safely secured at the feds’ Quantico, Virginia lab (FYI: Whistleblower talks on page two).¹



This shocker triggered “Plan B”: CBs found the ancestral town of the now-dead Poste, where DNA from a blood relative was offered by a confidential informant. Days later, “good profiles” from Poste’s kin and the mat’s DNA were compared by forensic experts from 5 colleges.² “Strong similarities” were found; team hopes the results will be compared to hairs found on 1966 victim Cheri Jo Bates (See p. 3, 9 & 10).

Question: If this FBI tip is true, why hasn’t HQ had the decency to notify the alleged 13 victim families? Colbert said, “As a nation, we’ve abandoned them – especially the remaining 10 brothers and sisters.”³



Cover-up’s launch: In 2014, neighbors and supporters in the Sierra town of Groveland gave up the goods on 77-year-old Poste. “Jaw-dropped” FBI agents were shown his elaborate escape map, photos, dual identities, cryptic clues (left), shell casings – and in 2016, his DNA.⁴ But witnesses and emails reveal the feds, Riverside PD and SFPD white-washed the residents’ heroics and seized their briefcase with all the documentation.⁵

Fortunately, these actions were chronicled by the award-winning TV investigator and author **Dale Julin** (right) – currently finishing the historic Zodiac manuscript. When the newsman and Groveland locals engaged the CBs in 2020, they all merged efforts. Later, friendly cops from other agencies reported that Riverside’s murder-scene DNA, along with Poste’s coded profile, were never uploaded on the FBI’s CODIS crime database. The dead suspect’s missing sample was particularly disturbing, considering Julin had arranged for all three departments to have access to it. Ignoring or evading this crime-comparison tool is a violation of a 2016 California law.⁶



The 40 volunteers, now in their 12th year, are curious: How many other American families have had their loved one’s case go unsolved because law enforcement failed to use CODIS to enter (1) the DNA from a crime scene or (2) the DNA profile from a person arrested for a felony? When this investigation is completed, the CBs hope the troubling actions by these three agencies will come up for official review.⁷



Forensic DNA cases in the USA have been backlogged for decades. The CB who cordially approached Riverside Police, ballistics expert **Stephanie C. Luehr** (left), and CEO Colbert agree on the solution: After a realistic period of time, new laws should allow families to access their victim’s case file. And like the minutemen of old, colleges, accredited private labs, chain-of-custody cold case teams and skilled crowd-sourcing groups are all eager to contribute.

FYI: All END NOTES for this press release, along with CONTACTS for the Case Breakers, are on the last page.



Questioning CB Team's "Whistleblower"

Our **now-anonymous** team member, a former military counter-intelligence expert, has been with the CBs for 18 months. He is willing to talk to the media on video (*voice-change and in shadow*), on email or over the phone. But he reserves the right not to respond if they involve confidential methods or sources. When he briefed board members, they asked 4 questions. His responses weren't rehearsed.

1) A lot of whistleblowers are afraid to talk -- why aren't you?

"Great question. No one should ever be afraid to be a whistleblower if it's for the greater good. I became one by mistake. I stay in contact with several FBI agents who are my friends from my investigation days. While speaking with one of them, I mentioned Zodiac and specifically Gary Francis Poste (GFP). Without prompting the FBI agent, they looked up GFP and told me he was listed as the FBI suspect. Then they told me they had a partial DNA of the Zodiac. My FBI friend told me the best thing to do would be to obtain GFP's DNA so they could do a comparison. So, that's what we did."

2) How did the feds solve this huge case without any major publicity?

"Tom Colbert told me the agents actually received all their background from Poste's neighbors in the little town of Groveland, back in 2014. At their private meetings in Watsonville, witnesses said the special agents' 'jaws dropped' when they saw his photos, an elaborate escape map, secret messages, cartridge casings, and then later his DNA. These folks were heroes, but the FBI quietly covered up their months of critical help."

3) Why would the feds keep the Zodiac case secret?

"Like cops, federal agents are dealing with huge caseloads, constant training, odd rules and bureaucracy. But when someone wearing a badge or uniform works with others to avoid or hide materials, sidestep difficult procedures, or lie about evidence, they're hurting our volunteers and the thousands of families waiting for answers. That includes the ten siblings left in the Zodiac victim families. Sadly, the team has documented over two dozen examples of law enforcement unprofessionalism in the field."

4) Is this team the future for strapped agencies -- retired law enforcement partners?

"Of course! Sadly, nobody has the time or tax dollars to go looking for these lost souls. We have found the formula: Famous investigations help us generate the public's donations, and that helps us expand into new cases in other states -- both big and small."

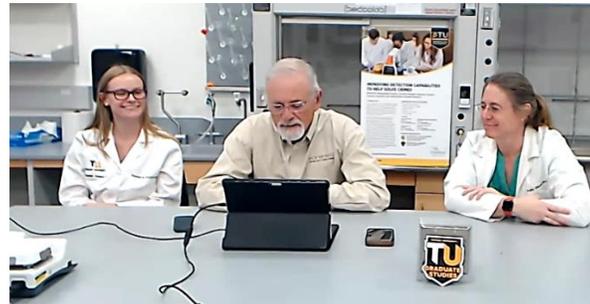
DNA EXTRACTION

(May 4th, 2023)

University of Maryland Team CSI Chief Tom Mauriello (center), regarding DNA Items 1-3 from a Poste blood relative: *“Based on the consistency and similarities, is there a strong chance they’re siblings?”*

Towson University Dir. Kelly Elkins (right): *“Yes. At random, you would not expect this many [alleles] in common. You’re expecting from siblings or brothers about 50%, and we’re seeing at least that.”*

FYI: To understand the forensic focus on G.F. Poste, see pages 7-8. Full 6-page lab report is available.



Locus	Item 1:	Item 2:	Item 3:	M-Vac Filter from sleeping mat
Amelogenin	XY	XY	XY	XY
TH01	9,9.3	7*,9,9.3	4*,6*,7,9.3*	6, 7, 8, 9, 9.3
D3S1358	15,17	12*,15,16,17	15,16,17	14, 15, 16*, 17*, 18
vWA	14,16*,17*	14*,17,18*	16*,18*	14, 15*, 17*, 18, 19*
D21S11	31*,31.2*	27*,28*	32.2*	28*,29,30,32.2*
TPOX	8,10*	8,9*,10,11	8,9*,10*,11	8,9*
DYS391	NR	10	NR	10,11
D1S1656	14.3, 15,17.3	12*,13*,14.3*,15*,15.3*,16.3*	13,16*,17.3	11,12,14.3*,16.3,17.3
D12S391	17*,21*,22*	18.3*,20*,25*	15*,21*,22*	18,19*,20,21
SE33	15*,16*,18,25.2*	19*,25.2*,27.2*	13*	14,16*,17*,19*,25.2
D10S1248	8*,10*,13,14,15,16*,17*,18*	12,13,14,15,17*,18*	12*,13*,14,15*,16*,17*	13,14*,15,16
D22S1045	10*,11*,15,16	11*,13*,14*,15,16,17*	11*,14*,15*,16*	11,15,16
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D2S1338	17*	17*,20*	NR	16,17,18*,19*,20,25
D2S441	9*,10*,11,14	8*,10*,11,12*,13*,14,15	8*,9*,10,11,11.3*,12*,13,14,15*	10,11,13*,14*,15
D18S51	14,15*,16*,17*,18,23*	9*,12.2*,14,16,17,18*	9.2*,12*,14,15,16*,17*	12,13*,14,16*,18*
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D16S539	8*,11*,12,13*,14	9*,10,11,12,13*,14	8*,9,10*,11,12,13,14*	9,11,12
CSF1PO	10,11,12*	10*,11*	9*,10,13*,15*	10*,11,12
D13S317	8*,13*	10*,11*,12*,13*	11*	8*,11,12,13
D5S818	12*,13*	11*,12*	12,13*	11,12
D7S820	NR	12*,15*	15*	8,10,11

EVIDENTIARY TIME-LINE

When the Case Breakers took on the Zodiac hunt, several law enforcement agencies connected to the 60-year mystery said breaking crime and staff shortages would prevent them from assisting. **6 agencies, however, chose to not cooperate and/or lie about their evidence** – blame that on apathy, egos and humiliation. Nonetheless, the CBs believe they've identified Zodiac and found answers for victim families.



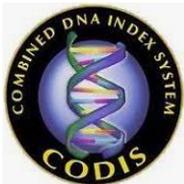
1) Heroes Emerge (2014-16): Neighbors and supporters in the one-street town of Groveland quietly approached authorities with the goods on Poste – revealing his dual identity, DNA, photos, cryptic writings and a secret escape map. But the **FBI, SFPD & Riverside PD chose instead to whitewash the citizens' efforts** and downplay their credibility in the media. The feds also seized a briefcase with all their evidence. FYI: Poste died of natural causes in 2018.



2) DNA Shell Game? (2017): DNA from the 4 brown hairs found in dead cheerleader Bates' hand in 1966 helped Riverside PD clear 2 suspects in 1999-2000. But **why didn't the agency allow that hair-DNA to be used in a 2017 Zodiac program on History Channel?** CBs were told that, when Groveland neighbors introduced the brown-haired Poste as the killer 3 years earlier (2014), the "*jaw-dropped*" authorities took Poste very seriously. FYI: **Co-host on that 2017 show, Ken Mains, confirmed the evidentiary vanishing act: Riverside PD only allowed "for us to test [Bates'] pants and suspect watch. The hair was never brought up"** again.



3) CB Collaboration Efforts (2020-21): Two years after Poste's death, Groveland residents invited the CBs to come up to study the suspect's hundreds of old bullets and empty shell cartridges, now in boxes. But when the sleuths asked officials if they would like to **compare Poste's 9mm "firing pin impressions"** to the shells left at Zodiac crime scenes, the **FBI, Vallejo PD and SFPD oddly wouldn't engage the team**.



4) State Law Ignored (2021): Friendly cops told the CBs that **Poste's 2016 DNA and Riverside PD's 1966 hair-DNA (found in Bates' clenched hand) weren't uploaded on the FBI's CODIS database**. Ignoring or bypassing this critical crime-comparison database is a violation of California law. The CBs feel the actions by SFPD, Riverside PD and FBI warrant a serious review.



5) DNA Hunt (2023): After a half-dozen LE agencies refused to assist and several lab collaborations failed because of DNA degradation, the CBs took drastic action: An anonymous team member (ex-Army CI) went undercover **on a nationwide mission to find Poste's blood relatives – and he succeeded**. DNA from a confidential informant was quickly forwarded to Towson University forensic Professor **Kelly Elkins** (left). After consulting with specialists from 4 other universities and 2 private labs, the team will be forwarding these final results, in a chain of custody, to Riverside PD for analysis and comparison to victim Bates' hairs.



6) Dig & Dive (TBA): Poste's turncoat, Wil, claimed to have eyewitnessed leader bury the **Zodiac murder weapons in an ammo box at the shoreline** of this High Sierra lake. FYI: A commercial chopper landing site is a two-hour hike in. If agencies join us, they could declare a crime scene and land at the shore. BTW, source Wil reports a Zodiac **victim is also in this lake**; dig/dive team is TBA.

ATTACK LOCATIONS

Zodiac killings (Confirmed)

July 4, 1969

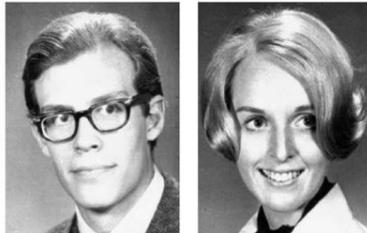
Shot in a parking lot at Blue Rock Springs Park, in Vallejo. Mageau lives, Ferrin dies.



Michael Mageau Darlene Ferrin

Sept. 27, 1969

Stabbed on the shore of Lake Berryessa, near Spanish Flat, in Napa County. Hartnell lives, Shepard dies.



Bryan Hartnell Cecelia Shepard

Dec. 20, 1968: 2 shot dead while parked in a car at Lake Herman Road, in Benicia.



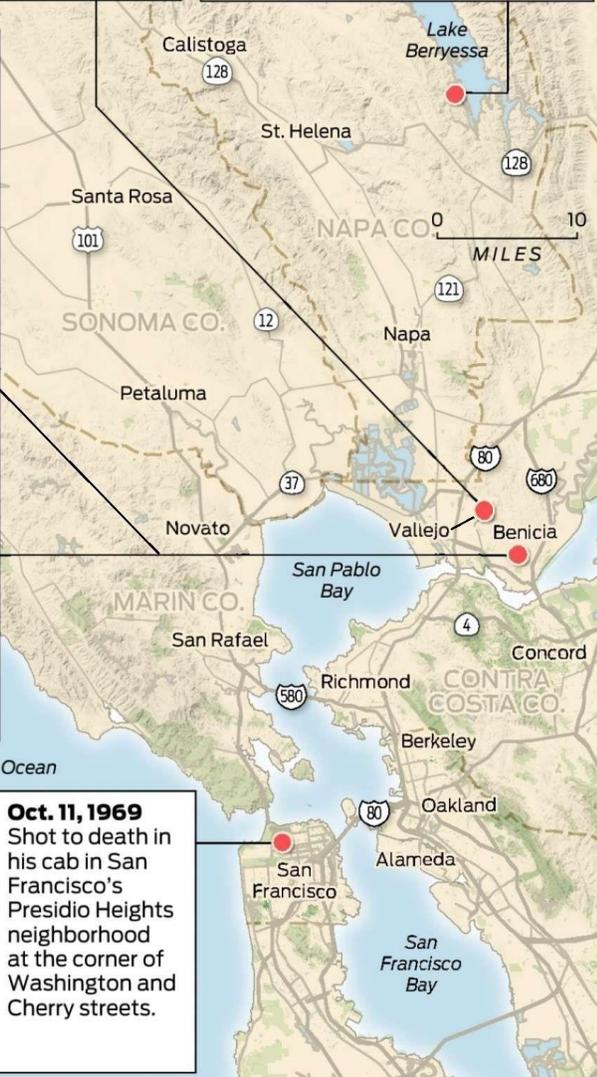
David Faraday



Betty Lou Jensen



Paul Stine

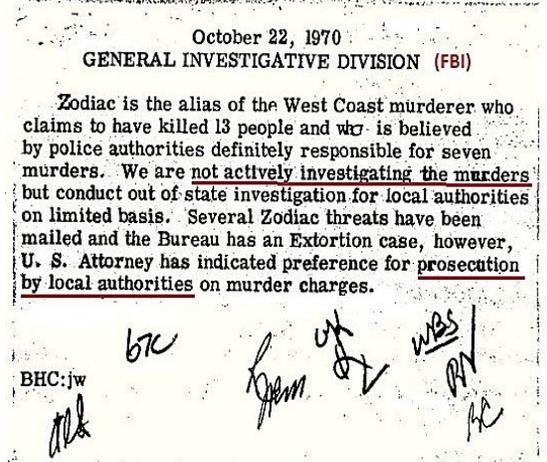


Oct. 11, 1969
Shot to death in his cab in San Francisco's Presidio Heights neighborhood at the corner of Washington and Cherry streets.

Sources: Chronicle research; Photos, Associated Press; Michael Mageau photo courtesy zodiackiller.com

John Blanchard / The Chronicle

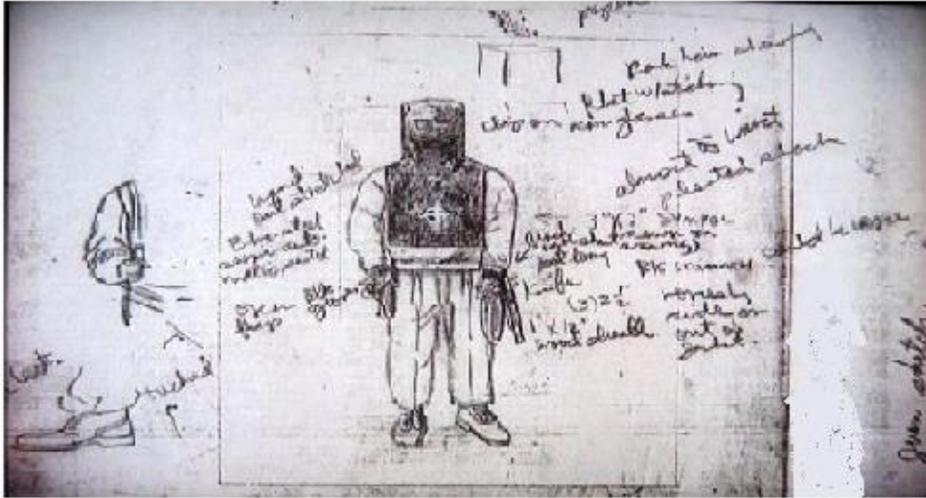
FBI Headquarters (1970): Senior agents in the California Field Offices and Resident Agencies were "not actively investigating the murders." In short, the staff was ordered to stand down (their initials below).



10 VICTIM SIBLINGS/SURVIVORS (7 best):

- ***Faraday:** Sibs Debra F. Uhlman & Steven F. Debra: Snohomish, WA; c: 707-319-7985 Steven: Meridian, ID; c) 707-315-3631
- ***Ferrin (4 sibs):** Sisters Pam H. & Johanna S. Redding, CA: c) 530-276-0661 or 949-8189
- ***Hartnell:** Survivor/Retired Atty. Bryan Redlands, CA: c) 909-792-6998
- ***Jensen:** Sister Melody Jensen J. Long Summerville, SC: 757-603-6135
- ***Shepard:** Sis Carolyn I. Gottfried (chatty) Redding, CA: 530-243-9443; hub/Dr. Curtis Gottfried (talkative too); his private email: BoardH20@aol.com

VALLEJO PD: SKETCH FROM SURVIVOR'S ACCOUNT – THE ONLY DAYSIDE ATTACK



Zodiac killings (suspected)

LAKE TAHOE (9/6/70):
Cracked code reveals Donna Lass' burial spot

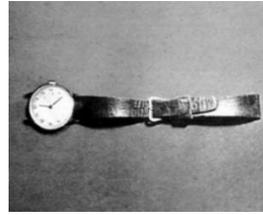
RIVERSIDE (10/30/66):
Killed College Honor Student Cheri Jo Bates

GAVIOTA BEACH, CA (6/3/63):
Murdered teen sunbathers Linda Edwards & Robert Domingos

OCEANSIDE, CA (4/10/62):
Killer taunts police, before and after Cabbie Ray Davis' murder.

SAN DIEGO (2/17/64):
Sailor Johnny Swindle and wife Joyce are both killed by a sniper during an Ocean Beach stroll.

11 ZODIAC-POSTE EVIDENTIARY CLUES



- 1) At the 1966 murder site of coed **Cheri Jo Bates**, arriving Riverside investigators pointed at a wrist-watch with a broken strap (center) – believed to have come off during killer’s evening struggle. The detectives thought this Timex was perhaps purchased on a military base. (**USAF vet Poste, a “sharp tack” at math and cryptography, later told “posse” crime-partners he’d received medical care and routine check-ups at March Air Force Base in ‘66 – just a 15-minute drive from Bates’ homicide.**)
- 2-4) PD stated a heelprint in dirt was from a “military-style boot,” size 10. (**Same style & shoe size found at 3 other Zodiac scenes; it’s also what Poste wore; both men had same height/weight – pics above**)
- 5) Riverside PD’s forensic lab technicians took notice of the paint spattered on the wristwatch’s glass face. (**Veteran Poste began his 40-year union house-painting career in 1963.**)
- 6) Riverside coroner found 4 brown hairs in Bates’ clenched fist. (**Poste’s family and neighbors claimed he had brown hair in the 1960s; two 1969 Zodiac survivors described it as brown in police reports.**)
- 7-9) With DNA’s 1987 arrival, RPD and the FBI lab used those hairs – and later, genetic materials found on watch strap – to clear a few local Riverside suspects. So, if you include the sketch-matching Zodiac head scars (1st page), this makes 9 clues. (**In 2016, newsman Dale Julin arranged for Vallejo PD, SFPD and the FBI to secure DNA from the just-jailed abuser Poste for a future lab comparison.**)



Riverside Chief L.T. “Curly” Kinkead oversaw the Bates’ 10/30/66 murder case. But when he heard about the “similar M.O.” and signature of the 1969 Zodiac murders up in the Bay Area, the chief sent a detailed letter (**highlights** below) to the Task Force. After Kinkead’s 1972 retirement, however, all the chiefs that followed ignored his Zodiac theory. **Why did they disengage?** Riverside PD’s illogical conclusions are featured on next page (**Clue 10**).

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to our telephone conversation of 10-17-69 regarding **the similar M.O. of your “Zodiac” suspect and the suspect of our homicide File No. 352-481.**

On October 30, 1966, Cheri Jo Bates, a college student at Riverside City College, was brutally murdered.

It might be worthwhile to note that just outside the city limits of Riverside is located March Air Force Base, a SAC base. Physical evidence found at the scene of our crime indicated that heel prints found near the body were made by a heel that was manufactured for military and other government agencies, including prisons.

There are numerous similarities in your homicide and our Inv. 352-481. I thought you should be aware that we are working a similar-type homicide investigation. If you are able to determine by handwriting comparison or by any other means that your homicide suspect is the same as ours, please advise.

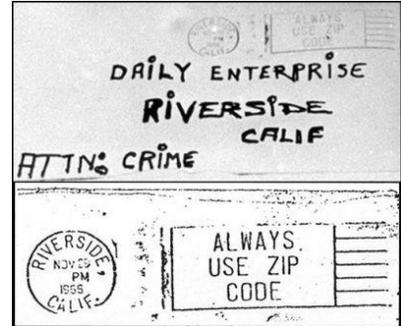
Zodiac Clue #10: See the sentence highlighted in this anonymous 1966 “confession” letter (Zodiac’s name wasn’t used until 1969). The typed note was mailed from within Riverside, and it went to the city’s police and a paper – exactly a month after Bates’ murder. (RPD detectives & FBI concluded it was sent by the killer; it is explained in FBI memo below. Also, note that if the Zodiac wanted the cops off of his Northern California trail, this sentence would have also been the perfect red herring. Finally, because of its local postmarking, RPD focused on only one theory: the killer had to be from their town.)

THE CONFESSION

BY _____

SHE WAS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL. BUT NOW SHE IS BATTERED AND DEAD. SHE IS NOT THE FIRST AND SHE WILL NOT BE THE LAST. I LAY AWAKE NIGHTS THINKING ABOUT MY NEXT VICTIM. MAYBE SHE WILL BE THE BEAUTIFUL BLOND THAT BABYSITS NEAR THE LITTLE STORE AND WALKS DOWN THE DARK ALLEY EACH EVENING ABOUT SEVEN. OR MAYBE SHE WILL BE THE SHAPELY BLUE EYED BROWNETT THAT SAID NO WHEN I ASKED HER FOR A DATE IN HIGH SCHOOL. BUT MAYBE IT WILL NOT BE EITHER. BUT I SHALL CUT OFF HER FEMALE PARTS AND DEPOSIT THEM FOR THE WHOLE CITY TO SEE. SO DON'T MAKE IT TO EASY FOR ME. KEEP YOUR SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, AND WIVES OFF THE STREETS AND ALLEYS. MISS BATES WAS STUPID. SHE WENT TO THE SLAUGHTER LIKE A LAMB. SHE DID NOT PUT UP A STRUGGLE. BUT I DID. IT WAS A BALL. I FIRST PULLED THE MIDDLE WIRE FROM THE DISTRIBUTOR. THEN I WAITED FOR HER IN THE LIBRARY AND FOLLOWED HER OUT AFTER ABOUT TWO MINUTS. THE BATTERY MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT DEAD BY THEN I THEN OFFERED TO HELP. SHE WAS THEN VERY WILLING TO TALK WITH ME. I TOLD HER THAT MY CAR WAS DOWN THE STREET AND THAT I WOULD GIVE HER A LIFT HOME. WHEN WE WERE AWAY FROM THE LIBRARY WALKING, I SAID IT WAS ABOUT TIME. SHE ASKED ME "ABOUT TIME FOR WHAT", I SAID IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR HER TO DIE. I GRABBED HER AROUND THE NECK WITH MY HAND OVER HER MOUTH AND MY OTHER HAND WITH A SMALL KNIFE AT HER THROAT. SHE WENT VERY WILLINGLY. HER BREAST FELT VERY WARM AND FIRM UNDER MY HANDS, BUT ONLY ONE THING WAS ON MY MIND. MAKING HER PAY FOR THE BRUSH OFFS THAT SHE HAD GIVEN ME DURING THE YEARS PRIOR. SHE DIED HARD. SHE SQUIRMED AND SHOOK AS I CHOAKED HER, AND HER LIPS TWICHD. SHE LET OUT A SCREAM ONCE AND I KICKED HER HEAD TO SHUT HER UP, I PLUNGED THE KNIFE INTO HER AND IT BROKE. I THEN FINISHED THE JOB BY CUTTING HER THROAT. I AM NOT SICK, I AM INSANE. BUT THAT WILL NOT STOP THE GAME. THIS LETTER SHOULD BE PUBLISHED FOR ALL TO READ IT. IT JUST MIGHT SAVE THAT GIRL IN THE ALLEY. BUT THAT'S UP TO YOU. IT WILL BE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE. NOT MINE. YES I DID MAKE THAT CALL TO YOU ALSO. IT WAS JUST A WARNING. BEWARE...I AM STALKING YOUR GIRLS NOW.

CC. CHIEF OF POLICE
ENTERPRISE



If you would like to know why retired TV Newsmen/Cipher Expert Dale Julin is so excited about this latest anagram, please contact him! (His email is on last page)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911) (Attn: FBI Laboratory, and Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, LC #A-10042) DATE: 4/11/74

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6854) (P) Detective [redacted] related "The Confession" described details of the murder of CHERI JO BATES and the manner in which her vehicle was disabled which would have been known only to the unknown subject who murdered her.

SUBJECT: ZODIAC EXTORTION
OO: Sacramento

Here’s where the Riverside/San Francisco Zodiac connection appears to solidify: Note the six individual words highlighted throughout the above letter – especially the misspelled “twiched.” Now, see them all again, 4 years later, in 2 messages inside a pair of homemade Zodiac cards, below – both mailed to San Francisco paper: “The Game,” (behind ghost), “I Shall,” “Squirmed,” & now a twice-misspelled “Twich.”



Some I shall tie over ant hills and watch them scream + twich and squirm.

Zodiac Clue #11: Finally, experts say Zodiac’s handwritten notes reveal a “a born-lefty, writing with his right.” (Only 1% of world is ambidextrous. What are the odds – so was Poste!)

BATES' LEAKED FBI LAB REPORT

(2 of 8 key lab pages, 1999-2000)

CBs sought to compare Poste's 2016 swabbed DNA with the 4 hairs found in the hand of 1966 victim Bates -- a Riverside coed that the FBI had declared to be a Zodiac victim in 1975 (Memo is on page 11). But Riverside P.D. refused the team's request; the agency is only testing town locals -- like these 2 men:

(http://www.servimg.com/image_preview.php?i=1692&u=14945813)

Evidence Receipt (To be used in lieu of correspondence covering evidence submissions to the Laboratory)
75 (Rev. 4-7-82)

Please Furnish Complete Information.

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Brief facts covering case <i>VICTIM MURDERED AT CITY COLLEGE, DIED OF MULTIPLE STABS & TO HEEL. POSSIBLE FORGED LETTER BY ZODIAC CLAIMING RES FOR HOMICIDE.</i>		
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Report of Examination

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Unit:	Trace Evidence	Phone No.:	(202) 324-8921
Case ID #:	95A-HQ-1282679	Lab No.:	990401001 KM 1

Results of Examinations:

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No hairs microscopically dissimilar to hairs in the submitted known head hair sample from the victim (K3) were found on the Q4 glass microscope slide.

No other hair and fiber examinations were conducted.

At the time, Poste's hair color

After the year 2000, Riverside PD stopped using the hairs for DNA "comparisons" - why? (FYI: Answer on p. 4, #2)

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

NO. 90-69 WANTED FOR MURDER OCTOBER 18, 1969



GARY F. POSTE (Late 1960s)



Amended Drawing (1969)

Reviewer Date 6/22/99

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COUNTERPRODUCTIVE CHARACTERS

The **Case Breakers** have witnessed how staff cuts, rising crime, apathy, ego, humiliation, bureaucracy and corruption have harmed America's community-based policing. And this Zodiac case is no exception; here are **23 examples of unprofessionalism** the CBs have personally experienced:


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6/21/99: In 1999-2000, Riverside PD and the FBI lab used the 1966 mystery hairs that were found in Bates' hand to eliminate two local suspects (left). FBI then returned them to RPD on a microscope slide for "future comparisons." FYI: But the **hairs oddly are never used again. Why?** (See p. 4, #2)

12/10/14: Shortly after the "jaw-dropped" FBI is briefed in Watsonville on the alleged Zodiac evidence linked to Gary F. Poste (GFP), **agents track down turncoat Wil's briefcase of evidence in Nevada and confiscate all his materials.** Newsman Dale Julin

later emailed his supporters: "FBI took what they wanted, including an escape map of Poste's [locations of] caches hanging from the trees [with] backcountry weapons. [Groveland] neighbors and a source with Tuolumne County Sheriffs told me SFPD and other agencies [went] up there, **served warrants.**"

2017: Riverside chief allows genetic materials found on Bates' pants and watch to be used in a TV doc – a CA statutory violation. **There's also no mention of C.J. Bates' mystery hairs** (See p. 13 TL 10/9/21).

From: "Bone, Robert C. (LA) (FBI)" <rcbone@fbi.gov>
Date: 12/11/20 8:49 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: CB Jim Zimmerman <jaz1976@hotmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: Jim, here's a reason to reach out to Bone

Copy. **Im speaking with CID again.**



12/11/20: TJC and CB Jim Zimmerman arrange a friendly L.A. meeting today with the FBI's **RC Bone** (left) – a Special Agent in Charge of Cyber Division and Jim's former colleague

on the Chicago-based JTTF (task force). After both turn over their Zodiac-related documents, the eager Bone forwards the team's pages to HQ's Criminal Investigative Division (CID). But Bone claimed the **FBI rejected a CB collaboration 3 times.** FYI: **Ask TJC why** a failed 2011 FBI alliance may be to blame.

4/30/21: TJC finds Bates' old 8-page lab report on web (2 pages on 9-10). But **multiple agencies reject collaborating with our 40 retired lawmen and women** (Details on pgs. 7-10; Full lab report is available).



5/4/21: TJC is referred to the **Vallejo Police Department**, a Bay Area agency that newsman Dale Julin had provided GFP's DNA and fingerprints to, 5 years earlier.

VPD's Robbery-Homicide **Lt. Drew Ramsey** confirms that his agency still had the team-provided Poste genetic sample (forwarded from SFPD). FYI (8/12/21): But **three months later, Ramsey suddenly stopped texting TJC and the CB team.** (LEIU-DOJ BM; DJ)

DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911) DATE: 9/18/75
 ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Halt
 LOS ANGELES (62-6654)

ZODIAC
 EXTORTION

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TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN SIX VICTIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO ZODIAC BY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES. FIVE OF THE KNOWN VICTIMS WERE KILLED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN A TEN MONTH PERIOD THAT BEGAN IN DECEMBER, 1968. **THE SIXTH VICTIM KNOWN TO BE ZODIAC'S WAS A CO-ED MURDERED IN RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, IN 1966.** ZODIAC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD INDEED BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RIVERSIDE SLAYING IN A LETTER MAILED MARCH 15, 1971, FROM PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA.

7/20/21: 11 weeks after TJC's approach for a GFP-Bates DNA comparison, Riverside PD's **PIO Ryan J. Railsback** (below-left) emails TJC and his East Coast university CSI experts.

Agency reveals it is **no longer "going to participate in any further projects regarding Bates homicide."** FYI: The department had reiterated earlier it was **"100 percent sure" Bates was killed by an unidentified town suspect** (More details on p.7, Clue #10).

Despite Riverside PD's decades-long denial of a Zodiac connection to Bates, **this forgotten 1975 FBI memo** (at left) **revealed the truth.**

9/1/21: Five weeks after Riverside PD said they were no longer *"going to participate in any further projects regarding the Bates homicide,"* **the department suddenly pulls an about-face – announcing a \$50,000 reward** for the *"arrest and conviction"* of Bates' 1966 killer. The puzzled TJC instructs one of his lawyers to quietly probe RPD on behalf of an *"unnamed client."* PIO Railsback quickly emailed back (below) to the attorney: An *"anonymous"* town donor had allegedly put up the money to solve the 55-year case.



From: Railsback, Ryan <Rrailsback@riversideca.gov>
 To: Attorney Michael London <lonbiz@aol.com>
 Sent: Wed, Sep 1, 2021 5:10 pm
 Subject: RE: [External] Cheri Jo Bates Murder Case Lead Reward

Yes, I'm confident our department and **investigators would be interested even if the suspect is deceased** and can be proven to have been her killer. How would you like us to proceed with obtaining the information you have while we contact the person funding the reward with your question?

OBSTRUCTION → **9/16/21:** Two weeks later, a CB Media Rep re-engages Riverside PD PIO Railsback. But when she asks for a California Public Records Act request for Bates' crime file, the **agency won't assist because the 55-year-old case is an ongoing "criminal investigation."** FYI: During this Media Rep's intro call, Railsback gave **"so much uncertainty in the answers": He twice said he's "pretty sure" the mysterious hair-DNA were "uploaded on CODIS." But he definitely knows "there's been no match to an offender."** As noted on page 1, **no Zodiac evidence is on CODIS and RPD refuses to test the DNA from GFP – why?**

10/5/21: TJC emails **Bob Morehouse**, a 13-year collaborator and former criminal-intelligence expert for California's Department of Justice (TJC was one of the agency's instructors for 18 years). Team organizer asks for Bob's help in reversing RPD's stance on the Bates' crime-scene DNA – but Morehouse **refuses to refer TJC's team to the CA DOJ brass.**



HERE'S WHY (#1) →

From: Tom Colbert <tolbert@commstatim.com>
 Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:58 AM
 To: Bob Morehouse <@doj.ca.gov>

Bob we've tried everything: 3 months of courting the PIO, with a promise he'd put their cold case team on the phone. Then I sent three esteemed Uni of Maryland forensic experts for a discussion -- again, blew them off. Then I went to a former chief there that had worked with me at LAPD first -- still friendly, since the 80s. Gave him ALL the materials and evidence, even the agency (Vallejo PD) that you hooked me up with the Lt. The RPD ex-chief was obviously told to buck out (no return calls). **What choice have they left us?**

Sorry Tom—I **cannot be involved. You risk alienating many people.** Bob

10/6/21:



After 6 months of non-cooperation from Riverside PD (i.e., refusing to compare Bates' 1966 killer DNA with GFP's 2018 swabbed DNA), **team goes to the national media** – on behalf of the alleged 13 families, 10 surviving siblings and her former college classmates.

THIS IS A LIE

But during a WUSA TV's 11 pm interview in Washington, D.C., **RPD states a bald-faced fib on the national network**: CBS Reporter Mike Valerio tells his guest, CB Forensic Chief **Tom Mauriello** (left), that **RPD PIO Railsback claimed "no one had asked to compare [Bate's] DNA" with another suspect's DNA**. But **Mauriello informs Reporter Valerio: "I personally sent an email requesting the exam [on 7/6/21], they said they would not."** Following TJC's release, **FBI distributes a disclaimer to media: "The Zodiac Killer case remains open. We have no new information to share at the moment."** FYI: TJC and Mauriello's email chains show two DNA requests and RPD rejections (all available).

10/9/21: While sharing the CBS' breaking GFP-Zodiac news, a podcaster reveals that, **back in 2017**, retired Riverside Police **Chief Sergio Dias** (left) **had secretly given HISTORY CHANNEL some Cheri Jo Bates' DNA** – allegedly harvested from her 1966 crime-scene clothing. Podcaster **Ken Mains**, who co-hosted that TV program, later told TJC the DNA lifted from **the clothes and the left-behind watch didn't match genetic coding from two "suspects"** featured on the multi-part show. **FYI #1**: Note the **brown hairs found in Bates' hand weren't used for this 2017 RPD test. But in 1999 and 2000, the RPD provided those hairs to clear two town candidates, courtesy of the FBI's lab.** (See pgs. 9-10). **Sadly, the FBI, Riverside PD and San Francisco PD appear to be conducting an elaborate shell game** with the DNA evidence.



CORRUPTION

FYI #2: California law states that **crime-scene forensic materials** – purportedly secured by agencies of jurisdiction to be uploaded onto the FBI's CODIS database – are strictly **for law enforcement only, not for public access or TV shows**. See Riverside PD's alleged state code violation at TL 11/17/21, below. Email chains and contacts for podcaster Mains and RPD ex-chief Dias are available. (Sources: TJC; SCL; SFPD-SC, RPD-RR & SD).

10/19/21: Ten days later, TJC emails **California Attorney General Rob Bonta** (and his PIO **Dana Williamson**). Team organizer requests **assistance in getting a simple DNA comparison** between Riverside PD's 1966 murder-scene hairs and GFP's DNA at San Francisco PD (arranged by newsman Dale Julin, 5 years earlier). **FYI (10/29/21)**: But the **state's chief lawman orders his staff to redirect CBs back to SFPD** (emails avail).



GETTING THE RUNAROUND

11/10/21: CB/Board Member **Jen Bucholtz** (Peyton, CO) is frustrated by the limited cooperation from the agencies with Zodiac connections. With her Army counter-intel training in two war zones, along with Master degrees in Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, she's developed a rep for spotting government malfeasance.



The El Paso County Sheriff's Office criminal investigator, professor and part-time podcaster first labeled Riverside PD's refusals to compare Bates'/GFP's genetic samples as **"an obstruction of justice."** After studying the team's **half-dozen turndowns** – Riverside, Vallejo and San Francisco, CA DOJ (twice), the state's AG and the FBI – Jen believes she's spotted **something potentially criminal**. **"The 2004 election on Prop 64 required that anyone arrested for a felony (i.e.: GFP booked in 2016) is to be swabbed and their DNA be put into CODIS for comparisons to other unsolved crimes. An officer at a friendly agency confirmed that GFP's DNA (harvested in 2016) has yet to be entered in CODIS."** Penal Code section 296(a)(2)(C) provides for the collection of DNA samples from an adult arrested or charged with a felony. Effective January 1, 2016, Legislature amended Penal Code sections 298 and 299 to address the retention issue. Proposition 47 (2016) **reduction of a felony conviction or adjudication to a misdemeanor does not relieve the offender of the duty to provide a database sample.** (Law's full wording is at this California link, on page 47: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/prop64-Memo-20161110.pdf>)

11/11/21: MORE OBSTRUCTION

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November 11, 2021 at 11:32 PM

Bullets and other items

To be lent to Tom Colbert investigation team
For investigation into gary post involvement in
Zodiac slayings.

Qty.	caliber
55 ea.	38 special.
76 ea.	.30 9 mm luger
96 ea.	.357. .357 max
45 ea.	9mm. Wcc 98
62 ea.	.45 auto
50 ea.	.22. Hornet
87 ea.	P50. .30 carbine
152 ea.	.38 special. .357 magnum
132 ea.	.223
228 ea.	9mm. 38 auto
14 ea.	30.06. 270 win
46 ea.	.40 luger
14 ea.	22-250 rem
35 ea.	.380 auto
45 ea.	.45. Cal. 44. Cal
88 ea.	357 magnum
3 ea.	8 x 57
5 ea.	.445. Super
3ea.	30-30 win
3 ea.	8mm. Mauser
3 ea.	8 mm

Total. 1231. Pieces

- 1 bed roll
- 1 cypher name solve
- 1 handwriting comparison

Gun parts : Firing pins : Pieces 5 ea with accessories
 2 ea. Finger triggers

TJC's long-time sources in GFP's 1-street town tipped him to an evidentiary gold mine: A few years before suspect's 2018 death, he quietly gave away his weapons, bullets, pistol parts, gun powder & shells -- over a thousand -- to selected town residents. GFP's odd "gifts" remained in home attics and closets, untouched, until the Case Breakers were alerted in 2021.



FYI: When the sleuths later asked the Zodiac-connected officials in the Bay Area if they would like our ballistics expert to come in and compare Poste's 9mm "firing pin impressions" to the shells recovered at the crime scenes, **the FBI, Vallejo PD and SFPD all refused to meet with the volunteer team.**

12/13/21:



To compare-and-contrast GFP's recovered .22 and 9mm cartridge casings with Zodiac crime-scene shells, TJC approaches one of the most respected ballistic experts in the West, **Nancy McCombs** – now teaching law enforcement students and working part-time for the CA DOJ. She eagerly agrees to take on the Zodiac comparisons for the coming TV doc and plans to join the Case Breakers when she "*retires in 2 years.*" FYI: But like DOJ's Morehouse (TL 10/5/21), **Nancy pulled back after allegedly talking to state officials.**

HERE'S WHY (#2)

From: Nancy McCombs <@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 8:36 AM
Subject: Re: Hey Nancy, circling back... TJC
To: Tom Colbert <@gmail.com>

I do not think this is a good fit for me at this time. **Due to the nature of the high profile cases you focus on, most will shy away.** I wish you and your wife the best.

12/29/21:



On referral from the State AG's office, TJC emails the San Francisco PD **Sgt. Scott Warnke**. The CB organizer reveals that he wants to send SFPD hundreds of 9mm and .22 cartridge cases, once property of our alleged Zodiac GFP, for the agency's ballistic comparison to the cartridge cases left at various Bay Area crime scenes. In exchange:

- 1) TJC asks Warnke for GFP's DNA coding that newsman Julin had arranged for them to receive in 2016. The goal is to compare those genetic numbers to Riverside PD's mystery hairs found in victim Bates' hand. But **like Riverside, SFPD will not comment.**
- 2) TJC then provides Warnke a respected SoCal lab's DNA report on GFP's 30-year hiking mat (Tests done on the straps and a blow-up spout). **Warnke refuses to state if any of these 3 DNA mat strands match up to GFP's 2016 sample given to the SFPD.**
- 3) **Warnke now requests all raw materials related to our SoCal lab report.** But just as TJC finishes packing up those items for shipping...
- 4) The emailing **Warnke abruptly cancels his request; now he only wants the 100s of recovered GFP cartridges for crime-scene shell comparisons (without the CB reps attending).** FYI: The more than 1200 recovered shells are on loan from a 3rd-party owner.

STONEWALLING

2/1/22:

The Riverside PD's \$50,000 reward for Bates' killer is supposedly "returned" without fanfare to an alleged donor, and the SoCal news headlines end. (ML; MD; FOIA-9/16/21; CNS-8/4/21)

An Important Note from TJC

The Case Breakers' nickname isn't about fame and fortune or a slam on those wearing uniforms and badges. This non-profit serves as a beacon of courage for the hundreds of thousands of crime victims who've given up on hope and justice. Growing lawlessness, however, has overwhelmed the public agencies, so our 40 retired lawmen and women have picked up that mantle and made it their mission. Another difficulty is basic human nature. The bigger an unsolved case or department is, the more push-back our volunteers encounter – blame it on apathy, ego and embarrassment. The greatest challenge, however, has been the FBI, obstructing, covering up and flat-out lying about the evidence in our last 3 investigations (*Cooper, Hoffa and Zodiac*). But we believe our bad luck may be changing – stay tuned!

THE CASE BREAKERS

(Highlighted members on hunt)

Private Investigators & Forensic Experts:

APUS, College Adjunct Instructor Jen Bucholtz – former Army Counterintelligence (Peyton, CO)
PI Bill Proctor – former Police Officer, 40-year TV Investigator (ret.), current PI (Bloomfield Hills, MI)
PI George Jared – Field Investigator, Five-Time Author, Podcaster (Jonesboro, AR)
PI Jack Immendorf – Crime / Fraud Expert; worked 1977 “DB Cooper” CA murder case (S.F., CA);
PI Justin Rimmel – Field Investigator & Researcher, Podcaster-Mysterious Circumstances (IN)
Forensic, Archeologist/Anthropologist Dana Kollmann – PhD, 3 degrees, CSI (Towson Uni, MD)
Forensic, Archivist Shannon Van Zant – Document-Recovery Expert (Calaveras County, CA)
Forensic, CSI Professor Tom Mauriello – former DOD, now Criminal Justice Instructor (Laurel, MD)
Forensic, Cyber Inv. Courtney Lancaster – field/online operative, DOD Instructor (Baltimore, MA)
Forensic, Cyber Inv. Jim Christy – Former Director, AFOSI/DC3; Cyber Expert (Baltimore, MA)
Forensic, DNA Expert Kelly Elkins – Forensic biology/chemistry at 4 schools (Towson Uni, MD)
Forensic, DNA Expert Francine Bardole – Forensic Lab/Ballistics Coordinator (SLC, UT)
Document Examiner Linton Mohammed – Former National President, ASQDE (S.F., CA)
Forensic, NSA Codebreaker Rick Sherwood – Former USA Sgt., 3 Vietnam Tours (Wheatfield, IN)
Forensic, Pathologist Priya Banerjee, M.D. – Instructor at 2 Universities, State Cold Case Team (RI)

Consultants / Federal Agencies & Departments:

FBI Agent Donald Max Noel (ret.) – Supervisory SA, 1996 Unabomber Capture (San Francisco, CA)
FBI Agent Dory Schreuder (ret.) – 1980 River Supervisor for “DB Cooper” cash-recovery (Bozeman, MT)
FBI Agent Thomas Carver (ret.) – former JTTF Bomb Squad (Greenville, SC)
FBI Polygrapher Ron Hilley (ret.) – Team’s spokesman for former federal agents (S.F., CA)
FBI Profiler Jack Schafer (ret.) – Ph.D., Therapist, Lie Detection, Author (Macomb, IL)
FBI Senior Agent Bobby Chacon (ret.) – 8 years Lucchese & Jamaican mobs, 19 yrs CSI diver (LA, CA):
FBI Sup. Hadley McCann (ret.) – Oversaw 2017 “DB Cooper” parachute-recovery dig (Bend, OR)
FBI Sup. Mark Roberts (ret.) – 12 years, NYC Gambino Mob; 20 years Counter-Intelligence (VA)
U.S. Atty. Joe Russoniello (ret.) – Former FBI, 2-time US Attorney & SF Law School Dean (S.F., CA)
U.S. Army Counter-Intel Mike Davis (ret.) – Security, Investigator, CB Video Editing (Sacramento, CA)
U.S. Army Intelligence Officer Erik Kleinsmith (ret.) – “Able Danger” Major, CB Vice-Chair (Chantilly, VA)
U.S. Army LTC Ken Overturf (ret.) – 1st Cav; “D.B. Cooper” former commander (Colorado Springs, CO)
U.S. Customs Field Ops/Pacific Division Director Richard Vigna (ret.) – CBP, Pacific (Reno, NV)
U.S. Marshal Art Roderick (ret.) – Investigations Assistant Director & Senior Executive Service (MA)
U.S. Marshal/County Sheriff Johnny “Mack” Brown (ret.) – (Greenville County, SC)
U.S. Marshal Neil DeSousa (ret.) – Former Asst. Director, Tactical Ops; now at FSA Fed (Ashburn, VA)

Consultants / State Agencies:

Special Agent Jon Campbell – South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED; Travelers West, SC)
Lt. Agent Pete Logan – South Carolina Law Enforcement Division/Former FBI (SLED; Columbia, SC)

Consultants / Local Agencies & Departments:

Commander Jim Zimmerman (ret.) – Chicago JTTF/Niles PD (London Mills, IL)
Commander Terry Freeman (ret.) – Chicago JTTF/Woodridge PD (Delavan, WI)
Detective Bob Schiotis, Homicide (ret.) – CA DOJ & Fresno Police (Fresno, CA)
Detective Dan Horan – former Major Crimes, LAPD; now VCDA Investigator (Thousand Oaks, CA)
Detective Sgt. John Bocciaolatt – former Portland Police Bureau (NY)

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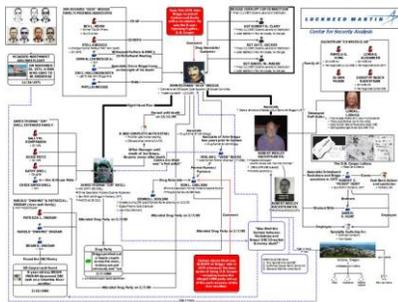
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Linton A. Mohammed, Ph.D. (San Francisco, CA), is a Past-President of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners [ASQDE] and a member of similar organizations in Canada and England. He's testified in over 100 trials in the U.S., the Caribbean & UK. Mohammed and a concurring colleague found hand-printing "*similarities*" between a taunting 1971 "D.B. Cooper" Letter and the signed boarding pass of "Dan Cooper." And now he's been recruited to compare the handwriting of our Zodiac suspect to the serial killer's 19 coded letters.



Francine Bardole (SLC, UT), the founder of *Cold Case Solutions & Resources*, is a forensic trailblazer with two Bachelor's Degrees and certifications covering Criminology, Corrections, Forensic Serology and DNA. In the last 20 years of over 3 decades of public service, she has been an adjunct professor in Criminalistics, focused on CSI and Forensics; educating the next-generation detectives; closing cold cases; and discovering/implementing new superior tools for harvesting DNA.



Former Army Intelligence Officer Erik A. Kleinsmith (Chantilly, VA) is the team's Board Vice Chairman. He was critical in link/network analysis during the "D.B. Cooper" hunt (Left; 2011-18), organizing 40 years of forensic evidence, maps and materials in TJC's 100-page crime report. Kleinsmith is also the author of the acclaimed 2020 investigative bible, *Intelligence Operations: Understanding Data, Tools, People, and Processes.*



At the end of his 30-year tenure at the U.S. Marshals Service, **Neil DeSousa** (Ashburn, VA), Asst. Director of Tactical Ops Division, was responsible for more than 30 programs such as the protection of the Office of Emergency Management, the CDC national supply stockpile, the Canine Program, and Special Operations Group. After retirement, he became Regional Director of U.S. South Division for FSA Federal – in charge of a team of 200 on the DOJ's Asset Forfeiture Administrative Support Services contract.



Former FBI Headquarters Supervisor **Mark Roberts** (VA) specialized in Counterintelligence for 20 years. But he also spent 12 years engaging Organized Crime in New York City, particularly involving the notorious Gambino Family.



Bill Proctor (Bloomfield Hills, MI) was first a police officer, then an award-winning journalist, investigative reporter, producer and anchorman for nearly 40 years. In 2020, Bill joined the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he received his degree in Sociology and Corrections with a Journalism minor. Now a PI, his continuing passion for redressing injustice led Bill to create *SeekingJusticebp.com*.



Jen Bucholtz (Peyton, CO), a former Army Counterintelligence Agent who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. She now holds Master degrees in both Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. She has taught various college courses in those fields and is a published author, specializing in research on Traumatic Brain Injuries and other military-related current events, as well as forensic case studies.



George Jared (Jonesboro, AR) is a cold case investigator, award-winning journalist, a book author and a true-crime podcast host. In 2018, the Lyon College journalism graduate met his investigative partner on unsolved murders, Jen Bucholtz. We're thrilled to have them both on the Case Breakers.



Jim Zimmerman (London Mills, IL) is a former Task Force Officer on the FBI's Chicago JTTF Human Intel Squad, creator of the Terrorism Liaison Officer Committee (TLOC), Special Agent at the Illinois Gaming Commission, and a past Commander at Niles P.D. In 2020, he brought the team an exclusive tip on the killers' trail and burial spot of Jimmy Hoffa, since confirmed by ground-penetrating radar. His investigative skills are now focused on the Zodiac case.



Of his 40 years in local and national law enforcement, **Art Roderick** spent 25 of them in the US Marshals. He retired in 2008 as an Assistant Director for Investigations, Senior Executive Service (SES), and formerly, as the Chief of Staff. The renowned fugitive hunter will be assembling a crack team of former feds.

FYI: Dig/lab team (noted on p. 16 **in red** and at **The Case Breakers** website) is on call for investigation: DNA Expert Kelly Elkins, Archeologist/Anthropologist Dana Kollmann, Pathologist Priya Banejee and Team Leader/CSI Professor Tom Mauriello (also a former DOD Police Chief and Crime Scene Coordinator). There will also be a psychologist donating his time to monitor the traumatized sources: **Dr. Mark Reinecke** (NWU School of Med.)



THOMAS J. COLBERT
Corporate Bio

Colbert is an investigative journalist, award-winning author and producer who focuses on heart-felt true stories that seek justice, identify role models, share lessons learned and correct history.

His success stems from wearing two hats: For three decades, Colbert was a news media executive in editorial and management positions in L.A. (CBS and Paramount) while working as an adjunct trainer and community-affairs specialist for law enforcement and public safety agencies. These dual careers and life-long contacts have given him unique access to breaking cases and reopened investigations before they make national headlines.

He continues his work through three non-profit and for-profit businesses:

The Case Breakers.org (CB): With now more than a quarter-million unsolved murders nationwide – and only 5% of police agencies with a cold case staff to solve them – Colbert saw a critical need to refocus his true-story efforts on these forgotten family files. Now a decade later, his 40-member task force of volunteers, led by retired FBI agents and U.S. Marshals, provide a combined 1500 years of skill sets in forensics, public safety, behavioral science, criminal justice, academics, geophysics and geospatial analysis. Credited with cracking some of the USA’s most difficult mysteries, this non-profit entity, with the financial help of community, government and corporate partners, has 3 goals: solving cases, funding more teams and promoting careers in all branches of public service.

CommStatim.com (CS): In 2009, Colbert launched a service to deliver crisis-management consulting, training, and public-speaking events to those with a badge or uniform, along with their professional associations and academies. *The Case Breakers*, with their unique talents, are also partnering with CS.

IndustryRandD.com (IRD): In 1992, Colbert created a middleman story service that functions as a private pipeline for marketing thousands of local reporter stories to national editors and producers. These small-town story tips in turn are now considered by *The Case Breakers* – especially the ones involving investigations that have stalled or been ignored.

More than two dozen of these IRD story leads have become books or aired on various networks, OTT and theatrical platforms – such as the 2016 & 2022 *DB Cooper* documentaries on hijack suspect Robert W. Rackstraw (DBCoper.com); the 2012 feature film, *The Vow*, starring Rachel McAdams (playing a car-accident bride with permanent amnesia); and 1994 TV Movie of the Week, *Baby Brokers*, starring Cybill Shepherd (nation’s 1st surrogate fraud case, involving the Los Angeles-based US Attorney and the LAPD).

California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI): Prior to IRD, Colbert was recruited by California’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) to be a disaster-management instructor at CSTI, the state’s renowned specialized training facility at Camp San Luis. For 18 years, thousands of professionals attended his presentations covering terrorism, natural disasters, hostage situations, hazardous materials and media-relations training (1983-2001).

PAGE ONE'S END NOTES:

- 1) 9/24/22 CB member (former military CI) called an FBI agent he'd known at HQ for years. Then "the topic of Zodiac arose" – CB said there was new evidence. With no prompting, agent chose to "look in FBI database." He revealed it "had Poste listed as the suspect" and lab had the "partial DNA of Zodiac." FYI: Surprise tip made CB a whistleblower (**will talk – incognito**).
- 2) 4/27/23 5 Forensic Colleges: TM-Uni of Maryland; SL-Texas A&M & OK State Uni; PB-Uni of PA; KE-Towson Uni; 2 Private Labs: FB-CCS&R; SR-PGF (See page 3; full 6-page report avail)
- 3) 7/5/19 10 siblings of murdered/attacked victims have been located (contacts avail). 2 Articles:
A) <https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2019/07/05/former-vallejo-woman-recalls-her-sister-murdered-by-the-zodiac-killer-50-years-ago-this-weekend-2/>
B) <https://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/2007/02/22/something-good-comes-from-tragic-tale/>
- 4) 12/10/14 Whistleblower Wil, Anchorman Julin and retired 'Nam Fighter Pilot Hans Smits meet with stunned FBI in Watsonville, on behalf of a ½-dozen Groveland residents (in emails/avail).
- 5) 1/27/15 Feds reject town witnesses' decades-long Zodiac account; a whitewash begins. FYI: **Doc Producers**, ask TJC about the ten-page Zodiac pitch, plus see 52 memos/photos at this link: <https://thecasebreakers.org/2021/11/the-zodiac-killer-official-correspondence/>
- 6) 11/17/21 Several sympathetic cops with CODIS access emailed CBs: "According to the Cal-DOJ lab, that person (GF Poste) is not currently entered in state database." This is a violation of CA Penal Code section 296(a)(2)(C), which provides for collection of DNA samples from an adult arrested or charged with a felony (like Poste). This is just 1 of 23 dodges and/or falsehoods noted by team. FYI: SFPD and Riverside PD's controversial email chains are also available). For a consult on CODIS and CA state law, email CB Jen Bucholtz, below.
- 7) DATE TBA CBs hope the actions by these three agencies (FBI, SFPD and Riverside PD) face official scrutiny. FYI: Only 5% of agencies can afford cold case teams; volunteers are the future!

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- Case Breaker Dale Julin (SC; Anchor/Tipster/**Author of 380-pg. Zodiac manuscript**): DaleKentJulin88@gmail.com
- Case Breaker DNA Expert/Professor/Author Kelly Elkins (Townson University, MD): KellyMElkins@gmail.com
- Case Breaker Erik Kleinsmith (VA; ex-USA Major; see "*Able Danger*" Cover-Up): Erik.Kleinsmith@gmail.com
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