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MCPI MISSION STATEMENT: The Michigan Council of Professional Investigators (MCPI) is an organizational network of investigators from across the State of Michigan founded on integrity, professionalism, and high industry standards. Our organization will strive to provide investigators with education, legislative support, business opportunities, and synergistic forums to gather and exchange ideas. The MCPI members maintain the highest standard of this and confidentiality to promote trust and support amongst our clients and colleagues.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Schoenherr

Hello Members and Congrats to all the Grads! We have officially gotten into the Summer months and for many of us it means time with family and friends, relaxing and fellowship, either for a short weekend or a long well deserved vacation.

Please keep an eye on the list serve and the MCPI website for new and upcoming programming.

We have entered into agreements with an outside firm for discounted, online training. We are working to add other online training providers. A special shout-out to Eugene Butler and the Continued Education Committee.

This Summer we have a webinar and a shooting range dinner meeting event, and several events leading up to the Annual Meeting in October. We are also planning some meet and greet events around the State of Michigan and will be providing more information soon.

MCPI's Board of Directors has worked hard to provide the best events offerings we can.

We are now offering MCPI Challenge Coins for sale on the MCPI website, please go check them out and place your order!

And finally, we have chosen two scholarship recipients and will be announcing the winners soon.

Thank you all for your membership and support and I look forward to seeing you all soon, in person, at an upcoming event.

Jim Schoenherr
MCPI President

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Challenge Coins

MCPI challenge coins are available for purchase via the online *Store* on our website. Cost is \$10 per coin.

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Webinar: Investigating Signs of Strangulation

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Gun Range 4:00 PM and Dinner Meeting 5:00 PM

Location: Huron Valley Guns, New Hudson, Michigan

TOPIC AND SPEAKER: Jolene Hardesty, Missing and Exploited Children

Thursday, October 19, 2023

2023 Fall Conference

Location: MSU Henry Center, Lansing, Michigan

Tuesday-Thursday, October 24-26, 2023

Criminal Defense Investigation Training

Location: MSU Henry Center, Lansing, Michigan

INSTRUCTOR: Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER

Sign up now our website: www.mcpihome.com

Welcome to our New 2023 Members:

Tyler Adams, Amy Becks, Michael Bolf, Becky L. Bushey,
Robert Eisenmann, Kenneth Harrington, Kenneth Hartman,
Donald Meador, Bruce Paris, Paula Paschal, Alex Periso,
Ronal Stamps, Moon Toma, Rhonda Woodriffe



MCPI MEMBERS-ONLY EVENT

Join us for target practice, networking with other PI's, and to learn about investigating missing children cases

- TARGET PRACTICE & SHOOTING CONTEST
- NETWORKING
- DINNER / DRINKS
- MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2023

HURON VALLEY GUNS

www.huronvalleyguns.com



248-667-9910



Huron Valley Guns
56477 Grand River Ave
New Hudson, MI



4:00PM SHOOTING RANGE

Shooting Range has eight 25-yard lanes, six 50-yard lanes, and three 100-yard lanes.

Cost: Lane fees are \$14-\$19 per 1/2 hour block per person.



5:00PM DINNER & NETWORKING

Dinner and/or Drinks at Molly Pitcher's Cafe, located within Huron Valley Guns.

Dinner: 10oz Top Sirloin or Grilled Salmon

Cost: \$28 per person - Reservations Required



5:45PM MEETING: INVESTIGATING MISSING CHILDREN CASES

Guest Speaker: Jolene Hardesty, Michigan State Police Missing Children's Clearinghouse Analyst will be presenting on investigating missing children cases.

Cost: No Charge to MCPI Members

Register at www.mcpihome.com

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US



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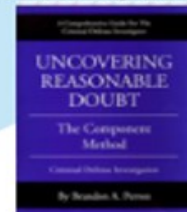
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THE COMPONENT METHOD

A Comprehensive Approach to Conducting Criminal Defense Investigations

The Component Method was developed to provide public defender investigators and private sector investigators with a formula for conducting successful and comprehensive criminal defense assignments.

This course presents the Component Method of Criminal Defense Investigation in a comprehensive format designed to address the training needs of new or experienced investigators. The philosophy and analytical methodology of criminal defense investigation and theory of investigative critical thinking are examined, as is the concept of reasonable doubt.

A copy of the book *Uncovering Reasonable Doubt: The Component Method* by Brandon A. Perron will be provided to all attendees.

COMPONENTS

- Investigative Case Review & Analysis
- The Defendant Interview
- Crime Scene Examination, Diagrams & Photography
- Victim / Witness Background Investigations
- Witness Interviews & Statements
- Report of Investigations & Testifying

Successful completion on this course combined with experience prerequisites will allow you to apply for the expert designation of nationally recognized Board *Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI)*.

OCTOBER 24-26, 2023

8:00am – 6:00pm



**MSU Henry Center for
Executive Development**

3535 Forest Road
Lansing, MI 48910



Candlewood Suites Hotel

MCPI has arranged a courtesy room block at the adjoining hotel. You Must Reserve by 9/23/23 to get the discounted hotel rate.

The group room rate does not include applicable state and local taxes.

Candlewood Suites-East Lansing

3545 Forest Road, Lansing, MI
517-351-8181

Studio Suite \$ 95/night

1-Bedroom Suite \$135/night



Registration Fees

MCPI Members \$450

Non-Members \$500

Affiliate PI Associations \$450

Registration includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED - REGISTER NOW - www.mcpihome.com

Criminal Defense Investigation Training Agenda

FEATURED ARTICLE:

ADOPTION SEARCHES: HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE THEY??

BY: RACHELE' DAVIS

Private investigators conduct all kinds of work. Some is very cut and dry, what I call "a to b" work. Other work is not as straightforward. That's where I fit.

The majority of my cases include identifying, locating, and contacting biological parents. Various factors dictate where and how far these cases go, as well as their outcomes.

IDENTIFY

I work in sections. My first task is to identify the biological parent(s). This can involve DNA registries and family trees, adoption paperwork, ordering original birth certificates, contacting adoption agencies and hospitals, or even interviewing doctors and attorneys. Occasionally I never get past this stage if my client decides it's too much work or they've changed their mind and no longer wish to follow through with a search. For me, this happens about 15% of the time. Choosing to identify biological parents is not easy. Having the patience to endure the process can also be very difficult and time-consuming.

LOCATE

After identifying the birth parent(s), the next step is locating them. This is a big decision and can be a heartbreaking one because 33% of the time, I discover one or both birth parents are deceased. Some of my clients feel guilt or remorse for failing to search sooner. Others feel a terrible sense of loss in never being able to make contact with their birth mom or birth dad. It's tough. But 67% of the time, I am able to give the good news to my client that their birth mother and/or birth father are still living.

However, it is certainly worth noting that plenty of my clients whose birth parents have been determined to be deceased have forged onward to create fulfilling and lasting relationships with biological siblings, half siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and beyond. Many of my clients' questions still get answered and they are able to discover much about their birth parents' health, hobbies, personalities, and history.

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CONTACT

When it comes to the last step, attempting contact, this can get tricky. Not everyone wants to be found. Not everyone is in a good place when I contact them. Life is messy. Over the last 5.5 years, 13% of the birth parents I have contacted have refused any contact with the son or daughter who has searched them out. Again, even when this happens, some clients have established relationships with other biological family members. Though a closed door is a closed door, there are sometimes other doors to explore. And you never know when that door that's been shut so tight for so long might open up a bit.

Rachele ' Davis is a Private Investigator specializing in Adoption Investigations. Check out her blog at [New Hope Investigations](#) for more great articles and information.

Online Training:

MCPI has partnered with online learning education leaders **InvestigativeCourses.com** to provide continuing education for MCPI members. MCPI members receive a 25% discount on these distance learning courses.

To take advantage of this offer, log in to InvestigativeCourses.com using the exclusive link <http://mi-MCPI.investigativecourses.com> each time you visit. At checkout, use the *discount coupon* code **MI-MCPI25** to claim your 25% discount.

More information is available on MCPI's website by clicking on *Online Education*.

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