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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

by Jerry Hardesty

Members,

It was great to see so many of you at the Annual Fall Conference last month in Lansing!! The Conference was a success on many levels. It was an honor to have such an outstanding lineup of Speakers including Keith Elliott, Ruben Roel, and Ryan Robison. Each of them kept us captivated and provided a wealth of knowledge and insight during their times on stage. Thank you to our Sponsors, the Venue, and to each one of you who contributed to our tremendous turnout, ranging from Members, non-Members from across the country, and 3 Investigators who joined us via Zoom. We are already working on details for next year's Fall Conference, so stay tuned for more information as we get closer to 2025.

Please go to our next Quarterly Dinner Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Rocky's in Northville. This is another excellent venue, the food is spectacular, and we are expecting another great turnout. Please go our website and sign up in advance, the Dinner Meetings have been filling up fast. This is another great Networking Event for our Members.

Following up on my announcement of our Ambassador Program, I will be reaching out to many of you this Fall to ask for your participation to help get the program underway and growing.

A very special thank you also needs to be extended to both Sue Hardesty and Cheri Gelnak for all of the extra work they put in to make sure the Fall Conference was such a success. Please reach out to them to say thanks if you have not already done so.

Jerry Hardesty

President

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Save the Date:

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 — 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Dinner Meeting: Networking Event

Location: Rocky's of Northville, 41122 West 7 Mile Road, Northville.

Visit the MCPI Website to Register: www.mcpihome.com

WELCOME to our newest Members:

Zachary Pena
Christopher Deal
Thomas Anderson

2024 MCPI LISTSERV RULES & GUIDELINES:

One of the great benefits for MCPI Members has been our listserv. Every month we see outstanding communication, networking, shared ideas, help with locating experts, and referrals to cases around the State. This service provides us with an opportunity to meet and work with other PI's who we may not have previously known, to support each other, and to share our knowledge and experiences. As we continue to interact and support each other through the listserv, please also remember the importance of our listserv Rules and Guidelines:

This listserv is owned by MCPI and is a privilege to its members. Posts are not moderated and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or endorsement of MCPI. Please follow these rules:

- The listserv shall only be utilized by current MCPI members, in good standing.
 - The listserv may only be used as a means for discussion, networking, Q&A, and/or to otherwise further professional development within the professional investigation industry.
 - No reposting of other member's messages without their approval.
 - No flaming, profanity, obscenity, blatant advertising or libelous comments will be tolerated.
 - No personal attacks of any kind are allowed.
 - An identifying email signature is required on all posts.
 - Posts to this listserv are to concern areas of interest to MCPI and/or the field of professional investigators (PIs). This list is professional and business oriented.
 - No use of this listserv to address disputes with a member, non-member, or the MCPI.
 - No disseminating of messages from, or on behalf of, those that have been removed from the listserv or those that are not current MCPI members.
- **Any violation of these rules could result in a suspension or removal from the listserv and/or MCPI. Disciplinary Action for offenders will be acted upon at the discretion of the MCPI Board of Directors.**

Thank you for your support of MCPI!



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DINNER MEETING

Tuesday,
November 12th

Where

Rocky's of Northville

41122 Seven Mile Road West

Northville, MI 48167

Phone: (248) 349-4434

Cost

\$36 per person

Cash bar

Dinner Options

Pecan Chicken

Portabello Ravioli

Grilled Pork Chop

Entrees include bread, butter,
house salad with House
Raspberry Maple Vinaigrette, one
starch and one vegetable.
Choice of coffee, tea, or soda.

When

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

5:00 pm Networking

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Group Discussion

- 8:00 pm

Group Discussion:

Networking with other professional investigators provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and seek solutions to common challenges. This will be a facilitated conversation to discuss best practices, answer questions, and brainstorm solutions to obstacles. This open dialogue can enhance your knowledge but also strengthen the professional community as MCPI members work together to navigate the complexities of working with clients and managing cases.

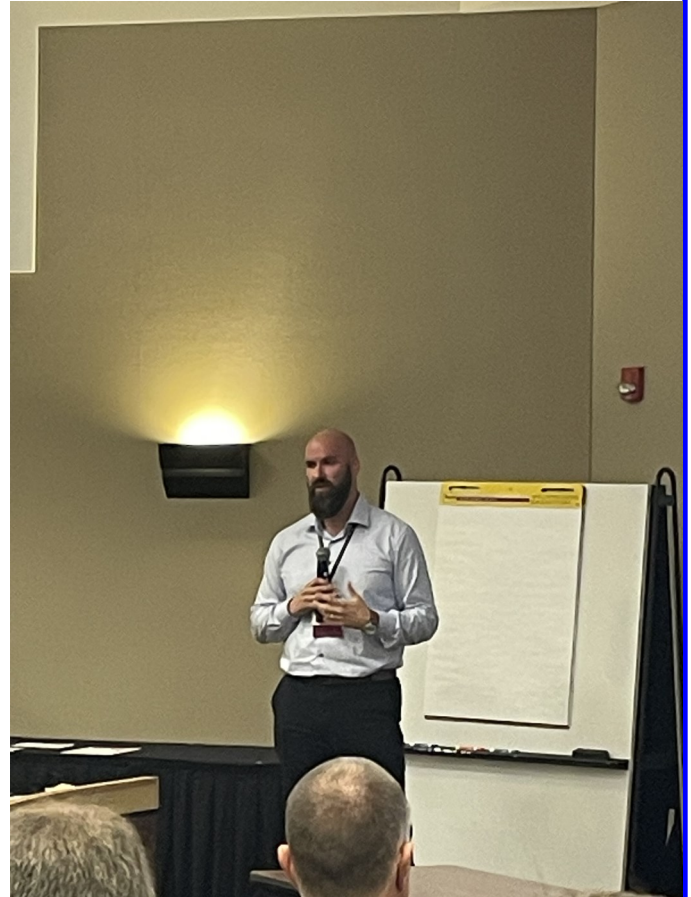
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Register at: www.mcpihome.com/calendar.php

2024 Fall Conference Photo Gallery



Top Left:

**Jerry Hardesty, MCPI
President**

Top Right:

**Brian Peebles, MCPI
Sargent At Arms**

Bottom:

**Great turnout for this
event!!**





Top: Keith Elliott captivated us with his discussion on Artificial Intelligence, Chat GPT and other platforms.

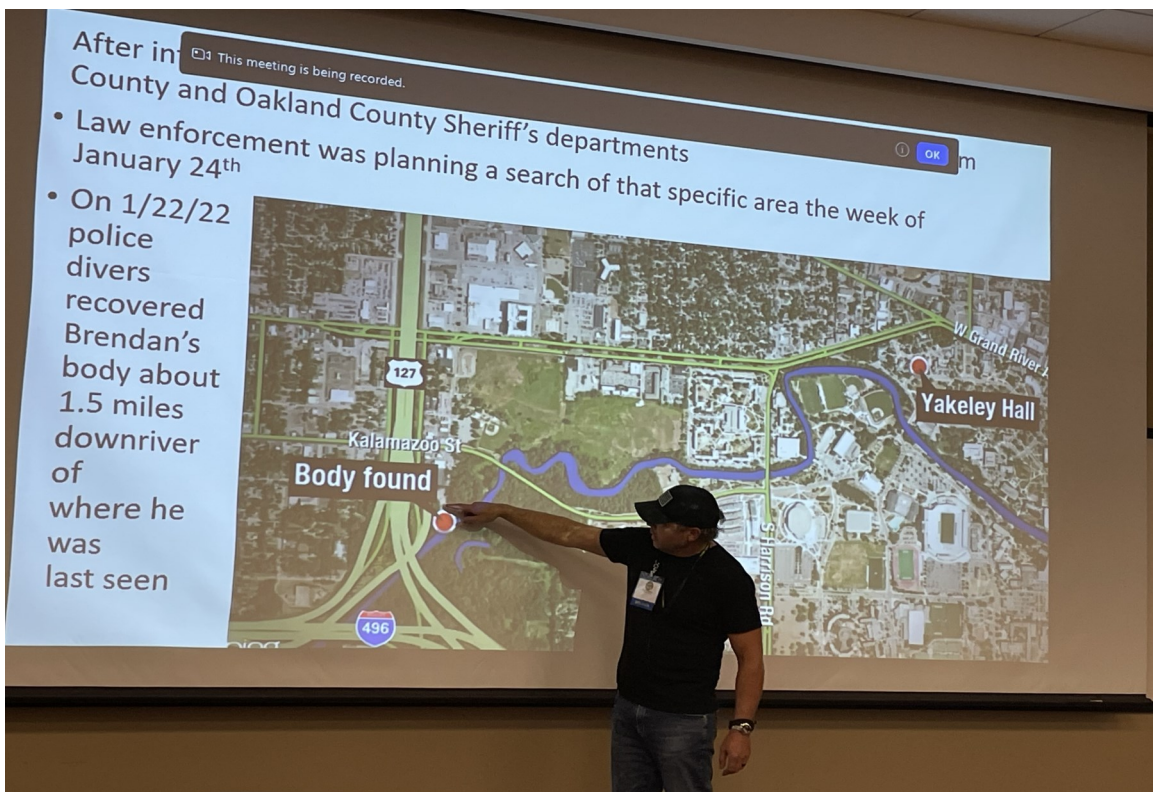
Bottom: Members and Guests had a great day of Training, Networking, and eating!!





Top: Rueben Roel shared his Marketing Strategies and secrets with us catered toward Modern Investigative Agencies.

Bottom: Ryan Robson talked in great detail about solving the Missing Person case of Brendan Santo in East Lansing.



FEATURED SLEUTH

By Russ Rheume



Wayne Bisard, our current Featured Sleuth, a Member at Large on the MCPI Board, is a highly experienced private investigator and the Chief Executive Officer of Wayne Bisard Investigations LLC, based in Jackson, Michigan. Bisard's extensive background in law enforcement spans over 26 years, during which time he served in various capacities within the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1990, served in the Marine Corps Reserves, and later pursued higher education, earning a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University and a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Throughout his career, Bisard held multiple leadership roles. He was a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Less Lethal Instructor. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001, Lieutenant in 2011, and Captain in 2013, where he served as the Division Commander of Patrol. His dedication to law enforcement earned him numerous accolades, including six departmental commendations and the 1999 Deputy of the Year award.

In addition to his law enforcement achievements, Bisard established the multi-jurisdictional crime task force and the Computer Crimes Unit at his agency. He also played a crucial role in internal investigations, addressing employee misconduct, and teaching firearm and use-of-force protocols to both law enforcement personnel and civilians.

One of Bisard's notable cases was the investigation of the murder of Patricia Artz in Jackson. Her husband, Kevin Artz, was convicted of bludgeoning her to death and then dismembering and cooking her body at their restaurant, Kip's Pizza Taco House. This bizarre and gruesome case has been the subject of numerous true crime TV shows and podcasts, highlighting the complexities and challenges in-

FEATURED SLEUTH (cont.)

By Russ Rheume

After retiring from the Sheriff's Office, Bisard founded Wayne Bisard Investigations LLC to offer professional investigative services to individuals, businesses, and law firms in Mid-Michigan. His agency specializes in criminal defense, background investigations, GPS surveillance, and more. The firm prides itself on its commitment to uncovering the truth with unwavering resolve, ensuring clients receive thorough and discrete services from investigators with substantial law enforcement experience.

Wayne Bisard has been married to Janey Bisard for 23 years, and they have two grown children, Stephanie and Ryan. Janey is set to retire from the Jackson County Courts in 2025 and plans to become more involved in the day-to-day operations of the firm.

Wayne Bisard Investigations, LLC is located in Jackson, Michigan, E-mail: Wbisard@wbipi.org, Phone# 517-917-0718 If you need any work done in the Jackson area, please consider Wayne.

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