

## Garbage In is Garbage Out - AFI-LLC Newsletter June 2018

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### Garbage In is Garbage Out

Every professional investigator should know how data flows in and out with both public records and data providers. There is no magic wand, there are many mistakes, and all information must be verified before reporting. We often receive assignments from clients and colleagues requesting we conduct one of our general investigations. From time to time we are brought in after other attempts have been made and are unsuccessful.

Any record that is kept or provided is only as good as the chain of events involved. Remember: Garbage In Is Garbage Out.

GIGO still remains an easy way for absconders to manipulate their credit report - not as easy now as it was. All they have to do is apply for credit with a different address (now they check ID - but many clerks do not look or will overlook if you tell them you just moved). This becomes a red herring. It is also important to know how to sort the information and rule out when someone uses certain search criteria to pull credit header data (PIs, collectors, etc.).

This unintentional manipulation used to happen more (algorithms with data companies screen this out better) and is when you use an old address to pull up current information. The address you used gets put at the top as being current - making the actual current address move down.

See our latest commentary for the full article - [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/garbage-in-is-garbage-out](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/garbage-in-is-garbage-out) (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/garbage-in-is-garbage-out>)

### National and International Genealogy - Heirs and Relatives for Probate

For over two decades we have provided research and investigations into the heirs and relatives of decedents in local probate cases. From time to time we are requested to assist with assignments in other states, and often these reach out to foreign countries. Through our network of hundreds of investigators through national and international associations, and even more personal investigative relationships, we have been able to uncover significant details, find unknown family members, and assist with not only the distribution of an estates assets, but also bring answers and closures to families.

Always looking to expand our knowledge, skills and resources - and serving our clients, we recently, we completed an eight week, 16-hour course of study, sponsored by members of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies.

Our agency only works directly with the attorney of record of the estate, and within the budget available. We are paid from the estate and do not work on commission or any percentage of estate proceeds. Feel free to contact our agency with any questions or assignments.

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### Welcome!

Beginning December 2016 we are posting our newsletters here. It will take a couple months to transition our archived newsletters to here. Please email us with any questions and suggestions - [associates@DeathCaseReview.com](mailto:associates@DeathCaseReview.com) (<mailto:associates@DeathCaseReview.com>)



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### Archives:

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February 2017 (</afi-llc-newsletters/archives/02-2017>)  
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- IN CLOSING...

**Together We're Better - Together We Make the Difference!**

*What is your association news that we can share?*



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### Associates in Forensic Investigations LLC

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 CFI-FTER and Karen S. Beers,  
 BSW CCDI CFI-FTER.

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### Commentary from the blog archives of AFI-LLC

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Keep up with the current events of our agency and profession through our blog. Dating back to the fall of 2011, there are dozens of articles, tips and resources for professional investigators.



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)

#### Reviewing and Comprehending Autopsy Reports for Investigators (from 01/05/2014)

This is an award winning (2nd Place - NALI's 'The Legal Investigator' Publisher's Award) peer reviewed 20+ page white paper detailing the value of understanding the autopsy report and the information accompanying it as a valuable asset to all investigators. This was originally Dean's Certified Legal Investigator examination white paper for the National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI).  
 - continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/reviewing-and-comprehending-autopsy-reports-for-investigators](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/reviewing-and-comprehending-autopsy-reports-for-investigators)  
 (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/reviewing-and-comprehending-autopsy-reports-for-investigators>)

#### Death in Ohio – Suicide or Accident? (from 01/12/2014)

In Sandusky Ohio on March 02, 2012, 19 year-old Jacob Lamberios was reported dead due to a gunshot wound to the head. The county elected coroner, John Wukie, was called and certified the death based on verbal reports from on scene sheriff deputies. No scene response from the coroner or medicolegal death investigators. It was ruled a suicide. The evidence was later lost and the decedent buried. No autopsy.  
 - continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/death-in-ohio-suicide-or-accident](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/death-in-ohio-suicide-or-accident) (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/death-in-ohio-suicide-or-accident>)

#### A Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations (from 01/13/2014)

We often hear from families, attorneys, investigators and funeral homes representing families, looking for where to turn in understanding how the death of a loved one was (or should have been) investigated. They seek closure through answers.

This "Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations" is a basic introduction, for the lay person, into the concepts of the official



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Keep up with news of our agency and profession!

### Quick Links:

- About AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/about-afi.html>)
- Death and Injury Causation (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/death-injury-causation.html>)
- AFI-LLC Blog (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)
- Affiliated Experts (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/affiliated-experts.html>)
- AFI-LLC in the Media (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-in-media.html>)
- Contact AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>)
- Investigative Resources (<http://amazon.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Investigative Training (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/training.html>)

(<http://www.npublicdefenders.org>)



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**Tools for the  
 Litigation Attorney and  
 Professional Investigator**  
 (click images for details)

investigation of death, such as by a coroner or medical examiner office. It is our hope that understanding these concepts will help the process of healing and closure.

- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/a-survivors-guide-to-understanding-death-investigations](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/a-survivors-guide-to-understanding-death-investigations)  
(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/a-survivors-guide-to-understanding-death-investigations>)

#### Psychological Autopsies in Equivocal Death Investigations and Suicide Cases (from 01/17/2014)

A psychological autopsy is most often referenced in relation to an equivocal death investigation. In making clear the circumstances of death, it is important to develop this victimology. Part of the purpose is to determine if the elements of suicide exist or not.

- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/psychological-autopsies-in-equivocal-death-investigations-and-suicide-cases](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/psychological-autopsies-in-equivocal-death-investigations-and-suicide-cases)  
(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/psychological-autopsies-in-equivocal-death-investigations-and-suicide-cases>)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/affiliated-experts.html>)

### Expert Forensic Consultant

#### Affiliations

We believe that medicolegal investigation and

consultation is a team effort. Stephen Cina MD and Harold Schueler PhD are our agency affiliated experts in our respective fields offering our clients comprehensive medicolegal services.

Dr. Cina, based in Colorado, is the former Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County IL, and now provides contract and independent forensic autopsies and consultations.

Dr. Schueler is now a profession at mid-Atlantic university, and is the former Chief Forensic Toxicologist of a large mid-Atlantic metropolitan area.

Contact our office to consult on medicolegal death and injury causation. The CVs of both Dr. Cina and Dr. Schueler are available by Contacting Us

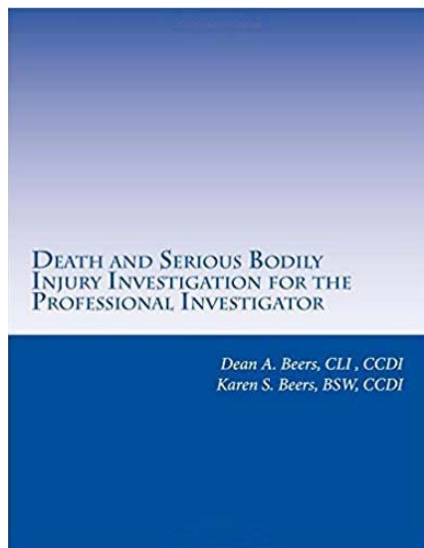
We are proud of our working relationship with Dr. Cina, since 2002 and Dr. Schueler since 2010.

#### NEW Expert Affiliations!

We have recently reached out to some of our fellow expert friends and asked them to join our Affiliated Experts Referral Program! Each are available nationally.

- Forensic Nursing
- Forensic Photography
- Digital Forensics - Cell Phones
- Digital Forensics - Computers
- Digital Forensics - GPS / Vehicles
- Forensic Debugging / Technical Surveillance Countermeasures

Contact our office for more details and a direct referral.



(<https://fali.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697>)



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#### Latest book available...

#### "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator"

FALI is offering, for a limited time, our latest - and very detailed book (over 200 pages) on Investigating Death & Serious Bodily Injuries for civil or criminal cases, "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator," by Dean & Karen Beers.



(<http://www.investigativecourses.com>)

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(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/helinvestigators/join>)  
Join theInvestigators on Yahoo Groups!

These are for a limited time! The guide is under revision and will be released Spring 2018 for \$95 - save 1/3 off the price now at just \$70, including shipping with 50% net proceeds going to FALI!

<https://fali.site-vm.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697> (<https://fali.site-vm.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697>)

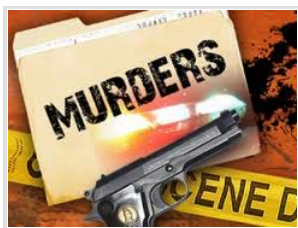
The manual is over 200 pages and begins with the core of the Beers's distance learning course manual. It includes over 20 additional forensic, death and serious bodily injury based articles.

### Case Studies from

**AFI-LLC**

[www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html)

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### Sexual Assault - Criminal Defense (Legal Investigation)

Our agency was retained by counsel on behalf of the defendant. In reviewing the available prosecution discovery, it was immediately determined that the official investigation was deficient and not properly conducted; it was incomplete and replete with errors. This included that only the alleged victim and defendant were initially interviewed by responding and arresting officers. The day of the incident (having occurred in the early morning hours), a plain clothes detective attempted to interview the defendant's two sons, who were witnesses. At a later date, two neighbors - one an active duty police officer in another jurisdiction, contacted the investigating detective and provided statements; these were not followed-up. No other investigation, including a neighborhood canvas or background of the alleged victim, were conducted.

### Wrongful Death - Time of Death (Expert Consultation)

Both persons were intoxicated and had been served alcohol underage and while visibly intoxicated. One occupant was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced at the scene, and a second occupant was found by first responders, sitting against the vehicle. This occupant was conscious, but incoherent and transported to a nearby hospital. This occupant's recollection was uncertain, however certain that their own position in the vehicle was as a passenger. This was consistent with information that the other occupant of the vehicle was the owner. There were no witnesses at the scene and none that had observed either person getting in the vehicle. The decedent's time of death was reported as the 911 call, by the surviving occupant. This is not an unusual practice, however, is not wholly accurate and is only a reference tool.



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered>)

**Time is money!**  
Learn how we

efficiently multi-task using these tools. Visit this article on our blog at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered) (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered>)!

- DropBox - <http://DropBox.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://dropbox.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Right Inbox for Gmail - [www.RightInBox.com](http://www.RightInBox.com) (<http://www.rightinbox.com/>)
- Desktop Texting - [www.MySMS.com](http://www.MySMS.com) (<http://www.mysms.com/>)
- Ring Central Faxing - <http://Fax.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://fax.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Ring Central VOIP - <http://RingCentral.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://ringcentral.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Toll-Free Numbers - <http://Kall8.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://kall8.privateinvestigations.org/>) (PIs - contact our office for more uses)
- Split View - [www.SplitView.com](http://www.SplitView.com) (<http://www.splitview.com/>)

**Be sure and also look for this article on this topic in *The Legal Investigator*, official journal of the National Association of Legal Investigators <http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=495442> (<http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=495442>)!**

Our apologies - due to our heavy schedule, we are behind on finishing the latest Facts & Forensics podcast. We will have this ready this month! Please visit [www.GIMG.tv](http://www.GIMG.tv) (<http://www.gimg.tv>) for a forensic investigation based article from us!



### Global Investigators Media Group (GIMG.tv)

#### Facts & Forensics

About every other month Dean host a podcast featuring topical information in the areas of legal investigations and forensic investigations. He is joined by his wife and business partner, Karen for 'Conversations with Karen' on special topics of interest. Dean closes each episode with a 'Special Guest' who is an expert in a forensic specialty. Tune in this, and every, month!

All shows are posted at <http://gimg.tv> (<http://gimg.tv>) - the latest podcast topics include:

#### Conversations with Karen

Updates on trends and current events from our agency and profession!



(<http://www.understandingdeathinvestigations.com/>)

Buy the book - A Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations



(<http://www.privateinvestigations.org>)

Books, Tools and Resources for PIs!

### Special Guest with Dean

*This month - around the 15th of this month, we will be having our good friend and expert consultant (photography and GPS), Robert Wyman, tell us about his most current offering of Cell Phone Call and Tower Mapping!*

- \* Obtaining the subscriber's Call Detail Records via subpoena
- \* Contacting the cellular telephone companies ("carriers")
- \* Extracting usable data from the Call Detail Records
- \* Mapping the cellular telephone towers which have hosted the calls with Google Earth or a mapping program
- \* Advanced mapping of each call's directionality from a tower using a Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), mapping or diagramming program
- \* Tabulating the Call Detail Records for additional analysis in Excel, including sorting records to uncover common telephone numbers and subscriber relationships
- \* Preparing exhibits and illustrations of the call and tower analysis
- \* Testimony regarding the accuracy and precision of the mapping effort



### Tidbits From Our Profession

Do you have news of your associations and members to share? Please let us know!

The associations conference season is coming to a close. Stay tuned for upcoming state, national and international association conferences.

#### JOIN NALI TODAY!

Legal Investigators working cases for civil plaintiff or criminal defense - join the

National Association of Legal Investigators! (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member>) - please contact our office and use us as a reference on the application)

### ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

#### CDITC National Criminal Defense Investigation Academy Certification Course

June 11th-15th - Jensen Beach / Hutchinson Island, FL

Details at [www.cditctraining.com/cdiacademyprogram.html](http://www.cditctraining.com/cdiacademyprogram.html)

#### Texas Association of Licensed Investigators

Aug 22nd-25th - TALI 2018 Annual Conference in Lake Conroe TX.

Details at [www.tali.org](http://www.tali.org)

#### Osmosis

Oct 07th-09th - Osmosis Annual Conference in Las Vegas NV.

Details at [www.osmosiscon.com](http://www.osmosiscon.com)

#### National Council of Investigation & Security Services

Nov 08th - NCISS Mid-Term Meeting

Details at [www.nciss.org](http://www.nciss.org)

#### 2018 Investigators Superconference

Nov 08th Pre-Conference / Nov 09th-10th Conference / Nov 11th Post-Conference

Details at [www.2018investigators.com](http://www.2018investigators.com)

*Is your association planning a conference we can share? Email us the details - [associates@DeathCaseReview.com](mailto:associates@DeathCaseReview.com)*

### Associations and News

#### Professional Private Investigations Association of

Colorado ([www.PPIAC.org](http://www.PPIAC.org)) Monthly

meetings, including a training speaker, are the first

Wednesday of each month, usually in the Denver metro area.

PPIAC continues to hold specialized training sessions for new and veteran investigators, and also specific to the new licensing program.



(<http://www.ppiac.org>)

PS - be sure and visit the new and updated site for PPIAC!

#### National Association of Legal Investigators ([www.NALI.com](http://www.NALI.com))

NALI is the premier association for legal investigators for civil plaintiff and criminal defense, and oversees the prestigious Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) program. Experience is required to join and all members are subject to a background check.

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The current issue of NALI's official journal - The Legal Investigator - is now available online at [www.nalionline.org/publications.htm](http://www.nalionline.org/publications.htm)

#### National Council of Investigation and Security Services ([www.nciss.org](http://www.nciss.org))

Each day we find an increasing number of problems confronting the orderly growth of our profession. These problems

include, among others: overly restrictive legislation regarding training and standards, proliferation of legislation requiring local licensing, public misunderstanding and misinformation on the role and contribution of private investigators and security services, and an uninformed media. It is the role of NCISS to meet and solve these problems while seeking to uncover and recommend action on any hidden potential problems which may have an effect on our profession.

The current issue of NCISS's official journal - Your Advocate - is available online at [www.nciss.org/your-advocate](http://www.nciss.org/your-advocate) (<http://www.nciss.org/your-advocate>)

Special news and alerts are at [www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news](http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news) (<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

**World Association of Detectives** ([www.WAD.net](http://www.WAD.net) (<http://www.wad.net/>))

W.A.D. is a global alliance of investigators and security professionals with origins dating back to 1921 and formalized in 1925. W.A.D. is the longest established and largest association of its kind in the world.

Karen is the W.A.D. Administrative Manager, and Dean is the Governor of the Americas (North, Central and South America). Together we work to further the mission of W.A.D. and provide resources to clients needing assistance in these regions. The W.A.D. magazine,

The current issue of WAD's official newsletter - Beyond Global - is available online at [www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global](http://www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global) (<http://www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global>)

**Additional memberships include FALI, TALI and CALI state associations, as well as specialty specific national associations (see right sidebar).** *If your association has news, please send it to us for inclusion in our newsletter.*



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## News From Our Profession

**CDITC National Criminal Defense Investigation Academy**

Certification Course - June 11th-15th, 2018

### TUITION & FEES:

Full Program: \$ 995.00 or \$ 795.00 discounted fee if registered and paid by May 11, 2018.

The 3-day Component Method alone is \$595 without discount and with would be \$479.  
The 2-day FTER would be \$395 and \$315 with the discount.

Text books included with tuition fees.

Details at [www.cditctraining.com/cdiacademyprogram.html](http://www.cditctraining.com/cdiacademyprogram.html) (<http://www.cditctraining.com/cdiacademyprogram.html>)

### World Association of Detectives - Annual Conference - Announces Speakers

Dean is honored to be speaking before his colleagues at the WAD conference in Las Vegas this fall. This is looking to be the biggest WAD conference to date - and you are invited!

Dean will be presenting his "Woodchipper Investigation" - from when was a Deputy Coroner and Karen was also in Medicolegal Death Investigation training to be a Deputy Coroner. In December 2005, as Deputy Coroners / Medicolegal Death Investigators, Dean was paged out to a 'male caught in a woodchipper' and Karen was in training. Together we responded to the scene. This type of fatal event is rare, and made national and international news. As investigators, we must quickly evaluate, plan and execute investigations as they happen - many are more complex than others. In this presentation, Dean takes attendees through the steps of how this fatality was investigated similar to a mass casualty, and why - adapting to investigative needs, identification, notifying next-of-kin, interacting with the media, and sharing the words of Voltaire we both practice today, "To the living we owe respect, but to the living we owe only the truth." He will take attendees through the eight hours on scene, and two hours in the autopsy suite. This presentation, as with all, is respectful to the decedent and family; it is not entertainment.

Also speaking will be friends and colleagues, Michael Julian (National Business Investigations and A.L.I.V.E. Active Shooter Survival Training - CA) and Wes Bearden (Attorney / Investigator - Bearden Investigative Agency - TX).

### NCISS Welcomes New Regional Directors

*Region 4 - AL-AR-MO-LA-MS-NM-OK-TN-TX*

*Jon Tipton (Cinco Peso Security & Investigations - TX)*

My name is Jon B. Tipton and I am proud to be appointed as your new Region 4 Director! First, I would like to thank Mark Gillespie for his belief in my abilities as a Professional Investigator and as a leader within our industry which led to his nomination of me for this position. Thanks Mark! Secondly, I want to thank the Board for their subsequent approval of my appointment. I promise to work tirelessly to promote the values, morals, ethics, and principles of NCISS and to represent the same in all that I do in and for our industry. While in terms of a career as a Professional Investigator I am on the younger end of the spectrum what I make up for with a short steep learning curve, a very strong filter for extraneous bologna, a very direct and deliberate approach to solving challenges, culminating with a strong work ethic. I possess an intense desire to see our profession re-branded from the stereotypical "private dick" or "gumshoe" to that of a Professional Investigator that is sought after and respected by society as a whole because we as Professional Investigators hold ourselves accountable under the highest standards of care, diligence, professionalism, and integrity. Again, thank you all for your belief in me. I am looking forward to serving our Members as an ambassador for our profession.

*Region 5 - AZ-CO-IA-KS-MN-ND-NE-SD-UT-WI-WY*

*Tina Thomas (Subrosa PI - AZ)*

I am honored to have been appointed by the Board as the new Region 5 Director for NCISS. It is exciting to serve the Board, Region 5, and all of my fellow investigators as I go forward into this position. For many years I have reaped the benefits of the hard-working members of this association, and now is my chance to give back to the group and our industry. It is important we continue to grow, learn and add to the membership of NCISS. Taking part in my state organization (Arizona Association of Licensed Private Investigators) as well as NCISS has been critical to my continued education and growing my network of trusted colleagues. YOU NEED BOTH HALVES FOR THE BEST LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION! For those of you I have not personally met or worked with in the many years I have been an investigator, I look forward to meeting you at the NCISS Mid-Term in New York on November 8th. Please introduce yourself and let me know how I can help make this organization even better than it is.

### Jennifer Brown, J.D., CLI is the Managing Investigator for Armistead Investigations

She brings over fifteen years of investigative experience in criminal, death penalty, and complex civil cases. Jenn has a broad knowledge of the legal profession and has worked closely with Ellis Armistead over the years. In addition to continuing her investigative work, she will

also be responsible for mentoring our newer investigators. We are excited to have Jenn as a member of our team. For more information on Jenn and our other investigators visit us at <https://armisteadinvestigators.com/> (<https://armisteadinvestigators.com/>)

#### **Kelly Riddle and Family on DIY show**

Several of our friends and colleagues have had, or also been on, various reality shows for attention-getting cases - from hunting frauds and Nazis, to murderers and child abductors. Kelly is no stranger to these - and he may be the first to also be on a non-PI reality show. His family was just featured on the DIY Network for 'Hill Country Heaven. After years of clearing and construction, Rene and Kelly are finally ready to put in a pool that completes their beautiful, 20-acre San Antonio property. Tony and Paul are confident the couple will love the huge natural waterfall, stacked-stone spa and spacious baja shelf they have designed. Finding a way to tie the stunning new pool in with the existing beloved backyard pond is going to be a challenge, though.

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#### **NCISS 2018 Mid-Term Meeting joins the Investigators Superconference**

We are excited to announce that the date has been set for the Mid-Term Meeting and it will coincide with the 2018 Investigators Superconference in New York, New York. The Mid-Term Meeting for NCISS will be November 8, and the Investigators Superconference will be held November 8-11. Both events will be at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. Each conference has its own registration and agenda of events, but both will be great for members to attend. You can find the specific details about each conference, along with registration and hotel information at [www.nciss.org](http://www.nciss.org) (<http://www.nciss.org>).

#### **Legislative News You Can Use... from NCISS**

Its been very quiet for the investigation and security professions in Congress and regulatory agencies. That's a good thing - for now. We must always be prepared. One way we do that is to personally visit our Senators and Representatives every year - and stay in contact with them throughout the year. We also stay in touch with our members.



(<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

PS - be sure and catch the latest NCISS Digital Your Advocate at <http://nciss.org/your-advocate-february-2018> (<http://nciss.org/your-advocate-february-2018>)

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