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REAL CASE STORIES FROM REAL DETECTIVES

#21-02S: CALIFORNIA HIGH

Clifford and Mary were high school sweethearts who'd been married for over five years. Mary was a stay at home mom who spent her days caring for their two-year-old son, this meant that she relied entirely on Clifford's finances for stability. Clifford felt that he had been very generous as far as providing a comfortable life for Mary, making sure that she had access to luxuries like spas, tanning salons, fitness gyms, and shopping. During their marriage, Clifford suspected that Mary had picked up the habit of vaping THC cartridges. Marijuana in all forms is still illegal in the state of North Carolina and didn't want their child being exposed to her drug use. He was curious about how she was getting these cartridges and contracted Blackman to help him find out. One day, he went through her phone and found a conversation with a man he didn't recognize from California. Clifford discovered he worked for a Smokeshop in California and was sending her vape pens from the shop. He provided this information to Blackman and our investigators were able to identify the man and locate his residence. The client took our referral and called a Family Law Attorney, had a letter for Alienation of affection drawn up, and had it served on Mary. Their marriage has ended and we assume they've gone their separate ways, we have not heard back since.

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SOCIAL MEDIA DO'S AND DON'TS



“Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus.” -Alexander Graham Bell



DO'S AND DONT'S OF SOCIAL MEDIA FROM A PI'S PERSPECTIVE:

- When posting photos make sure that you don't have any identifying info in the photo (house numbers, car license tag, locations, etc)
- Be careful about sharing photos with your children's information in them (school names, sports teams, locations etc)
- Do not share your personal location (be mindful of geotagged images)
- Only post about vacations AFTER returning from them.
- Don't post photos of people without their permission.
- Do share posts and info with 'Friends Only', keep your information private.
- Do have High Privacy settings on all Social Platforms.
- Don't Friend request or Follow someone until you know who they are.
- Do look and see if you have any friends in common.
- When someone you're not sure you know tries to friend you, look through their public photos and posts to confirm they are who you think they are.
- Do be cautious of posting or liking/sharing things that can be used to establish character.

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STANDING BEHIND OUR WORK



DID YOU KNOW?

Do private investigators have to identify themselves?

Private investigators usually don't have to identify themselves to the general public! If a private investigator is conducting surveillance in a neighborhood and they are approached by a neighbor questioning their presence in a neighborhood, they don't necessarily have to identify themselves, as this could compromise the integrity of their investigation.

If a private investigator decides to identify themselves to someone it is usually because that information may help them during surveillance in a setup position or just to ease the minds of neighbors without hurting the integrity of their investigation.



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