

THE SLEUTH

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REAL CASE STORIES FROM REAL DETECTIVES

#19-02S : THE PEANUT PAY DAY

The cases described in The Sleuth are real, but all names and identifying information have been changed.

In the quiet suburban neighborhoods of Cary, North Carolina, competition for Yard of Month was steep. On weekend mornings the mowers and edgers began around 9 a.m. and by noon perfectly maintained lawns, pruned topiary bushes and monogram wreaths swanked every residence. Like most good homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent time and money keeping their curb appeal in picture perfect shape. But the Browns had a secret. Five years ago, Mr. Brown falsely filed for benefits after engineering a slip and fall while working his job at RTP. With a claim stating that he had sustained a back injury preventing him from lifting, bending, standing, or sitting for any length of time, Mr. and Mrs. Brown could spend their days living a life of leisure. On behalf of Mr. Brown's previous employer, private investigators were hired to document Mr. Brown's theoretical injuries. Surveillance footage showed a pattern of activity at the residence. Mrs. Brown did most of the shopping and carried in groceries by herself. On weekdays, a lawn service mowed the lawn into immaculate diagonal lines. Most days Mr. Brown could be seen collecting mail, walking their Pomeranian to the curb and back, or buying small, expensive coffees at Starbucks. It seemed, indeed, that Mr. Brown was living slow and easy. During surveillance one windy morning a delivery truck was passing through the neighborhood at an unusually high rate of speed and unleashed a hail of foam packing peanuts across Mr. Brown's lawn. When he realized the tainted state of the lawn, it seemed that Mr. Brown, too, could fly like the wind. Retrieving a lawn bag from the garage, Mr. Brown spent 62 minutes furiously picking up every single packing peanut by hand. The private investigator supplied Mr. Brown's previous employer with video evidence of Mr. Brown's lifestyle and physical capabilities, and the rest was history.

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PAY DAY

LITTLE RED FLAGS - IS YOUR
CHILD USING ILLEGAL DRUGS
OR ABUSING THEIR
MEDICATION?

DID YOU KNOW? - FORMER
CRIMINAL TURNED DETECTIVE,
THE FIRST REAL PRIVATE
INVESTIGATOR IN 1833

REVIEW FROM A HAPPY CLIENT

MEET US @ MUNCH AND LEARN





LITTLE RED FLAGS

SIGNS YOUR CHILD MAY BE USING
ILLEGAL DRUGS



The safety and well-being of our children are always a priority; that doesn't change as they grow and become more independent. It seems like kids are maturing faster than ever – their physical appearance, and their exposure to, well, everything, starts younger now than it used to.

Social expectations, peers, and the boundless reach of social media market to and influence youths everywhere they go.

Parental controls on screen time and personal devices aren't the only way we can stay involved. Because experimenting with drugs and alcohol usually begins in a social setting, it's also important to keep up with their friend circles. What about the decisions your child makes with their friends, and what are some of the things to watch for in case they've chosen to experiment with drugs or alcohol?

Though the little red flags here are not the only signs to watch for, they are often the most readily apparent.

If you encounter several of these symptoms over a short period of time, it may be time to ask your child about their drug or alcohol use. Just starting the conversation can be the first step towards getting them the professional help that they need.

- ~ Failing or falling grades
- ~ Excessive sleeping
- ~ Apathy to school work, friends, family.
- ~ A change in personal hygiene or worsening B.O.
- ~ Abandoning common friends or hanging out with a new crowd.
- ~ Rapid weight fluctuation
- ~ Glazed expressions
- ~ Repeated dishonesty
- ~ Odd smells. New interest in deodorant/perfumes, a heavy smell of marijuana laced smoke. If you don't know what marijuana smells like, it's time to educate yourself. But we don't suggest smoking it yourself, but you may be able to ask a friendly cop.



"One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others"

-Lewis Carroll



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STANDING BEHIND OUR WORK



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know who founded the first modern detective agency? It's not Pinkerton. In 1833, Eugene Francois Vidocq founded the first known private detective agency in France: Le Bureau des Renseignements. A former-criminal-turned-policeman, Vidocq's agency was staffed by detectives who were all former criminals. He is also considered by historians and law enforcement to be the father of modern criminal investigation. Vidocq is credited with introducing the science of ballistics to police work. He also was the first to make plaster casts of shoe impressions. An inventor, Vidocq held patents on indelible ink and unalterable bond paper. He was also considered a master of disguise and surveillance. Vidocq was also the inspiration for many famous writers, including Victor Hugo, Edgar Allen Poe, and Charles Dickens. [source: PINow.com]

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