



# Private Eyes of Texas

## A MESSAGE FROM J.J.,



Another year has almost flown by. Our diversified client base has kept us very busy on all fronts; criminal defense, insurance defense, plaintiff litigation, family law and the corporate arena.

We routinely get new business from individuals who have been referred by our many satisfied clients. In particular, I would like to thank Randy Schaffer, David Cunningham, Stanley Schneider, Susan Myers, Laura Dale, Colin Amann, Philip Hilder and Lynn Kamin who have referred clients in the last six months. We never forget that our value to our clients is always measured in results.

*J.J. Gradoni*

## WE ARE MOVING

After eleven years at the same location we moved September 1, 2007 to a larger space which will facilitate the growth we have experienced in the last two years.

Our new address is 2611 FM 1960 West, Suite C-100, Houston, Texas 77068-3730. All of our current office telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

We were lucky enough to find a stand-alone building with more space that has a superior alarm system which allows us to keep our proprietary information more secure.

If you are ever up this way please stop by and see our new office.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT REALITY

The local police, FBI and CIA are trying to prove they are the best at apprehending criminals. A panel of judges released a rabbit into a forest and asked each agency to attempt to catch it in order to determine who actually was the best.

The CIA placed animal informants throughout the forest. They questioned all the plant and mineral witnesses and concluded that rabbits do not exist.

After two weeks with no leads, the FBI bombed the forest, killing everything in it, including the rabbit. They make no apologies; the rabbit had it coming.

The local police go into the forest only to emerge after just two hours, with a badly beaten bear. The bear is yelling, "Okay, okay, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit".

## KEVIN MONFORT, NEW ADDITION TO STAFF

Kevin brings 16 years of law enforcement experience to our staff. Kevin began his law enforcement career with the Harris County Sherriff's Office in 1991. Kevin worked in the detention bureau, was a member of the emergency response team, was a patrolman in District IV and was also assigned to the burglary apprehension response squad for three years.

When Kevin was promoted to the detective bureau, he worked in the Vice Unit, the Auto theft Task Force, the Narcotics Unit and was also assigned to the Harris County Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force.

Kevin has extensive experience in investigating, kinetic interview techniques, undercover operations, surveillance and countermeasures.

During the time Kevin has worked for us, I have found him to be a professional and diligent investigator who conducts very thorough and on-point interviews for our clients.

## IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

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*Some of our successes over the past months are documented...*

### **CAPITAL MURDER ACQUITTAL**

**SKIP CORNELIUS** represented a lady who was accused of stabbing her husband to death. We were able to establish that the husband had a history of being violent toward the Defendant. The Defendant's son, who witnessed the altercation, helped Skip lay the foundation for self defense.

### **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY NO BILL**

**DICK BAX** represented an individual charged with Aggravated Robbery. The Defendant insisted that the Complainant, who had a grudge against him, had lied to police about the Defendant's involvement in the incident. We were able to identify a witness who actually saw the altercation and provided an affidavit that the Defendant, who he knew by name and sight, was not involved.

### **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT - NO BILL**

**STANLEY SCHNEIDER** represented a middle Eastern male who was accused of having intercourse with an unwilling female who attended a party at his house. The female claimed that during the sexual assault, the Defendant had scratched her back. Investigators found and interviewed witnesses who gave affidavits that the scratches were actually inflicted by the Complainant's boyfriend the day before the alleged rape. Investigators also found witnesses who provided affidavits regarding statements the Complainant made after she made the police report indicating that the defendant was innocent.

### **ASSAULT ACQUITTAL**

**TRENT GAITHER** represented a businessman who was charged with assaulting his former girlfriend. Investigators were able to establish through police calls for service and witnesses that the Complainant was vindictive and very upset that the Defendant had terminated the relationship. The jury was out 16 hours before returning an acquittal.

### **CAPITAL LIFE SENTENCE**

**BOB LOPER AND JERALD GRABER** represented a Defendant charged with killing a store owner during the course of the robbery. The store cameras clearly identified the Defendant on the tapes.

The Defendant who was found guilty without much deliberation, also had an extraneous murder brought up in the punishment phase. Bob and Jerald did a great job focusing on all of the information developed regarding the Defendant's mental status, upbringing, etc. The jury elected to not give him the death penalty.

### **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY DISMISSAL**

**DICK BAX** represented an individual charged with the Aggravated Robbery of a video store. The video store was robbed by five suspects all wearing masks. One of the store employees identified Dick's client who was a former employee, but at another location. Our investigation revealed none of the witnesses could identify our Defendant and the District Attorney dismissed the charges.

### **FAVORABLE SENTENCE-MURDER CASE**

**ALAN COHEN** represented an individual who had rushed to a motel room to protect his girlfriend after he received a call from his girlfriend stating that a man in the room was trying to rape her. The Defendant unwisely brought a gun with him. During the scuffle with the victim, the gun discharged and the victim was shot in the chest, diving out the hotel window. The State had a prostitute witness who testified that the Defendant shot the victim at point-blank range, while the victim was lying on the ground.

Our review of the scene and the physical evidence indicated the witness could not have observed what she testified to. The jury found our Defendant guilty, but only for manslaughter and assessed a six year sentence. During the trial, Alan asked the Defendant to recreate the struggle he had with the victim in the motel room. During the reenactment, the Defendant pushed Alan to the floor so hard that he broke his arm. The Defendant was not charged for this incident.

### **MANSLAUGHTER ACQUITTAL**

**ROBERT FICKMAN AND STANLEY SCHNEIDER** represented a Pasadena Independent School District bus driver who had run over a child on her way to school, causing the child's death. The District Attorney pulled out all stops in an effort to make a terrible accident a crime. We have been told by a reliable source that the jurors named Fickman, **BULLDOG**. Carey Wellmaker had interviewed a number of the witnesses who supported our position that the accident was just that, an accident. After the acquittal, the jurors told **BULLDOG** that in their opinion the experts for each side cancelled each other out and their decision to acquit came from the witness testimony.

### **FAMILY LAW - UNTIL DIVORCE DO US PART**

**OUR CLIENT** suspected that her husband had a girlfriend. We were advised the husband had booked a flight to Reno. We decided to tag along.

We followed the husband to a casino where he got a room. Finally that night, we saw the husband with his girlfriend. Our Investigator was able to film the pair in the casino (do you know how hard it is to film something in a casino). Our client had no mercy when exposing the affair.

**OUR CLIENT** thought that his wife spent a great deal of time on the phone talking with her psychiatrist. During surveillance, we learned that the psychiatrist was having sessions with the wife in motels, both in Houston and San Antonio. In addition, Investigators recovered a number of incriminating emails on the husband and wife's shared computer. Our client will have a Final Decree in his favor. The "hands on doctor" won't fare as well.

**LYNN KAMIN** represented a man trying to divorce his wife. Investigators had successfully documented the wife's boyfriend spending the night at the family residence. The day the hearing was scheduled to take place, the opposing parties became aware that Investigators were present and ready to testify about the wife's indiscretion so they no-showed and defaulted on the hearing.

**ELLEN GRIMES** represented a lady who was trying to gain custody of her small child. During the course of surveillance the husband was filmed leaving the child alone in the car for 15 minutes. This information was invaluable in getting a favorable custody verdict for the client.