

SPECIAL EDITION

“In A Few Words”

A message from the Managing Editor

Hello everyone, welcome to this Special Edition of the Investigative Sciences Journal. I say “special” because it is being published sooner than I had initially anticipated as many of colleagues are waiting for the results of my Cold Case study about the status of unresolved homicides in the USA. Therefore, to get the information out for public viewing sooner rather than later, here it is in a special edition.

This has been a long, almost 18-month process, that started in September 2015 and basically ended in February 2017 when I presented the study’s results at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) annual meeting in New Orleans. Many attendees asked for a copy of the results and I am just now in the position to do that formally through this journal.

After the presentation at the AAFS, I wrote and published two op-eds that addressed a couple of the issues from the study that I felt needed to be made public.

One was entitled “Getting Away with Murder, the National Crisis of Cold Case Homicides”:

<https://thecrimereport.org/2017/03/20/getting-away-with-murder-the-national-crisis-of-cold-case-homicides/>

The second was “Why Police Units Dedicated to Solving Old Murders Help Prevent New Ones”:

<https://thecrimereport.org/2017/04/04/why-police-units-dedicated-to-solving-old-murders-help-prevent-new-ones/>

A third Op-ed is being written at this moment that will address how agencies can formulate regional teams (multi-agency task forcing) to combat cold cases.

Enjoy the read. Send all requests for information to [jmadcock@jma-forensics.com](mailto:jmadcock@jma-forensics.com).

Thank you,

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