
Latest Trends, Tips and Opinion

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Trends

WHAT'S TRENDING NOW?

Mail thefts from the USPS blue collection boxes are at a level unseen before. Most of the thefts are related to the theft of "Arrow Keys" from letter carriers, a type of master key that letter carriers use to open the blue collection boxes throughout their route. The criminals then use the key to open the mail collection boxes to harvest checks for fraud schemes.

A retired letter carrier recently mentioned in passing that he couldn't understand what was going on, as the Arrow Keys had been used for more than 50 years and they never seemed to have a problem with people assaulting letter carriers for the keys until the last few years. He added that, in the past, assaults in general were exceedingly rare. He repeated that he didn't understand what changed.

I think the answer lies in two areas that impact more than just the mailboxes and Arrow Keys. It is a society whose morale compass has been distorted, combined with technology that creates instant communication to everyone across the country, and across the world. Those with a moral compass that has no North, instantly relay how to defeat the system.

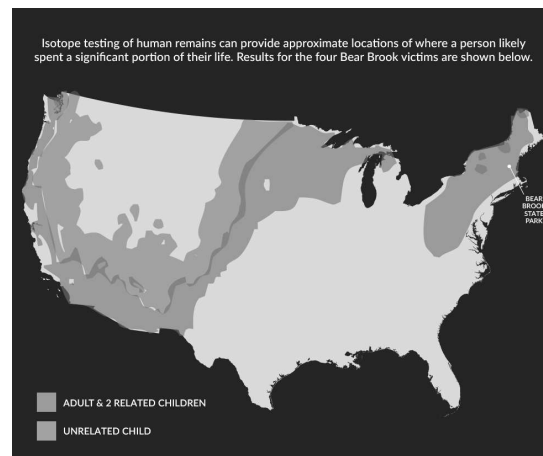
Mail thefts, murders, assaults, burglaries dominate the headlines in communities across Alabama, as well as the country. The answer will not be solved without a return to fundamental truths regarding "right and wrong". Fixing our flaws will require us to establish "a true north" on the moral compass that is applied to everyone, consistently.

Until then, the blue USPS collection boxes will stand as symbols of another institution destroyed by the criminal and moral decay of our country.

May God bless you.

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Please feel free to email comments or suggestions. Thanks, Jim



DNA and Isotope Testing

I recently listened to a Podcast on my way to Montgomery called the Bear Brook murders. It revolved around a cold case in which two barrels, each containing the remains of two bodies, were found in the woods of New Hampshire. One barrel was found in 1985 and the other in 2000.

The initial leads dried up and the cases sat quiet until two private DNA and Internet sleuths started looking into the cases in 2011.

While they were both digging into the same unsolved cases, they were working independently, neither knowing about the other until they found a break in the case.

They turned their work over to law enforcement along the way, and amazing journey of the benefit of technology allowed a killer to be identified, and three of the 4 victims to be identified.

There are many tools detailed in the podcast but a couple interesting aspects were the use of DNA testing and Genealogical DNA tracing.

[Listen to the Podcast](#)



DOJ Research on Isotopes

For several years, forensic scientists have been able to use isotopes found in human hair as markers that can indicate a region of the country where a person was living because many water supplies have unique isotopic signatures that are captured in hair. A person drinks the local water, and an isotopic record of that water is recorded in the individual's hair.

Such water-based isotopic information has assisted investigators in identifying the "region of origin" of several skeletal remains, leading to the eventual identification of the individuals.

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Genetic Genealogy - Bear Brook Murders

The mystery baffled investigators until 2017, when a new forensic technique known as genetic genealogy identified the likely killer: a career criminal and serial killer named Terry Rasmussen.

It marked the first time genetic genealogy had ever been used to identify a criminal suspect. Rasmussen died in prison in 2010 while serving a sentence for another murder.

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Forensics Expert explains 'Genetic Genealogy' process used in Idaho Murder Case

Two law enforcement sources familiar with the Moscow Murders investigation told NBC that DNA evidence linked Kohberger to the crimes.

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Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayer works, and we continue to keep all of those impacted by the devastating tornadoes in our prayers!

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!



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