



# THANK YOU & APPRECIATION LETTERS

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December 15, 2011

Hi Robin & Staff!

I'm sorry it took me so long to write this letter but I was awaiting my final order and it arrived after 5 months.....IN MY FAVOR!

Before I came to you seeking your services, I had a heavy heart from what I was going through for the past two years. I often reflected on what went wrong, even blaming myself. When you have children involved, which I have two, it deepens your pain. You look at your children and know they don't deserve this but unfortunately it affects them (which furthers deepens a mother's pain). What's worse is that this pain comes from their own father. I often ask myself what happened to the respect for me, the one that birthed his children, GOD's most precious gift in the world. There is always FAITH and HOPE but along the line, I lost both of them. This is when I met you!

I must tell you that your GIFT is helping others. My experience was like none other because it's not just a job for you; it's someone's life that you care about even if you're meeting him or her for the first time. As I began to reveal my story, you heard my cry. You were professional and became passionate about finding a resolution to my nightmare. Although money is important, you never let that come in between the relationship that was formed between you and I. I must admit I was bitter sweet about meeting you because I did not want to become another case. This was my children's lives that were being affected and I just wanted someone to listen and understand from the beginning. You never passed judgment but based your facts on the findings and evidence of the case. You were there for me! I like to say you rode this ride with me. ☺

Your commitment bypasses your office. You were there for me emotionally even while I entered the courtroom for the second time. Seeing you there was confirmation that you really do care because I was there for hours. You sat there and heard both cases from both sides. You were patient and still were able to give me encouraging words. The judge finally made his ruling and the VICTORY was mine! Once again, you sat with me even after that to console me because you saw and felt the wound of this mother's pain. We continued to talk weeks after that to see how my life could go on and get better. You even thought about my children even offering to speak with them about positive but serious things.

It has now been 5 months, which we have not spoken until now. The difference between 5 months and 2 years is that I didn't lose my FAITH and always kept my HOPE. Although the judge made his ruling, I was eager to get those papers signed and move on with my life. I now know that GOD was still working and I had to be patient. I have a long road ahead of me with my girls but I can assure you that I claim VICTORY all the way to the mountaintop stepping over the heels and valleys.

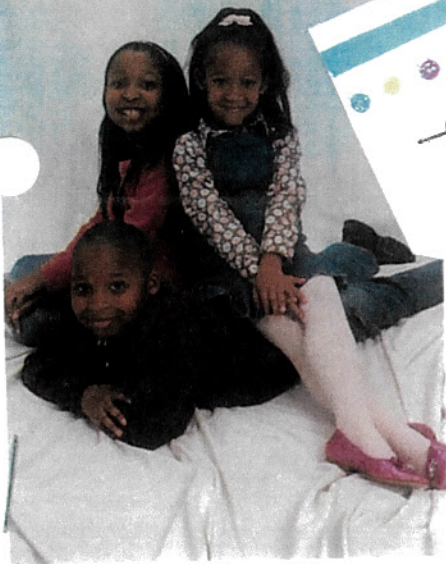
I can't express to you enough how I am thankful GOD led me to you. I hope for a continuous relationship with you and wish you and your staff all the BEST.

We love you ROBIN!

Karla, Trinity, & Genesis







Dear Robin



I just can't thank you enough  
for all you've done.

You were there with a helping hand  
just when I needed it most...

ready to pitch in  
and do whatever you could.

You gave me something very special  
your time-  
and I'll always remember you for it

I remember walking into your office  
Scared and clueless. You were very  
kind and an obvious expert in your profession.  
I immediately felt at ease. You listened  
and you guided me through a  
very difficult period in my life.  
Thank you for your time, your wisdom  
and your genuine heart. Please also say  
thank you to your very professional staff



With Gratitude.

Cause Archer

Love from Candice, Tristan and Morgan too.

FaMiLy



Wednesday, June 10, 2009




**DeKalb County Police Department  
Major Crimes (Special Victims Unit)  
1960 West Exchange Pl. Tucker, GA 30084**

**TO: Whom it may concern  
FROM: Det. D. Brown #2142**

I had the opportunity to work with Robin Martinelli in January / February of 2009, regarding a missing juvenile case. In December 2008, a 13 yr old juvenile ran away from home (police case 08-166227). A month passed and the child had still not been located. The child's mother, Stacey Key, hired a private investigator by the name of Robin Martinelli to assist in locating her daughter.

Robin Martinelli shared information from her investigation and worked alongside the Missing Person Unit to locate the child. Eventually, Dekalb Police located the child by tracking her activity on the "MYSPACE" website.

Robin Martinelli conducted herself professionally during the investigation and shared any new information that she developed. She was also a helpful liaison between the police department and the child's mother.

  
Detective DW Brown  
Special Victims Unit

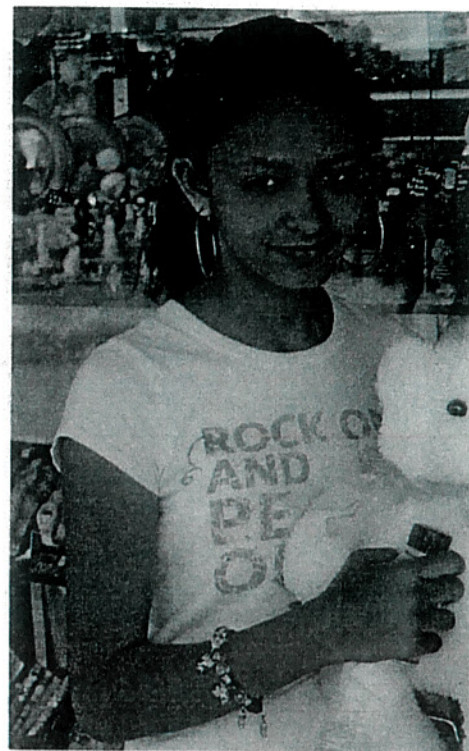


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SINCE DECEMBER 11, 2008



ANDREA KEY

**ANY INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT**

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**DEKALB COUNTY POLICE**

**SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT**

**770-724-7710**

AGE: 13 Years Old  
HEIGHT: 4'10"  
WEIGHT: 100 LB  
EYES: BROWN  
HAIR: BLACK

LAST SEEN  
WEARING JEANS  
AND A BLACK  
JACKET

WEARS BRACES

6 Days  
Found



## Robin Martinelli

45, private investigator

HUSBAND Doug, 52 CHILDREN Kristi, 25; Coleman, 23; Kelly, 19

HOMETOWN Grayson, Georgia

### OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN

When Robin Martinelli became a single mom at age 20, she urgently needed one thing: health insurance. She visited a sheriff she knew for advice and left with a job as a deputy. Robin turned out to be a natural, but the 12-hour shifts didn't jibe with being the mom her son needed. Coleman was hyperactive, and full-time day care was tough for him. Understanding as her commanding officers were, they couldn't let Robin walk beats with a toddler in tow. Looking for a more family-friendly career, she found one when she hired a process server to obtain some of Coleman's medical records. Robin talked the company into taking her on as a trainee on her days off. After two years of working two gigs, she finished her on-the-job training, quit the sheriff's department and opened her own company, Coleman and Associates.

### OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD

Coleman went to work with his mom almost every day. Process serving was an adventure for him. "We would track down people at the gas station, church, their girlfriend's house," says Robin. "It was perfect for a kid with attention problems." But some of the recipients of subpoenas, summonses and complaints were uncooperative. "Once a man came out with his Rottweiler," Robin recalls. "The dog was faster than he was, so I threw the papers, grabbed Coleman and ran for our car." Robin had kept the car running. "The dog was clawing at the door," she recalls.

Robin realized that in addition to a job that let her make her own schedule, she needed something less prone to confrontation—and more lucrative. Also, her family was about to grow. Robin had been volunteering as a baseball coach, and several boys on her team insisted on introducing her to a



Robin Martinelli turned a new job into a family passion.

widower from their church. On her 32nd birthday, Gwinnett County Police Department Corporal Doug Martinelli showed up for a game. The two were married six months later. She adopted his two daughters, and he adopted her son.

### FAMILY AND FORTUNE

As Coleman had a decade earlier, all three kids now inspired Robin to make another change, to become a private investigator. Robin studied, trained and earned her individual license in 1999. "Sure enough, within weeks I secretly filmed while we were out 'shopping,' and snapped photos of a cheating husband while we were 'looking for our lost dog.'" Soon surveillance was the shared family pastime.

Growing a business together turned out to be a perfect way to build a new family, says Robin, since you have to share goals and be a team. When eldest daughter Kristi turned 18, she earned her PI license, most likely becoming the youngest PI in Georgia. The other two Martinelli kids followed suit, as did Robin's mother, Connie, now 70, making her among the oldest PIs in the state.

Coleman recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan with the marines and is working as a PI with Robin. Kristi, an aspiring police officer, is a process server for her mom, and Kelly is a supply specialist in the army. "It's not surprising they're all choosing work where you have to have your brother's back. That's a core value they were raised on," says Robin. "I hope they also learned that it doesn't take a lot of money, just determination, to turn a dream into a reality."

By Amanda Robb



# The Hollywood Issue

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LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS

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## The *Dating* Detective

WHAT DO A SPY SHOP OWNER, A PRIVATE EYE, AN ATTORNEY AND AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER KNOW ABOUT LOOKING FOR LOVE?

By CLAIRE MCINTOSH

### Don't Rule Out a Criminal Past

Charlotte Bedford, attorney, New York City

I spent two months in 2009 dating the kindest person. This tall, handsome, churchgoing, intelligent brother had a good job and a close family. I do not make a habit of investigating my dates. But I know how to access certain information. One day, a friend whose ex had been incarcerated wanted to know the charges against him. I looked him up. While we were talking, I joked, ➔



"I should look up my guy" and searched his name. Come to find out, this gentleman—whose status downgraded to dude—had served two prison terms. I was flabbergasted. On our next date, he said, "I wanted to talk to you about that. It was from mistakes I made long ago." He still is a kind, generous person—just not for me.

**> GET THE 411**

Try searching "inmate lookup" within your state to find links to the Department of Corrections.

**Don't Break the Law Playing Gumshoe**

*Sedgrid Lewis, Spy Shop owner, Atlanta*

Here in Atlanta—hospitals around the holidays and HBO's homecomings—there is a lot of interest in GPS tracking, which can be installed in a car to get real-time data on the driver's location, and in cell phone tracking software used to monitor texts and calls. We warn all our customers that they should not use for nefarious purposes. And if they do, we will own the legal issues. It is a part of all our agreements, and they must accept those terms.

**Create a Date-a-base**

*Maria Ooder, creator of Investigate workshops/ investigative journalist, New York City*

**Step 1:** Create one e-mail ac-

count just for online dating to accumulate information on prospects. Share the password with two friends; if, heaven forbid, something goes wrong, they'll know where to look for clues. If dating offline, e-mail information to your date-a-base. Do not post photos online.

**Step 2:** If using free Web sites or a bulletin board such as Craigslist, anonymously post one ad that reflects who you are. Then post a "control" ad. In the second ad, be your alter ego. If you're short, be tall; if you're an outdoorsy person, be a filmgoer. Change your age, neighborhood and job. If someone responds to both ads, he/she should present himself/herself as the same person. Check if his/her photos are the same—watch for bait and switch. Never respond as the control poster. If you think you've e-mailed with someone before, paste in his/her e-mail to search your date-a-base or try key words.

**Know When to Hire a Pro**

*Robin Martinelli, private investigator, Atlanta*

In this day and age, it's extremely important to know exactly who you are dating, especially when you have children. This goes for both men and women. Conducting a background check on an individual will provide you with information such as criminal records, assets, bankruptcies/liens, address history, relatives and associates. This



information should give you some peace of mind in knowing who exactly you are dealing with. There are no magic wands in this world, and you can't wish your troubles away. You have to be very careful.

**Be Frugal: Use Google**

*Darlene Adams, contributing author to Romantic Deception: The Six Signs He's Lying (CreateSpace)*

Narrow down results by entering your date's town along with

the name. It's also a good idea to search previous residences. I search the e-mail address, telephone number and address. Sometimes you find prior arrests made address. E-mail address and telephone numbers bring up postings made online. Check local newspaper archives. You can possibly find information about the person's activities in the community, including criminal activity.

**> GET THE 411**

Conduct a quick background check using your iPhone or Android with BeenVerified.com.

**GOTCHA!**  
Look what these singles' sleuthing turned up

"I searched his e-mail address and found out his last name. It led me to a site called Mugshots.com! His photo, name and location matched. After plugging in his case number, I learned he had been arrested for check fraud charges. I stopped communication." —Tiffani, 34, Atlanta

"I call potential dates from a blocked number. I use a fake voice and accent and pretend it's a wrong number. Some are very gracious; others are nasty, coarse and hang up. You can tell a lot about somebody by how they treat someone they don't need." —Dani, 30, New York City

"I googled the name of the man's business and checked out the comments. One customer complained that a product he had ordered was defective. This owner said that it was the customer's problem. If he's that callous, I do want to date him." —Rebecca, 35, Knoxville, Tenn.





**THINGS TO BE AWARE OF AND FOCUS ON WHILE GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE**

1. EDUCATION
2. RELIGION
3. MEDICAL
4. SPECIAL NEEDS/SCHOOLING
5. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
6. HOUSING AND LOCATION
7. SPACE (CHILD/REN)
8. VACATIONS/FUNCTIONS
9. SCHEDULING
10. SOCIAL MEDIA/CELL PHONES (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)
11. HOMEWORK
12. COLLEGE FUND/COLLEGE CHOICES
13. HOLIDAYS/BIRTHDAYS/SPECIAL OCCASSIONS
14. INCOME TAX/TAXES
15. ANIMALS/PETS
16. FAMILY/FRIENDS/SUPPORT TEAM/FAMILY TIME
17. CAREER CHOICES
18. TRASH
19. COUNSELING/THERAPY (CHILD/REN AND SELF)
20. NO RELATIONS/COHABITATION SITUATIONS
21. MII is able to SUBPOENA credit card info, banking, real estate, cell phone, criminal, bankruptcy and school records, court documents, police reports, government recordings and utilities.

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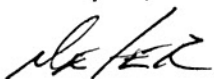
Mrs. R. Standridge Martinelli, President  
Martinelli Investigations, Inc.  
2350 Potomac View Court  
Grayson, Georgia 30017

Dear Robin,

I want to thank you for the care that Martinelli Investigations gave to my family at a time of enormous stress and heart ache in our lives. You and your associates went way above and beyond the call of duty. Never before have I dealt with people that would drop everything in their lives to make my problem their problem.

I can't begin to tell you how you're company's professionalism, timing, understanding, attention to detail and your knowledge made a horrendous situation so much better than it could have been. You found and protected my daughter and for that I am eternally grateful.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter', written in a cursive style.

Peter, Kathryn, Alex, Hannah and Jake