

On assignment

When on an assignment, Meckes and a friend know nothing about the background of the house or the people living in it. Instead they rely on their mediumship to pull the answers from a spirit.

They have found that in Clermont — and Groveland in particular — there is a lot of paranormal activity, with some of the spirits originating from Native American tribes that lived in these areas.

Although they didn't do many exorcisms, which is the religious or spiritual practice of evicting a demon or spiritual entities from a person believed to be possessed, there was one memorable case in Groveland eight years ago that will never be forgotten.

"This house had an attachment to it," said Paul. "The owner reported that he was frequently attacked by the unknown entity. He was frequently pushed around and he believed that the spirit had invaded his mind by giving him dark thoughts and pushing him to do things he didn't want to do."

Along with a medium and a pastor, Meckes held a table tipping séance, where they sat around a table with the owner in order to reach spirit. They discovered a previous owner still attached to the house.

The second time they visited, they carried out the exorcism where they asked the man to be nice and to leave the house so that the current owners could live in peace. They also blessed the house.

"After we asked the spirit to leave, I opened up the front door and I felt his energy go past me," said Meckes. "It was the oddest feeling, but I knew that he had vacated the property. Immediately the house energy was lighter, and I knew that we had done our job. We never heard from him again."

Another memorable case was that of a family living in Pine Hills, near Orlando who believed there was a demon in their house. They reported seeing shadows and objects being moved in every room, including a mattress.

The family was terrified, and the wife was ready to move out. Using metal divining rods, which are used to tap into energy emitted by certain spirits, and audio recordings,

Meckes discovered the family was being persecuted by a poltergeist feeding off of their fearful energy.

"It turns out the poltergeist was the grandmother who had recently passed on. The couple had a baby girl right after she died and she had connected with the newborn so she could stay," he said. "There was never a demon or anything sinister. The grandmother never meant harm, but of course the family didn't know that and it was their fear that gave her the energy to move things."

A month after a process in which the house was blessed and the grandmother asked to either leave or be more respectful, he followed up with the family. There had been no further incidents.

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