

Investigative Journal

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Covert Cameras

Microchip technology has given the investigator enhanced capabilities for conducting covert surveillance. Today's technology allows the investigator to wear state-of-the-art, covert camera equipment, which

provides excellent still and video images.

In an effort to better serve your needs, we at LSIS have invested in numerous forms of body worn equipment, which is displayed

throughout this issue of the Investigative Journal.

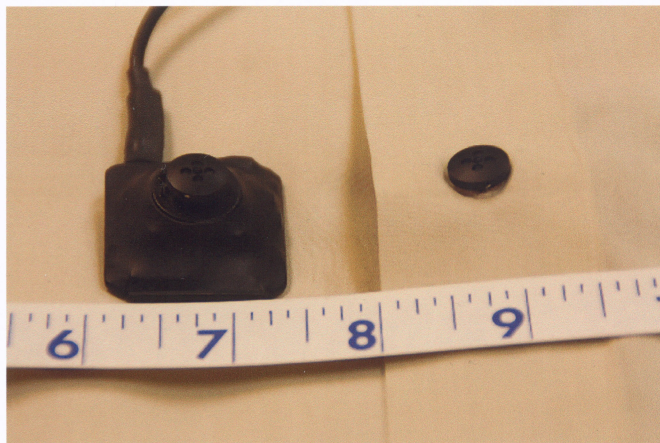
This specialized equipment provides us with surveillance opportunities to obtain the supporting evidence you need.

Once video evidence is obtained, we incorporate video captures or stills in the form of photographic evidence with our report or declaration.

The photographic evidence not only provides an accurate visual depiction supporting our investigative report, it also eliminates the need to show video in the courtroom which in most cases is rarely permitted.

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Covert Button Camera (left) which can be worn inside a shirt or jacket. The Button Camera on right is an installed example. This camera records to a portable DVR with date & time stamp.

45 Criminal Charges filed against Private Investigator

Kathleen Culhane (40), a former criminal defense investigator, was charged on February 21, 2007 with forging statements from jurors, witnesses and others during appeals of four death penalty cases. State

prosecutors are calling this "one of the largest frauds on the justice system in California history."

The charges involve 23 declarations that Culhane filed with courts and the

governor's office from 2002 to 2006. It should be noted that while Culhane was contracted as an investigator for the defense, unbeknownst to the attorneys, she was operating without the required state license.

REMINDER:

We are located at 615 Civic Center Drive, Suite 305, Santa Ana, directly across the street from Central Court. Our conference room and office is available for your convenience when in our area.



Covert Neck Tie Camera and covert Ink Pen Camera. Both cameras record to a remote Digital Video Recorder (DVR) with Date & Time stamp.



Covert Hat Camera, Cell Phone camera and Sun Glasses camera. All record to a remote Digital Video Recorder (DVR) with Date & Time stamp.

LSIS Case Profile: Cohabitation

Years ago in college, when I was given an assignment in our Family Law class to brief a cohabitation scenario, I was unaware that this Family Law research and training would create the foundation for one of our investigative specialties. As you are well aware, Family Code section 4323 identifies cohabitation and authorizes the court to modify or terminate support when it exists. In re marriage of Schroeder, 238 Cal.Rptr.12 (June 1987),

states, *"The statute was enacted presumably to protect the supporting spouse from an unfair advantage being gained by the supported spouse who cohabits with a person of the opposite sex."*

We approach cohabitation investigations from several angles for evidentiary purposes. Surveillance is one obvious solution, however, we support the surveillance efforts with additional evidence in the form of trash

checks for delivered mail in the name of the cohabitating parties. Additionally, we check for mail forwarding addresses at the post office, address history database research, and other forms of lifestyle particulars which may indicate residency. Quite frequently, the evidence obtained will provide our attorney/client a source for records to subpoena. In the end, the clients small investigative investment can return substantial savings!

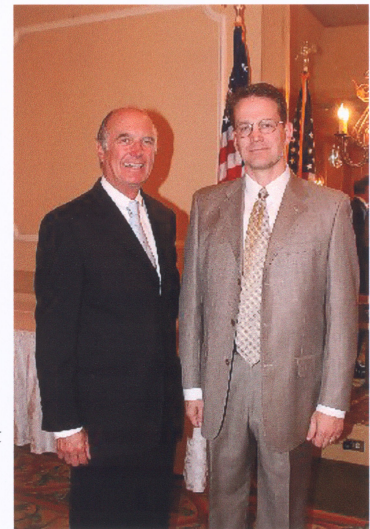
P.I. Legislative Efforts:

The California Association of Licensed Investigators is actively involved in legislative efforts to protect the tools needed to support you in litigation. We believe there should be better laws to protect the privacy of the individual, however, the bills need to be well written with exemptions for private investigators with a legitimate need. Imagine attempting to locate a witness by the name

of John Miller without the benefit of address history, date of birth or social security identifiers.

Recently, I met with state senator Dick Ackerman in an effort to share our concerns.

April 16th is our annual CALI Legislative Day in Sacramento where we meet our elected representatives and senators.



Codified Law Spotlight:

Bus & Prof Code: 7539(c)

Section 7539(c) falls within the PLA or Private Investigators Act.

"...the person submitting the report shall exercise diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts and information in the report are true and correct."

Evidence Code 1552(a)

Section 1552 is a frequently referenced code when presenting evidence generated from a computer or the internet.

"A printed representation of computer information is presumed to be an accurate repre-

sentation of the computer information or program it purports to represent."

