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To: The Spawn Group <info@spawngroup.com>
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Subject: Re: Polishing the Badge podcast series

Hello Mark,

I hope all is well. I've been in Asheville for 2 years now; but, I still keep track of what my friends in New York are up to. Great job with the content you and Jeanna are putting out.

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 6:13 PM The Spawn Group <info@spawngroup.com> wrote:

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Released today:

[A Family Legacy to Protect Children](#) - Derek VanLuchene shares the tragic story of his brother's abduction and murder. Ryan VanLuchene was just 8 years old when he was taken from his back yard by a man who had been released from prison days before, vowing to commit another sex crime. Derek discusses the law enforcement response, and his motivation to become a police officer. Today through Ryan United, the non-profit organization founded by Ryan's family, Derek provides advocacy to families of missing and abused children. He also is a member of Team Adam and provides training for police through the National Criminal Justice Training Center. Derek's advice to law enforcement – *plan ahead, be ready*. [LINK](#)

Polishing the Badge is a podcast series launched by The Spawn Group in December featuring interviews with current and former law enforcement officers sharing meaningful stories from their careers. Our mission is to promote real-life stories that showcase the positive, motivational and sometimes gritty stories from those who have proudly served. Our previous releases:

❖ **[Life-Altering Meth Raid](#)**: A young woman was shocked to be facing down several guns when police raided a meth lab in Upstate New York. The compassionate counsel of Police Officer Christopher Jones motivated the woman to stop using drugs, pursue her education, and set a goal to become a police officer. Listen to this compelling interview with Savannah who shares her story from the meth raid, to completing school, and a special visit she made to thank the officer who changed her life. [LINK](#)

◄ **[Christmas 1974 – Tragedy and Triumph](#)**: Two retired police officers recall the harrowing and eventful night of December 25 from almost a half century ago, including a multi-fatal crash, a state trooper critically injured in another crash, and the delivery of twins *by those officers*. Larry Mullen and Arlen Cline recall the unforgettable night. [LINK](#)

◄ **[Woman Escapes Serial Killer](#)**: Retired Police Chief Peter Carnes shares the story from his jurisdiction in Massachusetts in which a serial killer had his next victim in his car. Carnes describes how she narrowly escaped, and provided information leading police to confront the killer who made his way across the United States. [LINK](#)

◄ **[Gambling & Gangsters](#)**: Chief (Ret.) Greg Veitch has chronicled the history of gambling in Saratoga Springs, NY in his two books. Veitch describes how gangsters infiltrated the community, and how the enterprise came to an end. Learn how notorious gangsters like Lucky Luciano, Myer Lansky, Legs Diamond and others ran a profitable and sometimes violent operation. [LINK](#)

Please feel free to share these and watch for our posts on various social media channels. Do YOU have a story to share? – let us know at info@spawngroup.com

Thank you - Mark & Jeanna Spawn - Producers

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