

PART 4 ~ Excerpts of a 'True Story of Corruption & Murder in the LAPD':  
*The Dark Side of the Force~Jan Golab~Atlantic Monthly Press*

The following information is limited to only those factual situations that parallel the facts of exposed corruption of the LAPD. It is a blending of public information expressed in tv news, newspaper articles, court records and nonfiction published documents. Such facts repeated in Mr. Peernock's parallel case are underlined for emphasis.

SYNOPSIS: The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) long had an unmarred reputation as 'the finest'. Then came startling revelations as only being the tip of the iceberg, such as this sobering and depressing *nonfiction book* relates and from court records; i.e., a shocking tale of just two LAPD officers, both:

- ❖ highly regarded by their colleagues and neighbors ~
- ❖ both returned home as decorated Vietnam War heroes ~
- ❖ shown to be charming, loving and caring husbands and fathers ~
- ❖ were beloved for their service to the community ~
- ❖ seemed to be pillars of rectitude ~

but who abused and betrayed their law enforcement trust, were exposed, found guilty of murder in 1988, and are now serving life sentences, pending appeals.

Was this an isolated case? No, definitely not. It is an undetected widespread cancer. The ferreting out of this corruption and racketeering of the city's finest is virtually impossible. When found and brought to trial, convicting cops ~ even 'killer cops' is difficult. A single case like these alone can cost the city taxpayers up to \$10 million and can stretch over a six-year time frame. Loss of trust in the force is priceless.

Reference is made to the aforementioned 25 separate illegal acts by rogue cops whose belief that their badges are shields of immunity. Its felt that the majority of the force has conducted at least one illegal act during their tenure, and got away with it. Police, and judges, both have their 'codes of silence' as effective roadblocks. When an illegal act is uncovered, out comes threats ~ retaliation ~ and finally even murder of our citizens to protect those who have done the act.

How corrupt are cops on the force? No one knows, but these two are known examples to have:

- ❖ conducted police-sponsored insurance fraud ~
- ❖ committed an armed robbery ~
- ❖ trafficked in automatic-weapons ~
- ❖ established a prostitution ring ~
- ❖ done murder-for-hire ~
- ❖ conspired to commit murder ~
- ❖ performed a contract killing ~
- ❖ and planned a sex-torture-mutilation murder.

**The depth of corruption and racketeering throughout the force is a bone-chilling horror, and it continues through the judges.**

**The following is based on court records:**

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The Cover Page states that this is 'A True Story of Corruption and Murder in the LAPD', based on 'court records'.

LAPD's Public Relations contracted a book to be written to deceive the public into thinking that this organized crime story only involved two cops. The judges involved conspired to cover up that this ongoing racketeering scam involved using the judges' "Probate Courts" to collect -- and share among themselves and the LAPD detectives who carry out the murders -- the money from the life insurances on the people the detectives killed.

The judges controlled what is in the published cases, and conspired to keep out that their probate courts, and judges, were part of this ongoing racketeering scam.

And instead of the death penalty for this ongoing racketeering scam -- of killing people for their life insurances -- these corrupt LAPD cops were only given life sentences. And the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court Judge Reinhardt also recently ruled in the corrupt LAPD Detective Ford's favor. This is while Judge Reinhardt refused to even address the outrages-enormous U.S. Constitutional and due process violations and the false imprisonment (in violation of "Double Jeopardy") in Appellant's case (The Peernock case).

Ninth Circuit Judge Reinhardt (a former LAPD police commissioner along with the mentally ill, alcoholic LAPD Detective Fisk's father who was also a LAPD commissioner) and Reinhardt's buddy Ninth Circuit Court judges have refused to address this ongoing racketeering by Fisk, his buddy detectives and judges.

Page 3 discusses a dumbfounded Chief Gates replaying portions of a tape over and over, not believing that he was hearing one of 'his' guys raving like a wild man about burglary, capering, murder for hire, kidnapping, raping, torturing a woman to appear to be a sex crime, "knifing niggers", "doing whores", fragging commanding officers, committing atrocities in Viet-nam, and how being a "super cop" was the "perfect cover".

This was 8 years before the infamous videotape of the March 1991 Rodney King beating that would gain worldwide attention with profound impact on the LAPD. The resultant Christopher Commission, with its report of widespread racism and a "culture of brutality" in the LAPD serving as a formal indictment, and causing Chief Gates early retirement. The trial's verdict would ignite the worst race riots in U.S. history.

The perfect cover to commit murders and frame others is a LAPD detective. Internal Affairs has been organized with the main purpose of covering-up murders, corruption and scams by their cops. With all the LAPD's bragging about their enormous investigative capability to investigate and prosecute any citizen, Gates claimed the LAPD was completely ignorant of the fact that his detectives were committing robberies,

contract murders, insurance fraud, and framing innocent people while collecting the insurances on the people the detectives killed with impunity for many years. Gates also claimed ignorance of Ford's and Von Villas' buddy detectives, such as Detective Fisk, who were part of this murder/insurance fraud group, and who had a history of killing people (which was always covered-up by L.A.) and who was being treated for mental illness and alcoholism, and who was another of L.A.' finest.

Page 4 describes two decorated war heroes having served 13 and 14 impeccable years with the LAPD. Their records showed uncommon devotion to duty and public service. Their combined stack of commendations lay inches thick. Truly two of L.A.'s finest, and ... cold-blooded killers as well. That these many years of working selflessly to protect and serve had been nothing but a ruse? This was what was to be a startling insight into the LAPD.

How could this happen? The D.A. told the jury 5 years later that this case represents "every citizen's worst nightmare."

For over 15 years Ford, Von Villas and their buddies Fisk and other detectives committed murders, set up innocent people, while repeatedly being rewarded with commendations. While the LAPD concentrated on their propaganda campaign claiming their police force was the nation's cleanest, their detectives were committing murders-for-profit by collecting life insurances on the people they killed. Any citizen complaining to Internal Affairs about murders and other crimes by the Police were themselves then targeted for harassment, murder or set-up on false charges. Gates and former LAPD Chiefs had set up a full-proof system to cover-up crimes by cops, and when their cover-up system broke down, Gates and the other Chiefs claimed they were too stupid to know what was going on and had no investigative capability.

The LAPD: super investigators against citizens, but completely incompetent in investigating their own cops. Detectives Ford and Von Villas could openly brag about their murders, torture and many criminal acts with complete confidence and without fear that the LAPD would expose them. It took a private citizen and an outside agency, the FBI, to stop Ford and Von Villas from continuing their killings, but the LAPD circled their wagons and stopped the exposure of Fisk, and other detectives, carrying out the same type murder – insurance fraud schemes that Ford and Von Villas engaged in. And Fisk, like Ford and Von Villas, could openly brag to writer Joe Domonick in "To Protect And To Serve" that he could destroy any man's family and get all the back-up he needed.

Page 5 described Chief Parker's establishing a fail-safe system to preclude wholesale corruption that mars many other big-city police departments. But Parker was a realist and understood that the corruption of some individuals was inevitable.

There were other recent scandals that made headlines. "Hollywood Burglars", a gang of patrol officers, were caught stealing movies from video stores after tripping the burglar alarms. A couple of cops were involved in sexual trysts with female Explorer

**Scouts.** The “Jay Paul Affair” concerned a “red squad” of cops who’d been compiling intelligence data on suspected “subversives”

**Cops would always be involved in shootings** that would have to be scrutinized, but no LAPD cop had ever been charged with premeditated murder – not for the full 107-year history of LAPD, for you **couldn’t find a “killer cop” in L.A.** The movies and television series’ rarely dared to show at the end of an episode: the good guy – **the cop – turns out to be the killer.**

Even with Ford and Von Villas committing murders and robberies under the nose of Gates and the LAPD, and with alcoholic, mentally ill Detective Fisk being placed in mental illness retirement while the LAPD covered-up his many murders, the propaganda campaign to portray the LAPD as the nation’s finest continued.

The intelligence squad “Red Squad” spied on politicians and judges so they could use blackmail and get them to cover-up for corruption by LAPD officers.

Page 6 entails Chief Gates and his autobiography, ‘Chief’. He added to what was discussed about the **LAPD bungling and cover-ups** in the **Marilyn Monroe and Bobby Kennedy investigations**, how blacks don’t respond to choke holds like “normal” folk, how **casual drug dealers ought to be shot**, his son’s drug addiction, and spilling his guts about Rodney King.

However, Chief Gates **would not** reflect on the **biggest investigation** in the history of LAPD’s Internal Affairs Division. And **not mentioning the unmentionable: L.A.’s “killer cops”**, it was the case he would **choose to forget**. Who would have thought that a troubled auto mechanic, A Vietnam vet, could **uncover the worst case of corruption and criminality in the history of the LAPD?**

This book attempts to ignore and/or to minimize the policy of the LAPD to cover-up murders and scams perpetuated on citizens by LAPD cops. While Ford and Von Villas were exposed by a citizen with the help of the FBI, Fisk and his gang of detectives continued their murder-insurance fraud schemes with complete impunity of exposure by the LAPD.

The following pages of the book “The Dark Side of the (LAPD) Force” documents the murder-insurance fraud schemes that Fisk’s LAPD detective buddies, Ford and Von Villas, engaged in. This is a typical scam by LAPD detectives, probate judges, etc: i.e., the scam that Fisk engaged in to frame appellate (Peernock) so they could collect on over 20 life policies that his accomplice Nelson took out and was keeping in his files. Fisk’s and Doom’s scheme was to frame appellant so they could also steal everything appellant owned in retaliation for exposing their racketeering and corruption schemes.

Page 184 picks up the news conference held by Chief Gates after hours of stewing over the **tapes of Adams and Ford’s conversation in the wired van**. He explained that two veteran police officers, **Detective Richard Ford**, age 43, and **Officer Robert Von**



Villas, 38, along with Chatsworth auto shop owner, Bruce Adams, 35, were arrested early that morning for **plotting to kill a San Fernando Valley woman in order to collect on a \$100,000 insurance policy.** As two of them waited outside a club where she was working, **"She was about three minutes away from being murdered,"** Gates said.

LAPD Detective Fisk, though, was successful in killing Claire Peernock and collecting the life insurances and sharing the money with the racketeering judges and their former law clerk, Doom.

On Saturday, the headlines read **"Policemen Arrested in Murder Plot"** and **"2 LAPD Officers Held in Plot to Kill Woman."** Initial reports stated that the \$100,000 in insurance money was earmarked to bankroll a suspected gun-running operation that was being investigated by federal agents.

**Page 185:** The *Daily News* ran a sidebar on Ford titled **"Arrested Officer Has Distinguished Record"**, and stated: **"Throughout the LAPD, officers reacted in stunned belief."** One former officer called Ford **"a helluva policeman."** The LAPD spokesman stated that there **had never been a case like this to hit the police force.** The Devonshire captain said that **everyone in his division was 'just kind of numb'.**

For the next 6 years, despite what seemed to be overwhelming evidence, the prosecutor faced a challenging case. The defendants maintained their innocence to the end with friends standing fast in their public support. Ultimately, Ford and Von Villas would present a troubling yet plausible defense. What appeared to be **a troubling yet plausible case would take on more twists and turns** than a corkscrew roller-coaster.

During the first weeks after the arrests, Deputy D.A. Robert Jorgensen told reporters that Ford and Von Villas **"methodically planned to drug and torture their victim to make her death to appear to be a sex murder."** The public heard about **nylon cords, daggers, ski masks, drugs, possible robberies, and a prostitution ring.** A headline blared: **"2 Officers Reportedly Bragged of Earlier Murder."** Ford and Von Villas soon became known as L.A.'s killer cops.

**Killing people for money is a common practice covered-up by the LAPD. Officer Leasure, whose wife is a Prosecutor, was another LAPD cop convicted of contract killings. Foothill cop Fisk was forced into mental illness retirement after many of his murders. After the IAD covered-up the murders, Fisk was rehired.**

**Page 186** reveals one of many insurance scams. Allstate insurance agent Ray Ossenkop explained that Von Villas was able to **take out a \$100,000 life insurance policy** on Loguercio by saying it was **needed** so he could **get a loan** to save her house from foreclosure. The policy went into effect a month before the attempted murder, and the loan never materialized. Von Villas had offered to pay the entire \$680. annual premium – the agent never having met Loguercio stating **"I ran everything to Van Villas, as he did all the legwork."**

















