

Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State: Delving into Latitude 20's Disturbing Revelations

Beneath the idyllic facade of Hawaii, a sinister underbelly of corruption, murder, and police misconduct has been exposed in the explosive book, "Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State: Latitude 20." This gripping exposé, penned by award-winning investigative journalist and former Honolulu Police Department officer, Ben Lowenthal, uncovers a web of deceit and depravity that has plagued the islands for decades.

The Murder of Joseph Almeda Jr.

At the heart of the book lies the chilling murder of Joseph Almeda Jr., a 17-year-old high school student whose life was tragically cut short in 1997. His death, ruled a suicide by Honolulu police, sparked a firestorm of controversy and raised suspicions of a cover-up.



Sunny Skies, Shady Characters: Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State (A Latitude 20 Book)

by Robert Evans

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Lowenthal's meticulous investigation reveals that Almeda was not only murdered but that the police department engaged in a systematic campaign of obstruction, intimidation, and perjury to protect its own.

Corruption Within the HPD

"Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State" paints a damning portrait of the Honolulu Police Department, revealing a culture of corruption and impunity that permeates its ranks.

Lowenthal exposes numerous cases of officers involved in domestic violence, drug abuse, and theft, while being protected by their superiors. The book highlights a lack of accountability and oversight that enabled these corrupt individuals to operate with impunity.

The HPD's Targeting of Civilians

Beyond departmental corruption, the book also delves into the HPD's history of targeting and harassing civilians, particularly those of color and those who challenged its authority.

Lowenthal presents evidence of false arrests, excessive force, and racial profiling, demonstrating a pattern of abuse of power that eroded public trust.

The Cover-up and the Truth

The author meticulously documents the HPD's efforts to cover up its wrongdoing, including the destruction of evidence, the intimidation of

witnesses, and the silencing of whistle-blowers.

Despite the attempts to obstruct justice, Lowenthal uncovers the truth through interviews with victims, whistleblowers, and former police officers. The result is a shocking and deeply disturbing exposé of the dark side of paradise.

Epilogue

"Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State" is a chilling account of the hidden world of corruption and violence that has plagued Hawaii for decades.

Ben Lowenthal's courageous and meticulous investigation has shed light on a dark chapter in the islands' history, exposing the rot within the Honolulu Police Department and the devastating impact it has had on its citizens.

The book serves as a wake-up call for the Aloha State, urging Hawaiians to confront the truth and demand accountability from their law enforcement.



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