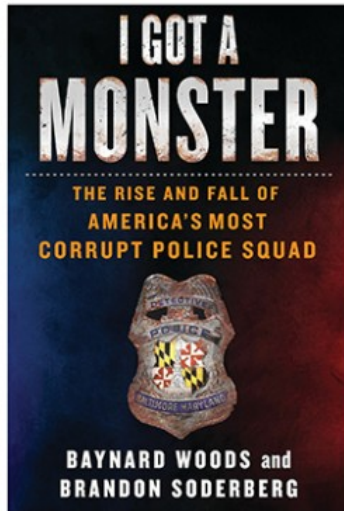


Authors of the Gripping Exposé About America's Most Corrupt Police Squad Host Panel Discussion with Attorney Ivan Bates

The virtual panel discussion with renowned Defense Attorney Ivan Bates will address the ugly truth about Baltimore's Gun Trace Task Force that terrorized the city for over a half a decade.



Baltimore, Aug 13, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - Amidst a backdrop of national protests and efforts to “defund the police,” authors Brandon Soderberg and Baynard Woods have released their chilling new book, *I Got a Monster: The Rise and Fall of America's Most Corrupt Police Squad* and will sit down with Defense Attorney Ivan Bates for a virtual book discussion with Q & A. The event will take place **Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM EST**. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore is hosting the event and the conversation will be moderated by Tia “Mz Konnoisseur” Hamilton— co-owner of Urban Reads Bookstore and owner of *State Vs. Us Magazine*. The event is free to Museum members and \$5.00 for non-members. Individuals can [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Described as “an engrossing exposé” by *Publisher's Weekly*, “I Got A Monster,” is deeply illuminating and casts a bright light on what can happen when dirty detectives go unchecked and when justice ceases to prevail due to systematic failure of the criminal justice system.

“This is a very relevant and timely discussion right now,” states co-author Brandon Soderberg. “We’re really excited to have Defense Attorney Ivan Bates join us and share his insight and discuss what this story meant for him and his clients for the first time with us.”

“*I Got a Monster*,” tells the explosive true story of Baltimore’s Gun Trace Task Force (GTTF). The crimes committed by the GTTF are reconstructed in the book in detail—showcasing the organized conspiracy of thievery, thuggery, and drug dealing.

Defense Attorney Ivan Bates helped to take down the GTTF corruption and represented over thirty victims affected by the officers. Co-authors Brandon Soderberg and Baynard Woods documented the events in chronological order so that the readers could learn not only about the crimes, but also about

the context in which they occurred—Illuminating that the corruption represented more than just a “few bad apples” or a “few corrupt cops”, but rather a gang of violent criminals.

“Soderberg and Woods are masterful storytellers. They took a very complex series of events and recounted them in a simple, yet compelling manner,” shares Defense Attorney Ivan Bates. “*I Got A Monster* is engaging, yet thorough enough to serve as a case study. I believe individuals will glean from this book for decades to come.”

Community activists, lawyers, students, law enforcement and crime aficionados alike, are encouraged to register early to join the virtual audience for this interactive discussion.

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