

# Kelmar and Associates Investigative Agency



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## Kidnapped Girl Found

By Delaine Mathieu

### Costa Rica:

A Christmas miracle for a father who has been searching for his daughter for nearly two years. Nine-year-old Camille Kaufman, taken by her mother in 2008 in Boerne, has been found. She is finally back home with her father in their new home in Houston. The search for her was a very long, grueling and emotional one. It took Galen and investigators all the way down to the jungles of Costa Rica. After months of investigating, Galen and detectives found Camille and her mother, Lynanne Foster, hiding out with her boyfriend, Lance Brauer, and his family.

Kelly Riddle of Kelmar and Associates is the private investigator who worked the case. "We had so many different leads and so many different possibilities," he said.

It all started in July of '08 when Foster, an orthopedic surgeon at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio, left with Camille for a vacation to Florida and never came back. Investigators say she spent months planning to take Camille away from her father and move out of the country. *Continued Page 2*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Out of 20000 species of bees, only 4 make honey.
- At Andrew Jackson's funeral in 1845, his pet parrot had to be removed because it was swearing
- Butterflies taste with their hind feet.
- A 1,200-pound horse eats about seven times its own weight each year.
- First four countries to have television: England, the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and Brazil
- PI's have to be licensed in all but 5 states and take continuing education.

## Transportation & Cargo

### Successful Investigations

Kelmar and Associates continue to evaluate our services and in the Texas region, our statistics have proven our success ratio in recovering stolen cargo and equipment.

- 77.2% located and recovered in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area
  - 60.7% located and recovered in the Houston area
  - 47.3% located and recovered in the South Texas/border
  - 69.1% located and recovered in Mexico
- \*(2006 – 2009)

Texas and Georgia have the highest rate of cargo and transportation theft in the U.S. In the last 30 days, we have been successful in locating seven 18-wheelers, 4 trailers, and 5 pieces of heavy equipment.



Our company provides pre-employment and background checks through our RecordPros.net website and contracts with city, county and state government agencies as well as large corporations to utilize these services.

Be aware of sites like [www.CareerExcuse.com](http://www.CareerExcuse.com) that help desperate job applicants make up phony job histories including the "employer" name, dates of employment, title and more. Then they provide a phone number where someone answers to the made up company name and provides a fake verification of employment or reference.

Scams like these are just one of the many reasons our clients rely on our professional team of investigators!

Once investigators tracked them down in the jungles of Costa Rica, Foster agreed to give up Camille. Now, Camille and Galen are together again -- just in time for Christmas. As for Foster, a federal warrant remains in place for taking Camille. If she ever enters the United States again, she'll be arrested.



*Galen Kaufman and family visiting with Investigator Kelly Riddle after reunited with Camille (center)*

\*Watch for a segment featuring this case on Dateline

## FEATURED IN USA TODAY

By **Wendy Koch**, USA TODAY

This Valentine's Day is one of the few in the past two decades that has not triggered a surge in clients, says Kelly Riddle, owner of Kelmar & Associates in San Antonio, a firm of private investigators.

It's the economy, Riddle says: "If they have a cheating spouse with a job, now is not the time to rock the boat."

How often spouses are unfaithful is unclear, because studies report varying results. In a 2006 survey of 3,000 adults by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, 22% of men and 13% of women admitted to infidelity.

The heartbreak is tough to watch, especially after a spouse sees proof of the infidelity on video, Riddle says.

He recalls a Valentine's Day case of a man who had lunch with his wife and dinner with his lover of nine years, with whom he had a child. The man basically had two wives, Riddle says. "He brought a dozen roses to each of them."



### **Texas Association of Licensed Investigators**

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## CONTINUED TRAINING



TRAINING PROFESSIONALS SINCE 1989

The investigators at Kelmar and Associates go above and beyond the requirements for continued education. Our company owned "PI Institute of Education" enables our staff to keep our investigators up-to-date on laws and trends as they happen. This training is also available to others through our website found at [www.PIinstitute.com](http://www.PIinstitute.com). Since 1989 we have trained more than 5,000 professionals!

Kelmar and Associates belongs to 18 different trade associations to help keep our investigators and clients up to date with the most current techniques and trends in the industry. Kelly E. Riddle, President of Kelmar is also on the Board of Directors for TALI as well as the President-Elect. Kelly also serves on the Board of Directors for the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

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## EMBEZZLEMENT CASES

With the economy in a recession, our investigators have seen an increase in the number of internal theft cases. One recent case involved a large physician's office. A clerk in the office was verbally quoting the patient a higher fee than the regular fee. The clerk would then "reduce" the charge slightly if they paid by cash. You guessed it, they were pocketing the difference! Our investigators were able to obtain a signed confession from the clerk.

## **ARIZONA CASE SOLVED**

Kelmar investigators were brought into a case involving a kidnapped child after local police ran into dead-end leads. Utilizing our vast resources, investigators developed a possible sighting of the teenager. Through surveillance, a positive identification was made and a joint effort with law enforcement resulted in the teenager being successfully reunited with their family.

## **BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER**

A Client in the cargo industry hired Kelmar investigators after an internal red-flag led them to believe their shipping manager may have been involved in embezzling assets. Based in Mexico, the client was found to have vendors on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border involved in the thefts. Through extensive audits, document reviews, surveillance and interviews, Kelmar investigators were able to obtain confessions from the parties involved, enabling our client to prosecute those involved.

## **CELL PHONE FRAUD**

Kelmar investigators recently conducted a three-month sting operation in six states on behalf of a cell phone provider. Concerned with thefts of product and criminal uses of their phones, our investigators set out to identify the extent of the problem. Through surveillance and undercover operations, organized gangs were observed buying large quantities of phones from department stores and delivering them to warehouses where they were ripped out of their packages. Fortunately they threw the packages in an outside dumpster where investigators were able to retrieve the bar codes. Many of these phones were also delivered to "mom and pop" cell phone shops. The phones had their software stripped and reprogrammed for use in other parts of the world and were shipped out in mass quantities to other countries.

## **WORKERS COMP FRAUD**

With a poor economy comes an increase in workers compensation fraud. Kelmar investigators recently found one claimant who was off on a job related injury working on a tractor on his property. In addition to getting great video of the subject's physical abilities, we found documents indicating he had started his own internet related business.

## **WORK PLACE VIOLENCE**

A corporate client requested Kelmar's assistance after a terminated employee began returning to the business and acting unusual. Investigators began to conduct surveillance on the terminated employee that resulted in a copy of their Last Will and Testament being observed laying in the passenger seat of the former employee's car. Through this and other documented aggressive behavior documented by investigators, the individual was ordered into counseling and mental wellness programs.

## **Case Management System**

Kelmar clients are able to keep up-to-date with their assignments by logging into our company's secure internet site. Investigator's upload reports, video, photos, police reports and other documents. This is just one of the many ways Kelmar strives to keep our clients up-to-date and service our client's needs!

## **WHO NEEDS A PI?**

The question should be - who doesn't need a PI? Every business needs to do pre-employment searches, deal with internal thefts, workers comp, sexual harassment issues, workplace violence and a host of other situations. Individuals need PI's to check out potential spouses or those that may be cheating, locate missing loved ones, or make sure the people they are going into business dealings with are of the highest standards.

## **INTERESTING QUOTES**

-“I would rather interview 50 people and not hire anyone than hire the wrong person.” *Jeff Bezos*

-“Success is never final and failure rarely fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.” *Winston Churchill*

-“Mountain tops are for views and inspiration but fruit is frown in the valleys.” *Billy Graham*

-“Only those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.” *Robert Kennedy*

-“You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come into contact with a new idea.” *John Nuveen*

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