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# INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY'S TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP GOES BEHIND THE YELLOW TAPE TO ERASE THE PHYSICAL REMNANTS OF TRAGIC EVENTS

With Three Episodes Chronicling the Eccentric and Shocking Stories of the Dirtiest of Jobs,
TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP Premieres Tuesday, July 19 –

(Silver Spring, MD) – Television often glorifies the lives of law enforcement officers, lawyers, and victims, but while these shows quickly attempt to make sense of tragedy, none examine the strange lives of those who stay at the scene of the crime to clean up the mess left behind. Investigation Discovery's new series **TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP** introduces viewers to Neal Smither and his company, Crime Scene Cleaners, which dominates a business too dangerous – and, often too gruesome – for non-professionals to touch. **TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP** world premieres on Tuesday, July 19 from 10-11 PM ET on Investigation Discovery.

"As America's leading investigation network, Investigation Discovery features amazing stories from across the justice system, and in that regard, **TRUE GRIME** expands the network's coverage to a completely different and often overlooked aspect," said Henry Schleiff, president and general manager of Investigation Discovery. "While appreciating its importance, audiences frequently question how companies take on this work or wonder about the type of people who call this a career, and **TRUE GRIME** provides the answers to these while explaining, perhaps, the dirtiest job of all."

The three episodes of TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP include:

#### **Road Rage**

### World Premiere: Tuesday, July 19 from 10-11 PM ET

Crime Scene Cleaners is called to the scenes of two separate homicides in the same crime-ridden neighborhood, causing Smither to worry about the safety of his crew. Unfortunately, their effort at one of the sites leaves traces of blood behind, prompting the victim's great-grandmother to call in a complaint. Smither personally visits the woman to rectify the issue, displaying the importance of his company's commitment to restoring both the property and emotional stability of those affected by tragic incidents.

#### **Running Ragged**

#### World Premiere: Tuesday, July 26 from 10-11 PM ET

As a 24-hour operation, Crime Scene Cleaners is on the scene no matter the time of day, making for brutal schedules and sleep-deprived staff. Smither arranges to hire some fresh faces, requiring an extensive vetting process due to the line of work. Elsewhere, the entire crew is needed to scrub a hoarder's house, where the victim's decomposing body lay for weeks.

#### **New Blood**

## World Premiere: Tuesday, August 2 from 10-11 PM ET

After a new trainee gets his first taste of the business with a rat infestation clean up, Smither puts him to the test when the crew is dispatched to disinfect the site where a decomposing body has been discovered. These types of jobs push Smither's team to their limits due to the severity of the assignment, especially the smell. Later, the Crime Scene Cleaners team de-clutters a tiny attic, then is called to clean an expanse of highway while eager motorists wait.

**TRUE GRIME: CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP** is produced by New Wave Entertainment for Investigation Discovery. At New Wave Entertainment, Brian Volk-Weis, Mark Kadin, Barry Katz and Matt Ogens are executive producers. For Investigation Discovery, Pamela Deutsch is executive producer, Sara Kozak is vice president of production and Henry Schleiff is president and general manager.

# **About Investigation Discovery**

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