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INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY GREENLIGHTS ALL-NEW TRUE CRIME SERIES *HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT* WITH EXECUTIVE PRODUCER MARTIN SHEEN

-- HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT Takes Viewers Inside the Infamous O.J. Simpson Trial to Reveal Shocking New Evidence Supporting O.J.'s Innocence—

(New York, NY) – Twenty-one years ago, the images of a white Ford Bronco making its way down Southern California’s freeway flashed across our television screens, captivating a curious audience across the nation. But little did we know, this police chase would lead to the most highly publicized criminal trial of the century and signify the birth of a cultural obsession. From popular culture references to the latest FX series *America Crime Story: The People vs O.J. Simpson*, the murder trial of O.J. Simpson remains a relevant topic of conversation. But what if the world was too quick to convict O.J. Simpson? What if we were wrong all along? Today, Investigation Discovery (ID) announced it will begin production on a riveting true crime series, **HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT**, presenting a new theory and never before seen evidence to reveal a possible new suspect behind the case we all think we know. Executive produced and narrated by Emmy award-winning Martin Sheen, the six-episode series is **slated to premiere in early 2017 only on Investigation Discovery.**

“**HARD EVIDENCE** is just that – it may be hard for many of us to accept a fresh perspective and new angle to the story that has transfixed our nation for decades,” said Henry Schleiff, Group President, Investigation Discovery. “With an intriguing theory based on new and never disclosed details, **HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT** will leave viewers second-guessing everything they have ever known about the case, questioning yet again – did he do it?”

“The series intends to explore three questions,” said executive producer Martin Sheen. “What if there were enough evidence that proved O.J. Simpson did not murder his ex-wife Nicole or Ron Goldman? What if the real killer were still at large? And finally, what if a grand jury convened to reconsider the case based on new evidence?”

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Over the past 21-years, Dallas-based private investigator William C. Dear has gathered undisputed facts and critical new evidence to build a new theory: O.J. Simpson is innocent. In **HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT** Dear teams with former LAPD forensic psychologist, Dr. Kris Mohandie, and Rhode Island police Sergeant, Derrick Levasseur, to re-examine the O.J. Simpson case from beginning to end, revealing compelling new information that points the finger directly at a new suspect in the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

“This new ID series represents my exhaustive 21-year search for the truth in this case,” said executive producer Bill Dear. “Viewers will not only be presented with real facts and hard evidence, but also an undiscovered eyewitness. This revealing series will now show you what may have really happened based upon all the facts, so for the first time, you will be able to judge for yourself. I am certain viewers will be shocked to learn who OJ may have actually been covering up for.”

HARD EVIDENCE: OJ IS INNOCENT is produced for Investigation Discovery by Objective Media Group America/All3Media America with Jimmy Fox, Greg Lipstone, Layla Smith, Martin Sheen and William C. Dear serving as executive producers. For Investigation Discovery, Lorna Thomas is executive producer, Sara Kozak is senior vice president of production, Kevin Bennett is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is Group President.

About Investigation Discovery

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