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## Hollywood-Based Skeptics Expose Self-Proclaimed “Nationally Known Psychic Investigator.”

*The Independent Investigations Group “gets it right” on Carla Baron – the would-be supernatural sleuth whose fictitious claims of solving crimes were reported as fact by ABC News, the Associated Press, and the Boston Globe.*

Hollywood, CA, August 24, 2004: The Independent Investigations Group (IIG) has released a complete report on Carla Baron, who claims to have solved crimes with her psychic powers. This group of volunteer skeptics researched media reports on these crimes, contacted police investigators, and even observed Baron’s technique up close. The IIG has determined that 100% of these cases are either currently unsolved or were solved without Baron’s assistance, proving that any claim she makes of being a psychic detective is completely unsubstantiated.

Take the grisly case in Southern California of a murdered mother and daughter, whose bodies were not completely recovered. Baron takes credit for leading police to the location of their remains, and ABC News aired a videotape of undisclosed origin that made it appear that she worked with police investigators. Apparently ABC never bothered to research the case like IIG did, or they would have discovered that Baron was never involved with the case, and in fact, the victim’s remains were found by hikers.

Baron claims to have led investigators to the body of a man missing in Indiana. The Associated Press reported Baron’s claim without checking it out. If they did, they would have discovered what IIG discovered with one phone call – the police didn’t even know about Baron’s information until a week after the body had been found by standard police procedures. In fact, Baron never predicted exactly where the body was. She said it was, “up a slight incline in a cornfield, with a wire fence and a telephone pole nearby” – a “vision” that describes much of the 36,000 square miles that make up Indiana.

The Boston Globe reports that Baron has provided police with a description of a man that she believes abducted a New England college student. It turns out that Baron’s description is: "a clean-cut looking man." The IIG doubts that police will try to round up the sixty million men that match this description.

Baron has also generated publicity by attaching her name to such famous crimes as the O.J. Simpson murders, the abduction of Elizabeth Smart, and the murder of JonBenet Ramsey. The IIG has systematically shown, in case after case, that she was not involved with these investigations in any meaningful way.

What’s even more insidious is Baron’s claim that she doesn’t charge for working on missing persons cases. The report from IIG illustrates how Baron makes money by using the publicity that she generates from these “cases” to bring in more customers for her \$200 per hour readings.

"Psychic Detectives" do not solve crimes. Read the complete report at [www.iigwest.com/carla\\_report.html](http://www.iigwest.com/carla_report.html).

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