SWEET TEA MURDERS

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Historical true crime, told Southern style



A good Southern story takes its time.

I'm a former homicide detective, retired Pensacola Police sergeant, historian, and author. In Sweet Tea Murders, I bring old Southern cases to life with the easy pace of a porch conversation and a detective's ear for the detail that changes the story. We get to know the place and the people before we follow the evidence.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A 30–60 minute, family-friendly talk with audience Q&A and an optional printed case file. A fit for museums, libraries, historical societies, and community groups.

BOOK MICHAEL EARL

Choose a story

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA / 1978

The Last Stop

A stolen Volkswagen caught a Pensacola officer's attention. Follow the encounter that ended Ted Bundy's time as a fugitive.

COWETA COUNTY, GEORGIA / 1948

Just Across the County Line

After farmhand Wilson Turner was killed near a roadside tourist camp, the question of which county he died in followed the case all the way to Georgia's highest court.

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA / 1935

The Shot That Killed the Kingfish

Huey Long was mortally wounded in a State Capitol corridor. The accounts of whose bullet struck him still make for a Louisiana mystery.

OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE / 1940

The House at Oliver Springs

Two sisters and a teenage boy were found dead in a Victorian home. Decades later, a police chief reopened the case and reconsidered who had been blamed.

A Story from Your Own Backyard

Is there an old murder, a mysterious crime, or a disappearance folks in your community still talk about? For a separate fee, I can dig into old newspapers and local records, then come tell the story where it happened. I'll bring a former homicide detective's eye to what the records reveal and the questions that still linger.