

Rick Reed served as a member of the Evansville Police Department and Vanderburgh County Sheriff Department for 30 years. He worked the Criminal Investigations until until 2003 when he was promoted to Detective Sergeant and began leading the Internal Affairs department. During his career he served as a Crisis Management/Hostage Negotiator, a handwriting expert, and received some of his training from the US Secret Service. He is currently an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice program at a local community college in Indiana.

While working third shift and looking for ways to burn off stress, Rick discovered that he enjoyed making up police stories.

Never expecting to be published, he began an anonymous underground newsletter written more as a roast of his fellow officers, politicians, or anyone that fell into his sights. After ceasing the newsletter he learned that his stories were being circulated at Quantico (the FBI Academy) and mailed to other law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Secret Service Academy in Glenside, Georgia.

In 2000, he caught serial killer Joseph Weldon Brown who confessed to killing 14 women across the United States. Stemming from that experience he coauthored the acclaimed true crime book, Blood Trail, describing the investigation, capture, trial and eventual sentencing of Joseph Weldon Brown.

Rick prefers fiction writing over true crime. In 2010, his first novel, The Cruellest Cut, introduced detective Jack Murphy and his partner, Liddell Blanchard. The Jack Murphy series draws on his personal experience as he brings serial killer fiction to life in the small town of Evansville, Indiana. The series continues with the release of the 3rd installment, The Deepest Wound, in 2016 with two more novels to be released in 2017.