

# NEWS from the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee

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## Special points of interest:

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PIM has yet again been hitting the air waves! Our own lead investigator Noah was recently on the radio show Ghost Mafia. Please visit our website under our *In The Media* tab to listen in on this exciting segment.

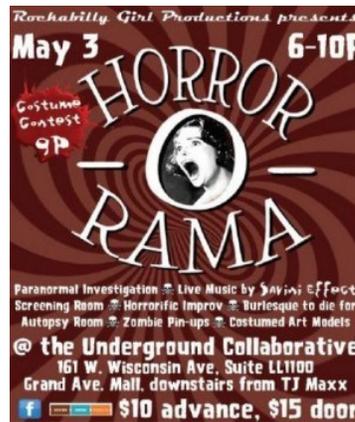
PIM founder Noah and other PIM members were involved in UWM student Josh Sankbeil's project to shoot a teaser for a documentary. Members Noah, Jann, John, Gravy and Missy were interviewed for the documentary along with Jason Gierl from Riverside Theatre. Josh was also present during an investigation that PIM conducted. The Teaser is available on PIM's website under the *In The Media* tab.

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## HORROR-O-RAMA

Happy Spring everyone! We at PIM certainly have spring fever after this seemingly never ending Winter. This Spring PIM is excited to announce that we will be participating in Horror-O-Rama on May 3rd from 6:00pm-10:00pm at The Underground Collaborative in Milwaukee. This is a one night only multi-media horror themed event that is the next best thing to our favorite holiday....Halloween! PIM will have a booth set up and will be willing to answer any of your questions about the paranormal and our technique for investigations. Also our Founder and Lead investigator Noah Leigh will be giving a presentation. For an additional \$5, at the end of the night, PIM will we doing a



Mini-Investigation of the Underground Collaborative. Perhaps you will hear the past sounds of this once popular bowling alley or see the apparition of a prostitute perform it's risqué past once more. There's only one way to find out....

## PIM TO HOLD PARANORMAL CONFERENCE

On September 14th from 10am-6pm PIM will host an invitation only Paranormal Conference at the Irish Cultural Center. This conference will focus on the scientific approach to paranormal investigation and equipment that is commonly used during investigation. More information will follow.

## PIM RESOURCES TAB

PIM prides itself on it's scientific approach and education. That is why we have recently added some helpful and informative articles under it's resources tab on our website. Most recently we have added an article on Pareidolia. Please take a moment to read this very interesting article and to better understand this very intriguing psychological phenomenon.

## Member Spotlight:

Each month we'll highlight a member's story. This month we feature investigator **Jarod K.**

### Besides Paranormal Investigation what other interests do you have?

Well, lately the majority of my time has been taken up by my 7 month old son, Atticus. My interests cast a pretty wide net. Besides the paranormal, I've always been fascinated with science, history, aviation, sports (of course) and I've been competitively shooting since I was twelve. We actually have a family trap shooting team and that season starts in April-so that's something I am looking forward to.

### How long have you been with PIM?

I started with PIM in 2010 and have really enjoyed the team. The direction of the group is a major plus and the personnel are a bonus!

### What is it about the Paranormal that you find interesting?

I suppose what is boils down to is the mystery of it all. I love the fact that not everything is readily explainable and not everything fit into some "box". The "grey areas" of our existence in short....I suppose there's a sort of romantic aspect to it all. I mean really, how boring would the world be if there were no mysteries? It also exciting to me to think that we could be a witness to something very few people have experienced.

### Do you have a favorite piece of equipment that you like to use and why?

So far I would have to say my night shot HD video camera. I think The majority of people would say visual evidence is the most exciting type, and I'm one of those people who typically has to see something with my own eyes to believe it.



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## Calendar of Events:

**March 16th:** Private Residence Investigation in Janesville, WI

**March 29th:** Private Residence Investigation in West Allis, WI

**April 5th:** Investigation at The Best Place, formally part of the Pabst Brewery

**May 3rd:** Horror-o-Rama, Milwaukee, WI

## Equipment Spotlight:

### Rountree Voice Phenomena Recorder



This rig was designed by David Rountree, an audio engineer and author who wrote *Paranormal Technology* and who has done many experiments with EVP recording. This device essentially compares the audio recorded by the onboard mics in the recorder, which are only sensitive to sound, to the dynamic mics on either side of the recorder which are sensitive to sound **AND** EMF directly. By using audio software to study the waveforms of the two recordings, we can look for differences between them which may indicate something in the EMF affecting the dynamic mics since the audio environment would be recorded the same by each set of mics. This is based off the hypothesis that EVPs are generated by manipulating the EMF in the environment. This method also prevents the need to listen to hours of audio since you only need to listen to the sections that look different from one another in the waveform.

## EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

The second stop on our Mini PIM Expedition is Eastern State Penitentiary. The Penitentiary is a former American prison in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was operational from 1829 until 1971. It is considered to be the world's first true penitentiary. Prisoners were originally kept in solitary confinement for the majority of their time behind the doors. The belief at the time was that solitary confinement could cure them of their criminal behavior. Although, this system failed causing depression and insanity due to lack of human contact and the Penitentiary changed to a more traditional system in 1913.

The Prison has housed some famous people during its operation including Al Capone. It has also been home to the most famous prison escapes in history. In 1945 twelve imprisoned men slowly worked on digging a tunnel under the prison wall. In the end this tunnel was 97 feet long and led from the prison to the outside wall.

As early as the 1940's employees at the prison claimed to see odd things and hear strange voices when working late at night. This began the prison's long list of Paranormal Claims. Cell block 12 has an exuberant amount of claims ranging from hearing laughing inside the cells, whispers, shadows, sounds of footsteps, the sound of sobbing or crying, to seeing apparitions. The rest of the prison has its various amounts of claims also. Visitors have claimed to see a man dressed in all black who disappears as soon as anyone approaches him. Many have seen a figure standing in the guard tower. The man seldom moves or does anything to draw attention to himself.

PIM is so excited to investigate this historic location and hopes to return with some insight into this mysterious place!

## Recent Investigation News/Highlights

On March 1st PIM returned to West Allis to investigate a public school along with Noah's West Allis/West Milwaukee Paranormal class. This location has many claims and is quite large so once equipment was set up two groups were formed and the investigators along with Noah's students began their investigation. It was many of the students first investigation and they all did a great job! There were many personal experiences but no evidence was captured during this investigation. PIM will certainly return to this location in the future.

**PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.**

**To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.**

**We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!**