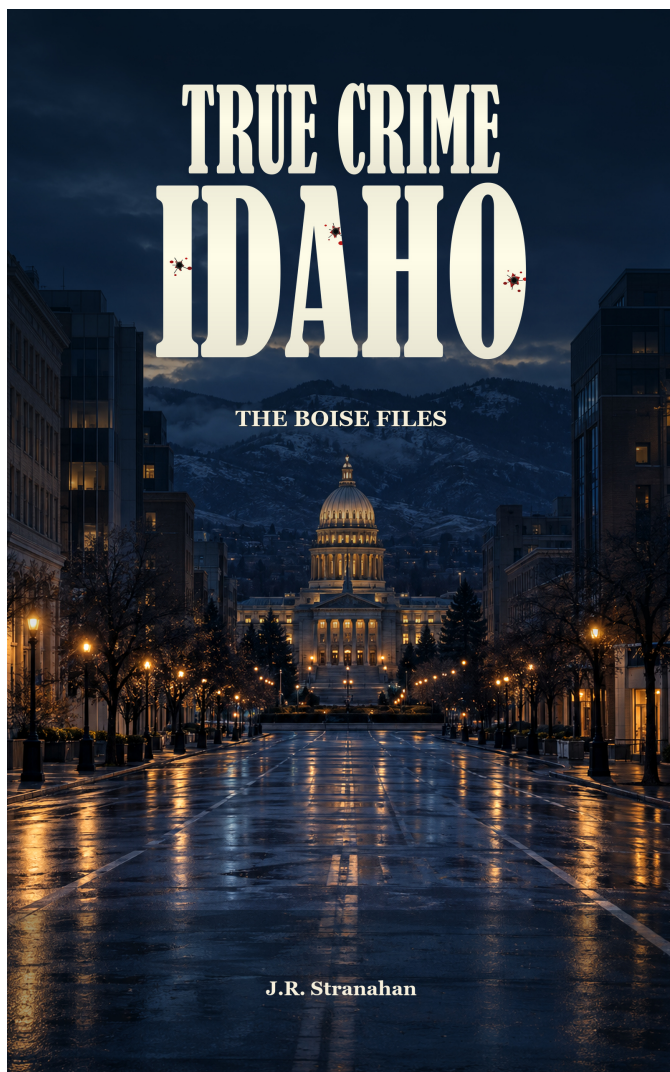




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File 1: The Killing of Emmett Corrigan

Place and period: Meridian and Ada County, 2010-2016

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