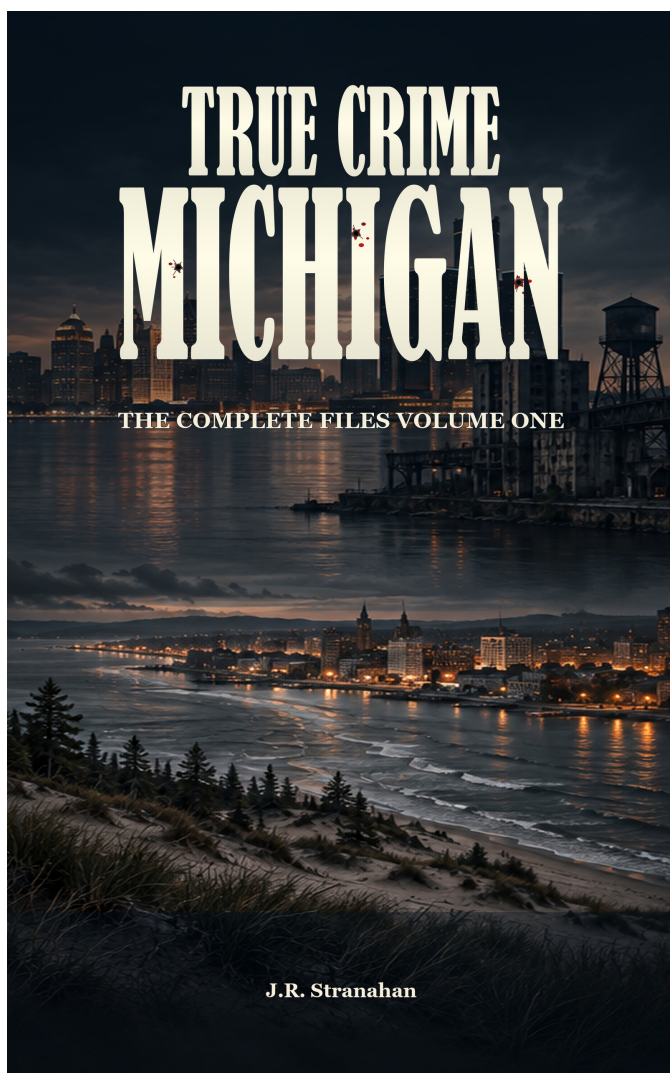




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File 1: The Disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa

Place and period: Bloomfield Township and Detroit, 1975-present

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The human scale

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The controlling status for this account is: Hoffa remains missing and was declared legally dead. No person has been convicted of causing his disappearance. That sentence is deliberately narrower than a television summary. It does not merge co-defendants, convert accusations into findings, or imply that an appeal erased a human death. Later proceedings may change the legal posture, but they should not be projected backward onto the record described here.

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