



THE THIN BLUE LIE: AN HONEST COP VS. THE FBI

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FORMER FBI AGENT SHARES WHISTLEBLOWER STORY IN NEW BOOK, *THE THIN BLUE LIE*

Former FBI agent Greg Dillon shares his whistleblower story in *The Thin Blue Lie: An Honest Cop vs. The FBI*, to show just what happens when one tries to report FBI misconduct.

Dillon was a police inspector assigned to an FBI fugitive task force in Connecticut when he discovered FBI agents falsifying affidavits and attributing the false information to Dillon and two of the investigators he supervised. After realizing the mistakes were intentional and ongoing, he reported his concerns to his boss, the Chief State's Attorney. Subsequently, he was removed from the task force, reassigned, demoted, harassed at home and at work, and threatened with termination.

Stunned by the lack of accountability and unfair treatment, his whole world was turned upside down.

After filing a federal civil action against his employer, a contentious jury trial followed involving testimony from renowned forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee, and the most famous police whistleblower of all time, former New York City detective Frank Serpico.

Dillon ended up with a major courtroom victory and a landmark decision, but the retaliation continued.

"If I come across as bitter at times during this account in *The Thin Blue Lie*, it is because I still am," says Dillon. "If you are like me, you may believe your honesty will be fairly received, only to learn you are now the problem. It did not go the way I expected. Not by a long shot... When I look back, I don't regret my actions, but I do lament the consequences of the reactions to my actions. While sometimes brutally blunt, what is written is heartfelt and accurate. And that is the beauty of the truth: it was true thirty years ago, is still true, and will be thirty years from now."

But he wouldn't have traded the experience: "Despite my tumultuous career, I have never regretted my decision to become a police officer and still believe there is no nobler profession. The majority of people I met in law enforcement were honorable and decent; most of them I trusted with my life. I have nothing but respect for my brother and sister officers who risk their lives daily to keep our communities safe and our country secure."

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Greg Dillon joined the Branford Police Department in 1978 before becoming an FBI special agent in 1985. After working on the Criminal Reactive Squad in Alexandria, VA, then on the Violent Crime Squad in Washington, D.C., in 1990 he accepted a position as an inspector in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in his home state of Connecticut.

During this thirty-plus-year law enforcement career, the author received numerous commendations and awards before retiring as a supervisory inspector in 2009.

He currently sits on the board of directors at Shepherds, a nondenominational, nonprofit organization that assists inner-city high school students by providing an adult mentor, academic and life skills, and financial support for a college preparatory education.



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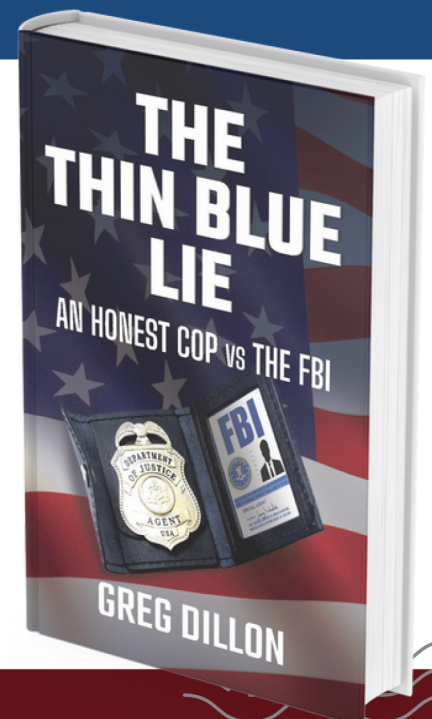


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Q&A WITH GREG DILLON

Q: What inspired you to write *The Thin Blue Lie*?

A: I wanted to preserve what I had experienced in a chronological and accurate way. It became apparent to me after my retirement -- during conversations with relatives and friends -- that they weren't exactly sure what the lawsuit was over and what the resolution of the lawsuit had been. Later, as I was writing the book, I wanted the book to inspire those in law enforcement and to serve as a warning to those in a position of power that everyone is accountable to someone.

Q: What do you hope is the biggest takeaway from the book?

A: That truth will ultimately prevail. The court system can be slow moving, laborious, and expensive, but it usually gets to the truth -- eventually.

Q: How did you deal with the harassment and scrutiny from your peers?

A: It just made me dig in all the harder. I knew I was right and that the truth was on my side. It was a matter of standing firm, holding my ground, and not losing faith. My family and friends, my religious beliefs, and my focus on fitness kept me grounded and focused during the worst times.

Q: How do you think your childhood experiences with cops impacted your career?

A: I was brought up to always respect the police. One of my childhood friend's older brother was a police officer and I admired him growing up. In high school, I had the opportunity to do a ride-along with a New Haven police officer and loved the experience.

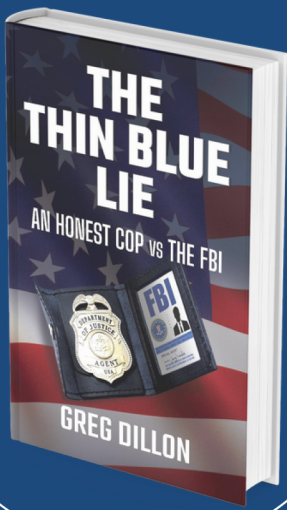
Q: How do you think this case would have been handled today?

A: I would like to think differently, but I'm not sure. Given a perfect storm of misconduct, hubris, political ambition, and incompetence, I imagine it could be repeated. Right now, it would appear that John Durham is trying to unravel FBI corruption and coverup. I'm anxious to see what the result will be.

Q: What is one thing readers would be surprised to learn about you?

A: When I was in college, I bought the book "*Serpico*" and saw the movie. At the time, it made quite the impression on me. I never imagined one day I would get to meet and spend time with Frank Serpico, and that he would speak on my behalf.





WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT *THE LINE BLUE LIE*

The *Thin Blue Lie* is the newest truth teller in this explosive nonfiction read exposing police corruption. Bad guys on all sides of justice are exposed in this real-life story of an FBI whistleblower.

— **Joaquin “Jack” Garcia,**

FBI agent (retired) and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Making Jack Falcone: An Undercover FBI Agent Takes Down a Mafia Family*

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I trust every good cop and FBI agent who reads this book with an open mind will recognize the trials and tribulations Greg Dillon experienced on his journey to reveal the truth. Greg’s exposure of administrative bureaucracy which allowed this to happen is proof positive that good triumphs over evil.

– **Alan A Malinchak,** FBI Unit Chief (retired) and CEO of Eclat Transitions, LLC

Behind the Oz-like curtains of justice, there exist a few good guys unafraid to tell the whole truth, regardless of the consequences. Greg Dillon is one of those guys. Read this book.

– **Norm Pattis,** lawyer, author of *Taking Back the Courts, Juries and Justice*, and *In the Trenches*

Greg Dillon was forced into the uncomfortable role of a whistleblower when he discovered that FBI agents on a federal-state fugitive taskforce were putting lies in sworn affidavits and claiming the information came from Dillon and his fellow Connecticut law enforcement officers. Here, he describes vividly what it’s like to be in that position when bureaucrats decide it’s better for their careers to attack the whistleblowers than stand up for the principles they claim to uphold.

– **Alex Wood,** investigative reporter, *Journal Inquirer*, Manchester, CT