Curiosity fuels activity

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A curiosity about the unknown led Jim Fazzi and Tony a ghost-hunter's treasure. Piontkowski to set up cameras

in cemeteries. and since then the ghost hunters have investigated nearly a in the photos." dozen places some have claimed

are haunted. sights - both law enforcement had some colorful words to officials know that investigations can sometimes be all about the stakeout, which re- different frequencies and our quires time and patience.

"We do a solid and thorough reports are posted on our web- at me." site. After our investigation, we make our statements and dis- house, after all the equipment ty-corner to the wall there was a play evidence. Some groups don't display evidence but that's what we're here for."

At a recent investigation in the Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre, the duo spent hours setting up infrared cameras, using different devices to monitor changes in electromagnetic frequencies and keeping an eye out for unusual occurrences.

For all their painstaking work, the pair sometimes comes up empty-handed.

"The hardest part is making sure that it's not something else - in a picture it could be a leaf, or moisture, or a bug. We try to rule everything out," said Fazzi. "We'll take a thousand shots and there might be something a little off towards the end."

Fazzi said it could take as long as two weeks to complete an investigation, which includes visiting the site, examining all the evidence and preparing it for their website.

"There's a lot involved," said Piontkowski, of Kingston. "We take numerous photos of the same area. It's time consuming."

But sometimes the work is worth it. The group visited the Hollenbeck Cemetery last year and captured a "full-body apparition" on an infrared camera, something. Fazzi compared it to

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"It was a woman who was wearing early 1900s clothing The pair formed Deadline and she had one hand on her Paranormal about a year ago, hip," said Fazzi. "We didn't see

> Other frightening occurrences include picking up a low, husky share with Fazzi.

ears can't hear it," said Fazzi. investigation," said Fazzi, of voice phenomena) was at a Trucksville. "We compile re- house in Plains. I was asking the ports on the happenings and the spirit to come out and it cussed

was packed, he felt something brushing his head from his forehead all the way to the back of his neck.

"It happened twice, as I was it happen but we saw it forming leaving," he said. "I can't explain it. It was weird."

The group's interest in the paranormal stems from experi-But it's not all seeing spooky voice on a digital recorder that ences both men had when they were young.

In Piontkowski's childhood "It is said that ghosts talk in home in Nanticoke, one room upstairs was always much colder than the rest of the house "Our very first EVP (electronic and gave off a feeling that someone was watching.

"My sister slept in there. One night she woke up and there Piontkowski said in the same behind the dresser that was cat-



was a little girl apparition, and Deadline Paranormal's Jim Fazzi, left, of Trucksville, and his partner, Tony Piontkowski, of Kingston, talk about their next paranormal investigation at Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre.

> red glow," said Piontkowski. she saw it, too."

He would love to go back to sold and is currently being renovated.

new owners," laughed.

explained and to help others.

Deadline Paranormal is a non- of finding the unexplainable. the house to investigate, but profit organization, and the Piontkowski \$50 to hundreds of dollars.

Between full-time work and site."

The goal of the duo, said Faz- having families, the pair makes "My mother slept in there and zi, is to find things that can't be time to pursue their passion," which they say is all in the name

"People want to believe what learned the house was recently equipment and investigations they want to believe," said are all funded out of Fazzi's and Piontkowski. "We're not out to Piontkowski's pockets. In gener- persuade anyone. You judge for "I don't want to spook the al, equipment ranges from about yourself. But we don't put what can be explained on our web-



Deadline Paranormal investigator Tony Piontkowski walks down the hill at Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre after setting up some equipment.



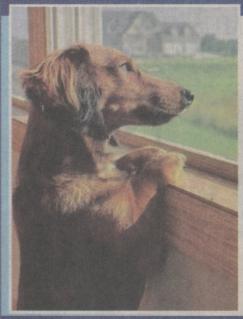


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