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Firsthand account uncovered after 50 years sheds new light on the “Pied Piper of Tucson” murders

Tucson, AZ. - In November 1965 Charles Schmid, nicknamed the “Pied Piper of Tucson” by *Life* magazine, was arrested for the murders of three teenage girls. It was Schmid’s friend and confidant, Richard Bruns, who blew the whistle that resulted in Schmid’s arrest and conviction. After months of keeping Schmid’s secrets and fearing his friend’s psychopathic tendencies, Bruns finally came forward to the authorities.

Two trials would follow, resulting in a death sentence for Schmid for the murders of sisters Gretchen and Wendy Fritz, and a life sentence for the murder of fifteen-year-old Alleen Rowe. As the trials unfolded, Bruns documented his firsthand account in a written manuscript. Once finished, he packed the manuscript away like a time-capsule. He was ready to close this chapter of his life.

Now, fifty years later, the manuscript has been uncovered by his daughters, who have encouraged Bruns to release his side of the story. This isn’t a book of memories distorted after years of passing. Rather, this was written in 1967 when the events were fresh and vivid in Bruns’ mind. Several books have been published about the Charles Schmid murders but none have been from an insider. Here, Bruns takes you into the scenes and events from a view never seen or heard before.

About the author: Richard Bruns is the man who turned Charles Schmid into the authorities and was the star witness for the prosecution. *I, a Squealer* is his firsthand account of his friendship with that psychopath, the details of getting involved way in over his head, and how he finally summoned the courage to come forward to the authorities in order to end Schmid’s deadly rampage.

“Everything about *I, a Squealer* is unique, from its disturbing theme to the staccato, first-person narration. My best advice is to read it with the lights on.”

-Jeff Guinn, author of the best-selling “Manson”

“In the tradition of ‘The Stranger Beside me’ and ‘My Friend Dahmer’ *I, a Squealer* is an intimate remembrance of a friend who turned evil. It dares to expose the human side of a monster and asks, can we have sympathy for the devil?”

-James Renner, journalist and author of “True Crime Addict”

“I have never read a story quite like *I, a Squealer*... A powerful and intimate exploration of one man’s moral dilemma.”

-Diane Fanning, Edgar Award finalist author of 14 true crime books.

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