Influential Women of Dallas



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Anji Maddox is a walking paradox. She's filled to the brim with uncontainable compassion, and yet, she's fierce, determined, and unrelenting. Her winning streak with unsolved cases is a record that's hard to break, and when we sat down with her to talk about her last two decades as a private investigator, she shared how her success boils down to a lifetime of experience and soul-deep passion for making lives better.

How did you get started as a private investigator?

My mom is an expert genealogist, so I spent my childhood in libraries and cemeteries, looking for clues that would unlock family stories. It inspired me to get a degree in criminal justice, and after spending seven years as a juvenile probation officer, I realized I needed another way to help at-risk youths. Private investigation was that path.

Why are you so passionate about at-risk youths and their families? When I was a probation officer, I had caseloads of kids who weren't getting the guidance and attention they needed at home. I wanted to be able to help before they got into enough trouble to be sent to me, and I've made it my mission to help keep kids safe.

As a full-service investigative company, what types of services do you offer?

I have a team of 14 investigators throughout Austin and Dallas who work all throughout Texas on domestic matters, but we also investigate missing persons, perform background checks, investigate infidelity, fraud, and child custody cases, and we do a lot of surveillance.

What do clients appreciate most about your company?

We deliver strong evidence to help our clients win their cases, and we help create safer environments for kids. Our clients trust us to be compassionate and to advocate for them every step of the way.