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Greetings: I've been a criminal defense attorney for 47 years. FBI before that for 3.5 years. Now a PI myself. Investigators are not appreciated for their work, assistance and sometimes danger. Criminal defense is a loose team approach. Investigators are critical because the attorney cannot do that phase of the case because of time constraints and the fact they then become witnesses. To attract talented and competent investigators you have to recognize like all things you have to pay to get the best.

I certainly have a new appreciation of the job. The hours can suck, the overhead is punishing and their responsibility to be thorough, and accurate can be mentally taxing.

The profession is a true profession and \$75/hr is really just a good start.

Thank you:

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