Dear :

After reading your entry in *The Writer's Digest Guide to Literary Agents*, and noting your interest in crime fiction, I would like you to consider representing my new novel.

Innocence Taken is the story of Lieutenant Damien Kaine who is given his dream job of Lieutenant in charge of the Vicious Crimes Unit. One small problem stands in his way. He recently held his fiancé and her boss at gunpoint in a hotel room. Through blackmail and intimidation, he keeps the man from reporting the incident. With his judgment failing so miserably, Damien is not sure he is the right man for the job. However, before he can decide to leave the force, he and his partner are sent to Springfield Ill to investigate the brutal murder of a young girl. As the case moves forward, Damien, his partner, and an FBI profiler that annoys him as much as she intrigues him, soon realize this is not about one dead girl. It is about several, and with time running out, they realize the killer has set his sight on one of their own.

The story is drawn from my experience as a former member of the United States Coast Guard and my B.S. degree in Forensic Chemistry. While in the Coast Guard, my duties not only included Search and Rescue but Law Enforcement as well. Couple that with my experience in Forensics, especially as it relates to crime scene investigation and evidence collection and these two life events have given me a great insight into police procedure. My sarcastic humor and imagination fill in the rest.

I am a member of Oklahoma Writers Federation Inc. I am constantly trying to improve my writing skills by attending conferences and webinars when I can.

I have included the first ten pages of Innocence Taken. A crime fiction, 97418 word-count completed manuscript. This more of a dark edgy crime fiction. A mashup of CSI, Motive and Criminal Minds. Please feel free to call me with any comments or questions, at (your phone number here) or my email at (your email here). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Victoria M. Patton