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***From a Deep Pain Springs Hope:***

**Couple Tasked with Cleaning Death Scenes Launches New Forum to Help the Families it Serves**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—Bay Decon is pleased to announce the publication of *Bay Decon, When the Unexpected Happens*, an online forum dedicated to families whose lives have been touched by death.

The blog will feature reader-contributed stories, inspirational passages, and original photographic artwork from the three-state area Bay Decon serves: Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. The primary purpose of the blog is to provide a place of healing and hope—a place where contributors and readers feel free and safe to share words and images that have helped them cope. “Over the years we’ve been blessed to help people whose lives have been touched by the most tragic circumstances imaginable,” notes Bay Decon owner Barb Owens. “People who have suffered a great pain and loss often feel very alone and isolated in their grief,” she continued. “When given the opportunity to share that grief with others who really *know* on a deep personal level what they have experienced is the first step toward healing—and hope. We invite anyone who feels they have healing words or original photographs or artwork to share to please submit them for us to consider for publication. You never know when or how your efforts will help another person in pain.”

Bay Decon is a family business, co-owned by husband and wife team Barb and Barry Owens. It specializes in helping families and businesses cope with the grisly task of cleaning up following a homicide, suicide or violent death. “Many people assume police department employees

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assist with cleaning,” said Barb. “That’s simply not true. Once a crime scene is released, it’s the property owner’s responsibility to clean it. The sights, smells, and emotions one experiences in the aftermath of a trauma can be quite overwhelming,” she continued. “We don’t recommend anyone handling this on their own.”

Cleaning up after a crime scene or decomposed human remains also can be dangerous. The reality is these events often involve enormous amounts of blood and other bodily fluids that should be cleaned by trained, certified technicians, such as those employed at Bay Decon. “The threat of disease-causing bacteria and viruses resulting from blood-borne pathogens and biological waste is very real, said Barry. “We take a highly meticulous approach to restoring property to original, if not cleaner condition than before the events occurred.”

In this line of work, attention to detail also is critical. For example, a drop of blood may appear to be the size of a quarter on the surface, and yet beneath the carpeting the radius could be up to two feet. The company’s technicians use a forensic eye when scanning and cleaning a scene to ensure blood spatters on the floor, ceiling, carpeting or drapery are thoroughly cleaned.

For more information about Bay Decon, please visit [www.baydecon.com](http://www.baydecon.com), read the blog, or contact the company owner, Barb Owens. Owens is available for personal interviews and/or photographs.

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