

“You think human cloning and embryonic stem cell research is controversial? Just wait. Soon, science will let you, me and everyone else speak to your dead relatives, as if they had never left. Should you be afraid? Well, maybe we all should.”

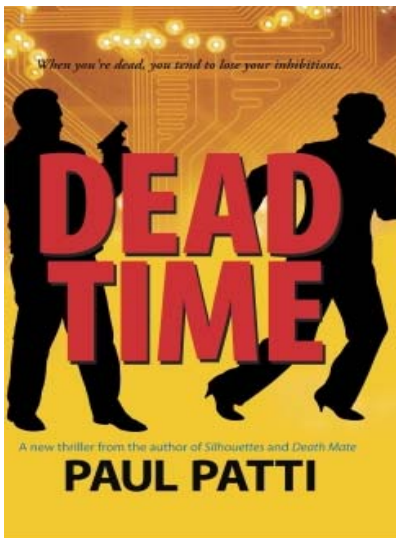
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Paul Patti, a retired 27-year veteran Palm Beach County Florida law enforcement officer, has just published his 3rd mystery-suspense novel – *Dead Time* – which is the first novel based on the inevitable downloading, storage and display of the human consciousness.

This mystery - suspense – sci-fi thriller is based on this soon-to-be important cultural and scientific topic. There’s a lot to discuss and decide about storing a human consciousness within a supercomputer – such as, should it be regulated or outlawed, like human cloning? What “rights” will this stored consciousness have? Does this process represent the continuation of the human soul, or merely a computer copy of brain patterns? Are they intelligent and sentient within the meanings of those terms?

And then there’s the BIG question; Is terminating the program that’s storing a sentient being the same as ... murder?

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Now, even death is not enough to shut some people up.

There’s nothing supernatural going on ... *Dead Time* takes place in the not-too-distant future, right after a company has perfected the downloading, storage and lifelike display of the human consciousness. In ultra-high definition, you can still carry on a conversation with your departed loved one ... as if they never left you.

TROUBLE IS ... when you’re dead, you tend to lose your inhibitions. These dead people have quite a lot to say, and have already told some of it to their still-living relatives. And some people, especially in the U.S. government, want to shut everyone up ... *permanently*.

Praise for Paul Patti’s two prior mystery novels – *Silhouettes* and *Death Mate*, from St. Martin’s Press.

“Packed with real-life details ... an imaginative plot ... the ending is a shocker.” *Miami Herald*

“Smoothly written, entertaining ... well-conceived and innovative ... Patti’s characters are interesting and have the potential to become more so in his future novels.” *Palm Beach Post*

“Sexy, tough-talking and entertaining.” *Publisher’s Weekly*

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More About The Author:

Lt. Paul Patti (now retired) has over 27 years of law enforcement experience in southeast Florida, from 1975 - 2003.

His experience includes 16+ years as a department commander, 4 years in charge of hiring and interviewing, and 17+ years as a permanent member of the department's Oral Interview Panel where he was the "Hardass" member that interviewed OVER 500 applicants for law enforcement positions.

His training and education include a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University, a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and many other certifications, and thousands of hours of law enforcement training.

Paul also has 25+ years of experience in book, magazine and résumé writing, employment interviewing and job counseling.

His experience also includes Personnel Commander, Police Firearms and Academy Instructor, Training Supervisor, Patrol Commander, SWAT Commander, Criminal Investigations Commander, Acting Chief of Police, Acting Deputy Chief of Police, and many other department assignments.

For more details about the book, including front and back cover graphics, and an audio clip of Paul speaking about the concepts behind his book, visit www.PaulPatti.com.

Review / press copies of the book are available from the author, and copies are also available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Borders and most other major bookstores.

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