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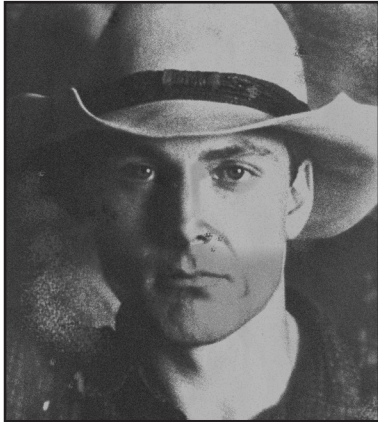
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By Gerald D. Robin

Modern day bounty hunters perform a valuable service for the criminal justice system—returning many dangerous fugitives to custody. With an 87 percent “clear rate” they do what most law enforcement agencies have neither the resources nor the legal mandate to accomplish. But the Wild West tactics used by many bounty hunters have some jurisdictions questioning the “free rein” the law allows these private actors. Here the author discusses what laws apply to bounty hunters and what some states are doing to tighten the reins.

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By Margaret Colgate Love

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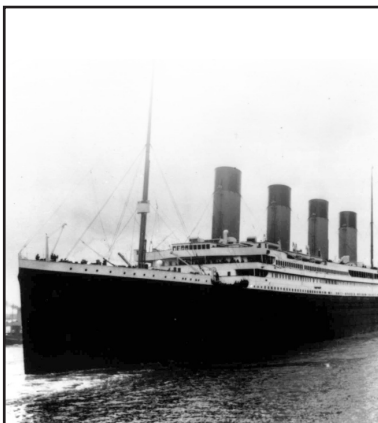


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