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Bill Lagattuta is a former award-winning television journalist who specialized in storytelling and unraveling mysteries. As a longtime correspondent on the CBS's 48Hours, Lagattuta covered murder and crime stories around the globe and in his own backyard, Los Angeles and Hollywood. As a national correspondent for CBS and NBC News, he covered major breaking news from Somalia to China. Prior to his network duties, Lagattuta was an anchorman at KNBC in Los Angeles and other major markets. Since leaving the world of TV, Lagattuta has been an accomplished painter and photographer, whose studio in Los Angeles produces works now held by a number of collectors.

Known for his ability to translate complicated ideas and plots into highly watchable television, Lagattuta served as correspondent for a number of 48Hours' most acclaimed episodes. His work has been honored by a George Foster Peabody Award and a national Emmy award. A highly skilled live broadcaster, Lagattuta has covered floods, fires, earthquakes and riots. He has interviewed countless detectives, prosecutors, suspects and criminals, and has reported on a number of high profile criminal cases, from O.J. Simpson to JonBenet Ramsey to Jeffrey MacDonald.

In 1995, Lagattuta was part of a core group of correspondents and producers who transformed 48hours from an "on-the-clock" news broadcast into the stylized crime documentary show it is today. Lagattuta's straightforward yet compassionate interviewing techniques produced surprising answers from murder suspects, and heartfelt emotions from victims.

As a third generation Sicilian-American, Lagattuta is ever mindful of his roots. In 1990, he travelled to his ancestral home of Mezzojuso and later broadcast a heartfelt documentary tribute to the small town.

Bill Lagattuta was born in New York City, and was raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He began his broadcasting career at KOOL-TV, the CBS affiliate in Phoenix in 1976. He later worked at local stations in San Diego, San Francisco and Denver. In 1985, he joined KNBC, the NBC-owned station in Los Angeles as weekend anchor and reporter. He is the winner of five local Emmy awards, including the San Diego Emmy for journalistic excellence.

For NBC News, Lagattuta covered the aftermath of Tiananmen Square, and the first Gulf War, reporting from the Kuwaiti oil fields. In 1992, Lagattuta joined CBS News, as a national correspondent based in Los Angeles. He covered the 1992 presidential election campaign of Ross Perot, the widespread famine in Somalia, and the Los Angeles riots following the Rodney King beating case.

As a painter and photographer, Lagattuta maintains a studio in Los Angeles, where he is a director of the city's "Frogtown Artwalk," an annual open gallery event which brings thousands of visitors to the arts district along the Los Angeles river where he works. HIS WEBSITE IS: www.billlagattuta.com