

## TENDERFOOT TV EXECUTIVE BIOS

### **Payne Lindsey**

**Payne Lindsey** is an Atlanta-based director, award-winning documentary filmmaker, and the co-creator and host of the hit podcast "[Up and Vanished](#)."

Driven by a new found passion for both the true crime genre and investigative journalism, Lindsey decided to investigate the disappearance of beauty queen and school teacher Tara Grinstead, a notorious decade-old cold case from South Georgia. At the time, he hoped to develop Tara's story into his own documentary film project.

As Lindsey chronicled his investigation in real-time, week by week, in audio form, he ventured into a new field, podcasting. The events of the next 12 months turned Tara Grinstead's case into one of the biggest crime stories of the year. With over 150 million downloads, "Up and Vanished" propelled Grinstead's case into the mainstream media, uncovering new evidence that helped to crack the 11-year-old cold case in early 2017 and lead to two arrests.

On the strength of the podcast's success, Lindsey launched Atlanta-based content creation company [Tenderfoot TV](#), along with his business partner Donald Albright. Under Tenderfoot TV, Lindsey will take on a new case in "Up and Vanished: Season 2," take his documentary skillset to the TV screen with a docu-series for "Up and Vanished" in development with Oxygen, as well as investigate the infamous Atlanta Child Murders in a brand-new podcast "Atlanta Monster."

The core of Lindsey's work, whether it is investigating, podcasting, or directing, continues to be storytelling that serves as a catalyst for change.

### **Donald Albright**

California native **Donald Albright** is an entrepreneur and co-founder of Atlanta-based content creation company, [Tenderfoot TV](#).

Albright has spent the last 20 years working on a variety of entertainment projects with notable artists including, Jay-Z, OutKast, Usher, DJ Khaled, and many more. In 2016, Albright joined friend and music video director, Payne Lindsey, to document a true crime story -- the result was the hit podcast "[Up and Vanished](#)," which has since passed over 150 million downloads and helped crack the decade-old South Georgia cold case of missing person Tara Grinstead.

Albright teamed with Lindsey to launch Tenderfoot TV, a content creation company that works with fellow creators to bring stories to life through an array of entertainment media -- including podcasts, live shows, television, film, and other digital platforms.

**Meredith Stedman**

**Meredith Stedman** is a creative producer and podcast co-host for [Tenderfoot TV](#).

Originally from New Orleans, Stedman attended Emory University in Atlanta where her innate love of storytelling led her to double major in English and Film Studies.

Stedman has worked on a variety of film projects in Atlanta since her graduation. She started her journey with Tenderfoot TV as an avid "[Up and Vanished](#)" listener, and began working with the team on the writing and story-building aspects of the hit podcast.

Stedman currently serves as a producer and co-host on "Sworn," the sister podcast of "Up and Vanished." She's also a creative producer on Tenderfoot TV's upcoming project, "Atlanta Monster," as well as "Up and Vanished: Season 2."