

**Contact:**

Bob Roberge  
robert@robertrobergejr.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Local Author Publishes First Novel**

Robert Roberge's *Intentional Take* Is First Book of New Mystery Series

**Wilmington, Massachusetts, November 2007** – Massachusetts native Robert Roberge Jr. has published his first novel, a mystery-thriller entitled *Intentional Take*. It is the first book of a new mystery series from RJR Press, Burlington, Mass., featuring the character of Jeff Tribe. A second Jeff Tribe novel will be published next year.

“I’m really excited to be published,” said first-time author Roberge. “I’ve always enjoyed private eye novels and wanted to explore the origins of a private detective as he grows from getting himself and family out of trouble to taking cases like Spenser or Marlowe. I hope to do that with this series.”

*Intentional Take* begins a year after Jeff Tribe got himself released from prison on a technicality and tracked down his fiancée’s true killer, the crime for which he was unjustly convicted. Now Tribe’s estranged aunt wants him to use those same detective skills to find her kidnapped daughter Charlene who was taken off a city street in broad daylight eight days ago. The police have no leads so Tribe teams up with a former boyhood pal, Esai Morales, who loved Charlene when the two were teenagers but is now a local criminal, and together they search for the missing woman from Massachusetts, to New Jersey, and down the coast to North Carolina. Along the way Morales painfully relives his fateful romance with young Charlene while Tribe deals with a shoebox full of memories from the father who abandoned him and who could now still be alive, two cops who may or may not want to help find Charlene, outlaw bikers, and a dark secret that will rip apart what’s left of Tribe’s tattered family.

“I’ve been working on creating the Jeff Tribe mystery series for the last ten or so years in my spare time,” said Roberge, a self-employed marketing writer. “This book took about four years to write, including a research trip down to North Carolina that was great because I stayed right on the beach. The second novel of the series which will be coming out next year I actually wrote first. Both were a lot of fun to do and are set in large part in the fictional town of Spicket Falls, a blending of my hometown of Methuen and the surrounding mill towns of Lawrence, Haverhill, and Lowell. This first book is also set partly in North Carolina and Springfield, Mass.”

Roberge, 44, was born and has lived in Massachusetts his entire life. He has worked as a marketing communications writer since 1989, and in 1997 started his own freelance writing business. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Professional Writing and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Film/Media Production, both from Fitchburg State College. His literary influences include Robert B. Parker, Elmore Leonard, Ross MacDonald, and Ernest Hemingway.

*Intentional Take* is available now from RobertRobergeJr.com, Barnes&Noble.com, Borders.com, and Amazon.com, or by special order from local bookstores.

###