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Think you've stayed in some bad hotels? Meet the man whose job it is to find the grossest motel rooms in America – and what he's seen will make your stomach churn

- Dan Bell, who produces the hotel reviewing YouTube series Another Dirty Room, has made it his job to uncover the worst hotel rooms in the US
- Bell, 40, and his co-hosts have so far visited eleven hotels in Maryland, the worst of which being the The Swan Motel in Halethorpe, he said
- The Baltimore resident usually finds used needles and pillows still soaked in sweat and saliva from the room's past tenants
- So far he's only explored Maryland but plans to expand to New Jersey and Florida
- Have you seen worse? Email jordan.gass-poore@mailonline.com

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Dan Bell has made it his life's work to uncover some of America's most disgusting hotels.

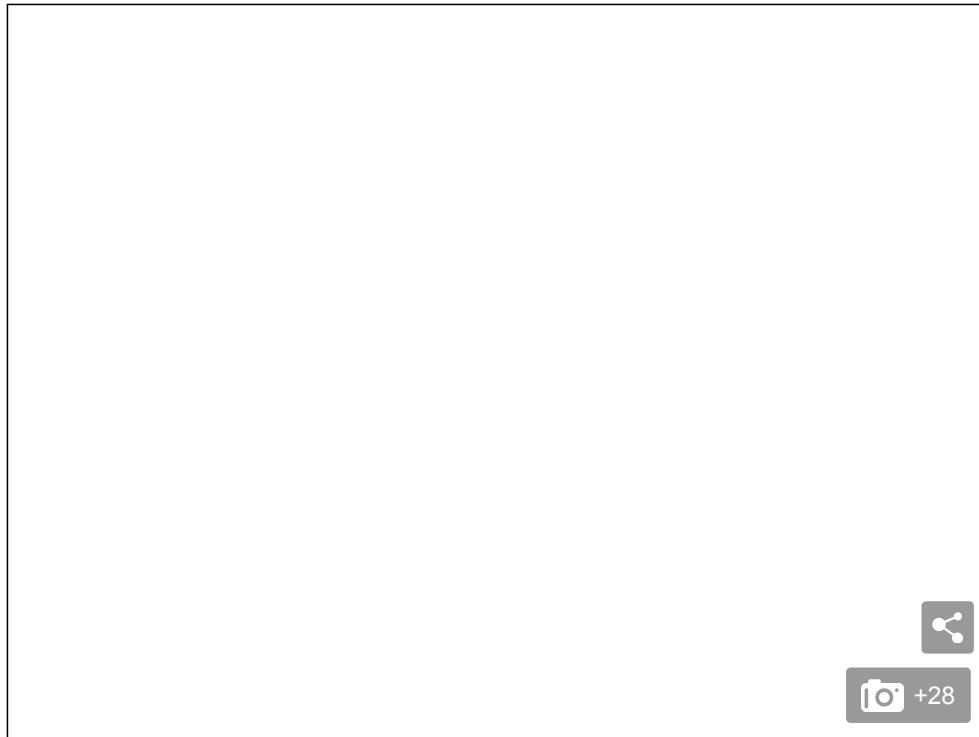
So far Bell said he's found cockroach infestations, stains on 'clean' sheets, used needles, human feces, rodent feces, drugs and sinks clogged with vomit.

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Armed with a black light, which shows up the fluorescent molecules in bodily fluids, he travels around the hotels and motels in his home state of Maryland recording what he sees and uploading his gross findings to his [YouTube](#) channel.

So what possesses a 40-year-old man who lives in a comfortable Baltimore home to trawl these grimdest of rooms?

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Will Krupinsky, Rick Serra and Dan Bell (L to R) on the set of their series Another Dirty Room. They travel to some of the most disgusting motels and hotels in Maryland

Dailymail.com has contacted all of the motels featured in the article for comment but did not receive a response from Econo Lodge, The Swan Motel, The Royal Inn, Super 8 and the Towson East Motel.

A year ago Bell went on a month-long road trip to film his YouTube show Dead Malls with his colleague Will Krupinsky. What had been a cheap business trip turned into a business pitch when the pair ended up staying in a hotel with a cockroach infestation and filmed their horrified reaction.

In their twin room at an Econo Lodge in Rockport, Texas, small cockroaches were 'just crawling around' on the dresser and into the mini-refrigerator. In the footage, Bell opens the refrigerator door to find dead roaches and a horrendous smell.

They then pan the video across the bed where the bedspread appears to be stained with dried fluids. To their horror there was also a white splatter across the room's carpet.

Their horror gives way to amusement when they see an envelope for gratuity housekeeper and they ask the camera: 'Michelle, did you even look? There's there's a roach. And there's an envelope; she wants a tip?'

Choice Hotels, which owns the Econo Lodge brand, did not respond to a phone email request for comment.

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The series was inspired by Bell's and Krupinsky's stay at an Econo Lodge in Rockport, Texas. There they found a stained bedspread (pictured)



To their horror there was also an unidentified white splatter across the room's carpet. Bell captured the entire incident on camera and uploaded it to his YouTube channel



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In the footage, Bell opens the refrigerator door to find dead roaches and a horrendous smell



Their horror gives way to amusement when they see an envelope for gratuity for the housekeeper Michelle

'I thought everyone can sort of identify with staying in a bad hotel,' Bell said, explaining how his roadtrip from hell became a new YouTube series – Another Dirty Room – which began last November.

He, 28-year-old Krupinsky and 57-year-old Rick Serra, spend their days documenting phantom stains, used needles and the things that lurk beneath the sheets in budget hotel rooms so their viewers don't have to.

At the beginning of each episode Bell reads some of the hotel's reviews on TripAdvisor and at the end the gang rates the room or rooms.

Each episode involves the trio using a number of different products and tools to test out a room's hygiene. Bell said they usually find the rooms littered with crushed beer cans, food crumbs and containers filled with various drugs that they also te

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Although Bell and Krupinsky didn't find any drugs in their Econo Lodge room, the substances have become so common on Another Dirty Room that they conduct chemical testing on site



They also use black light, which shows up the fluorescent molecules in bodily fluids, as pictured in this room at The Midtown Inn in Baltimore. Bell was unable to identify these fluids

Bell wears a hidden camera to check into the hotel. All his equipment is packed into luggage to remain inconspicuous and he has limited interaction with hotel management and fellow guests, none of whom know the show is being filmed.

And once they've investigated the room's cleanliness, they leave.

'As tempting as it may be for us to rest our heads on saliva-stained pillows after a day of work, we leave the hotel room as soon as we wrap shooting,' he said.

This is coming from a man who spent his 20s living in some sketchy New York City apartments on a waiter's salary in the early 1990s. But even those atrocities couldn't compare to the 'crime scene' that is The Swan Motel in Halethorpe, Maryland.

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Bell said the worst motel he has been to so far is The Swan in Halethorpe, Maryland



The Swan Motel was listed as closed online and Bell said he paid \$40 in cash on arrival



Yellowed cotton buds littered the top of the toilet cistern (pictured) and Bell said the toilet was clogged with vomit

Bell remembered a prostitute peering at him through the doorway as he walked a few feet to his own hotel room. When they opened the wooden door he said a wave of heat flowed out and the smell of stale cigarette smoke prickled his nose.

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Dust shimmered in the light as Bell, Krupinsky and Serra set up their equipment and snapped on rubber gloves. Bell said he had wondered why the motel receptionist seemed shocked at his request to rent a \$40-a-night smoking room there in cash. That is, until the group inspected the bathroom.

Yellowed cotton buds littered the top of the toilet cistern, the sink's drain was clogged with vomit and the thread-bare, white towels had brown stains on them, Bell said. The Swan Motel was listed as closed online and it seemed for good reason.

'I have never seen anything so deplorable,' said Bell. 'The Swan Motel was the most shocking place.'

A representative of The Swan Motel could not immediately be reached for comment. The voice mail for the establishment's phone number listed online is for an individual.

Online hotel reviews usually tip him off, but he found only one review for The Swan Motel, praising the housekeeping there. Chemical testing and UV light proved otherwise.

'There was more blood than any other room. It just was completely shocking. There's just blood remnants all over the place,' Bell said. He surmised that the bodily fluid wasn't from drug injections but from a fight – or worse, murder. No news reports could be found of violent fights or murders at The Swan Motel.



To the team's shock, chemical testing and UV light reveal blood stains on almost every surface at The Swan Motel

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'This could be the most disgusting room ever,' said Bell at the end of the six-minute video. He spoke too soon.

Before there was The Swan Motel there was The Royal Inn in Odenton, Maryland, which Bell considered to be the 'filthy motel from hell'. In the two-part episode, Bell said he and the gang were surprised to find a baggy of crack cocaine stuffed into a prescription pill bottle. He said the room was just rife with hidden treasures.

Bell remembered trying to suppress laughter as he held the camera in front of a pile of trash. Krupinsky and Serra were picking through the pile's contents behind a wooden television stand. They pulled out surgical scissors, a receipt from Cracker Barrel, a roach trap, a piece of bacon and a strip of condoms, among other items. As Krupinsky and Serra stood up to examine their findings, they tried not to knock over thick, yellowed toenail clippings on top of the TV.

'This is why you should always do a thorough examination of your room,' Bell said.

A representative of The Royal Inn, which is listed as closed on Yelp, told Dailymail.com by phone that the manager was out of the country until Friday.



Bell and his team claim to have found a baggy of crack cocaine (above) stuffed into a prescription pill bottle at The Royal Inn in Odenton, Maryland

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Krupinsky and Serra picked through a pile of trash behind a wooden television stand at The Royal Inn. They claimed to have found a roach trap and a strip of condoms, among other items



Sweat and saliva-soaked pillows like this one at The Royal Inn are the most common items Bell has claimed to have found so far

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It's also common for the team to find blood-stained and urine-soaked mattresses like those at The Royal Inn, Bell said



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Although these scenes have become commonplace for the gang, that doesn't mean they've become desensitized to drugs or sex, Bell said. Quite the contrary. A greasy wooden pole found underneath a bed at the Regal Inn and Suites in Rosedale, Maryland, left them physically uncomfortable.

'We found a greasy stick under the bed,' said Bell. 'Will thought it may have been used as a weapon, but Dan thought it looked like it was used for other purposes.'

This was the same \$65-a-night room where they found a vial of cocaine on the windowsill, as well as pillows still soaked in sweat and saliva from the room's past tenants. Bodily fluids of every variety are now just a given, said Bell, trying to mentally count the number of times he's seen, smelled and felt urine on hotel sheets that have seeped into the mattress. Sometimes consistency is nice, he added.

A representative of the Regal Inn and Suites who identified himself as the motel's manager hung up when asked to provide comment.

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Bell claimed to have found the parts of a used needle under the sink of the Regal Inn in Rosedale, Maryland



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A greasy wooden pole found underneath a bed at the Regal Inn and Suites in Rosedale left Krupinsky (pictured) disturbed. The team debated whether it had been used as a weapon



This shopping bag filled with needles and other drug paraphernalia Bell said he discovered under a mattress at the Regal Inn and Suites has been the most disturbing items they've found



The bag contained a metal spoon, a small piece of sponge and shoelaces (pictured),

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Bell said he also found two vials filled with a white, rocky substance that tested positive for cocaine, according to the team's chemical test

While pillows covered with sweat and saliva are the most common items Bell has found, he said a bag filled with needles and other drug paraphernalia they discovered under a mattress at the Regal Inn and Suites in Rosedale has been the most disturbing. The bag contained a metal spoon, a small piece of sponge and shoelaces, Bell said. He also found two vials filled with a white, rocky substance that tested positive for cocaine.

This wasn't the first time the team's found used needles. They've been in almost every motel room since episode one at The Midtown Inn in Baltimore. The team was doing their usual inspection of the room when they found the caps of used needles.

'The first time we found a needle under the sink I was surprised, now it's like common place,' said Bell. 'I'm now not shocked by it.'

Dailymail.com contacted The Midtown Inn. A man, who declined to give his name and title, answered the phone and when told about the motel's appearance on Another Dirty Room said the establishment was being unfairly targeted.

Bell said he first found needles (the caps of which are pictured next to a piece of concrete wrapper) in episode one at The Midtown Inn in Baltimore



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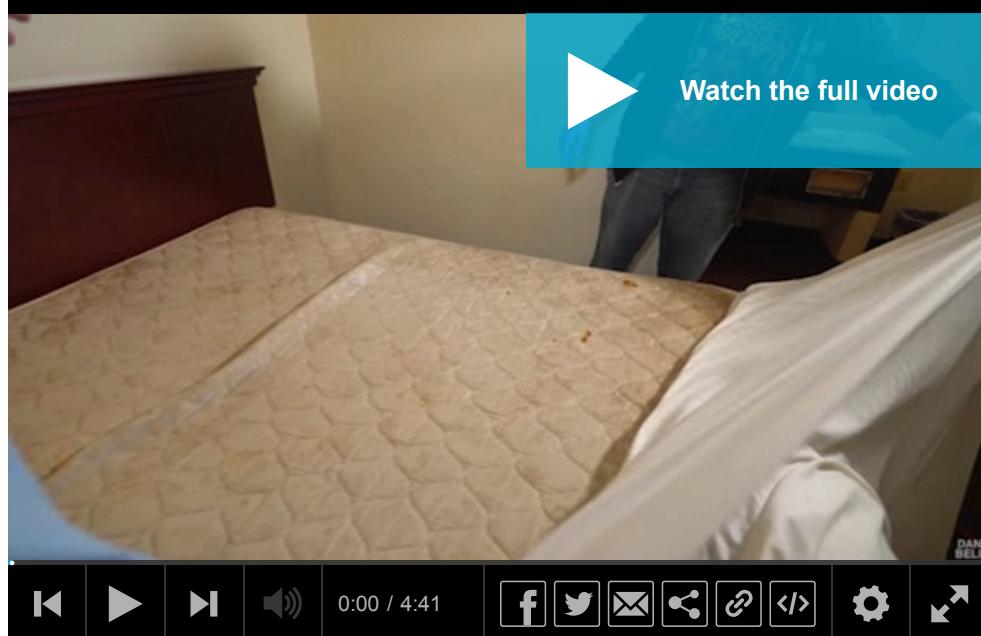
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This white sheet on a bed at The Midtown Inn was stained, Bell said

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Drugs are also a common find for the team, specifically cocaine, which Bell said they gleefully discovered for the first time hidden in a bed bug-infested mattress at the The Royal Inn in Odenton, Maryland. It's become so routine that they now carry out chemical testing in the room on the substances they find before flushing them down fecal-rimmed toilets.

A representative of The Royal Inn could not immediately be reached for comment.

Throughout the series, Bell and his team have found themselves, sometimes quite literally, up against rodent and human excrement. But Bell said he doesn't k'... former tenants for the health hazard, instead it's the hotel managers 'who r of shady business'. Chain hotels aren't immune to this, he said. The show fi episode at the Super 8 in Essex, Maryland – the most expensive room they' for \$98 – that was pretty 'un-super'.

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Wyndham Hotels, which owns the Super 8 brand, did not immediately respond to phone and email requests for comment.

Bell said he and his team research the motels they feature on the show ahead of time and have found that whether they're independently owned or a chain 'they're just magnets for crime'.

'They put the dregs of society there and don't care about bad rooms,' he said. 'I don't know how people turn a blind eye.'



Chain hotels, like this Super 8 in Essex, Maryland, aren't immune to dirty rooms, Bell said



Bell said he found splatters on one of the bed's white sheets at the Super 8

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There was also a large brown stain at the edge of the white sheet, Bell said

The sometimes heavy subject matter, like when they found a tiny children's book, crayons and Legos underneath the bed at a pay-by-the-hour motel, is balanced with comedy, Bell said.

For instance, Serra has a shtick where he bites into the hotel's wafer-thin soap and describes how it tastes. In one episode, he squats in a pink, heart-shaped bathtub at the Towson East Motel in Towson, Maryland, with barely any room to dig out the wads of dark hair from its drain.

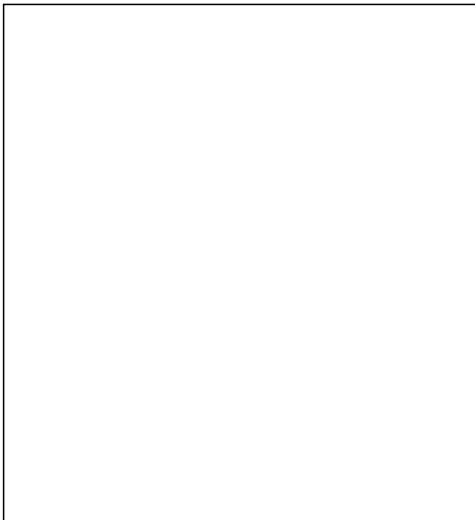
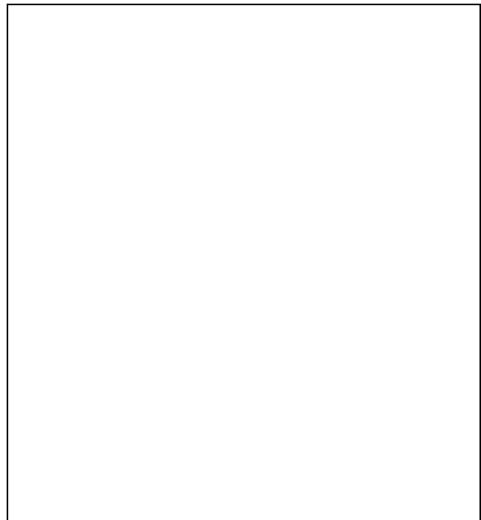
The manager of the Towson East Motel did not respond to a message seeking comment.

Another episode has Krupinsky writing 'Another Dirty Room' with a disinfectant towelette on a cigarette tar-stained ceiling. But there are some memories that Bell, try as he might, just can't smudge out.



Serra has a shtick where he bites into the hotel's soap and describes how it tastes. He chunk from the Best Budget Inn in Havre De Grace, Maryland

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In another episode, Serra squats in a pink, heart-shaped bathtub at the Towson East Motel in Towson, Maryland, with barely any room to dig out the wads of dark hair from its drain

'We could hear people having sex. Oh, it was horrendous,' he said.

Eleven episodes in and although it may seem like the Another Dirty Room team has seen their fair share of filth, they have yet to encounter live bed bugs or rodents. Oh, but there's still time. Bell next plans to expand his careful eye to the hotels of Florida and New Jersey this summer where he thinks he will find plenty of material.

'I'm always afraid of finding live bed bugs. Or what if we find a hand? I would totally freak out,' he said.

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