Idaho State Police
Forensic Services

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Education:

Brigham Young University-Hawaii, General Courses of Study, 1991-1993
Brigham Young University-Provo, Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: Japanese/Political Science, Graduated 1996

Experience:

2016-Present Manager of the Idaho State Police Forensic Services Digital Forensics (formerly Idaho State Police ISP Cyber Crime Unit (CCU)).

2005-2016 Detective Idaho State Police Investigations/Computer Forensic Examiner-forensic data acquisitions (computers/cellular devices/digital video recorders) and digital audio forensics; specialized in surveillance electronics.

1998-2005 Trooper Idaho State Police-patrol operations.

Certifications:
- Single-Engine, Private Pilot License 1996
- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Master Police Officer-2013
- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Supervisor-2018
- Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (ILETS) Class 1 Certified 2004
- FLETC, Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist (SCERS) Certified 2006
- International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), Certified 2023

Professional Organizations; Committees; Working Groups:

Member, High Technology Crime Investigators Association (HTCIA) from January 2005-December 2008, Board Secretary from 2007-2008

Testimony:

Since 1998, I have testified in court countless times on criminal cases where I was the lead investigator and as an expert witness in state court regarding digital forensics examinations and analysis.

Continuing Education; Association Meetings; Conferences:

Digital Forensics Education

- National White Collar Crime Center-Basic Online Technical Skills (BOTS), Fairmont, WV   June 6-10, 2005

https://isp.idaho.gov/forensics

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

- SEARCH-Investigation of Computer Crime,
  Sacramento, CA   July 25-29, 2005
- Guidance Software-Introduction to EnCase,
  Pasadena, CA   September 12-17, 2005
- Guidance Software-Intermediate EnCase,
  The Woodlands, TX   October 31, 2005-November 4, 2005
- Network Hacking for the Forensic Investigator,
  Boise, ID   February 20-24, 2006
- National Law Enforcement Technology Center-West, Digital Audio Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT   March 21-23, 2006
- Access Data's Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) Boot Camp,
  Meridian, ID   March 9-11, 2006
- HTCIA Cyber Crime and Information Security Conference,
  Boise, ID   November 14-16, 2006
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Complex (FLETC)-Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist (SCERS),
  Glynco, GA   December 4-15, 2006
- Mobile Forensics, Inc.- Introduction to Cell Phone Forensics,
  Tacoma, WA   January 21-26, 2007
- ISSA INFOSEC Conference,
  Nampa, ID April 25, 2007
- FBI CART-Imagescan Training,
  Meridian, ID   July 24, 2007
- Guidance Software, Advanced EnCase,
  Pasadena, CA   September 25-28, 2007
- Idaho Association of Certified Fraud Examiners/High Technology Crime Investigation Association Conference
  Boise, ID October 5-7, 2011
- International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), Preparing for Lab Accreditation
  Orlando, FL May 8-12, 2017
- OSMOSIS Training Conference
  Las Vegas, NV October 8-10, 2018
- International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), Basic Computer Forensic Examiner
  Orlando, FL April 24-May 5, 2023

Instructor Education

- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Instructor Course
  Meridian, ID January 25-29, 2016

Investigations Education
- 28 CFR Part 21 Training
  Idaho Falls, ID May 18, 2004
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigations,
  Idaho Falls, ID   August 27, 2004 and December 12, 2004
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Police Photography Course,
  Pocatello, ID   November 16-19, 2004
- Idaho State Police Supervisors Academy,
  Meridian, ID March 1-10, 2005
- Zweiglander & Associates, Reid Interrogation Training,
  Meridian, ID   March 22-24, 2005
- Government Training Institute, Treasure Valley Narcotics Officer Training Course,
  Boise, ID   April 18-21, 2005
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and Crime Scene Reconstruction, Daniel Christman,
  Boise, ID   November 14-18, 2005
- Public Agency Training Council (PATC) Basic Investigators School,
  Boise, ID   January 16-20, 2006
- Practical Kinesic Interview & Interrogation, Stan B. Walters & Associates,

Meridian, ID   February 6-10, 2006
- Idaho State Police Basic Drug Investigators Training,
  Meridian, ID   May 8-19, 2006
- Hazardous Materials Technician Training/Clandestine Lab Training,
  Nampa, ID   July 24-28, 2006
- Idaho Narcotics Officer Association (INOA) Conference,
  Coeur D'Alene, ID May 12-16, 2008
- Federal Emergency Management Administration, Incident Command System, IS-00100, IS-00200,
  Meridian, ID August 28, 2008
- Asset Forfeiture and Financial Investigations Training,
  Boise, ID January 22, 2010
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Indoor Marijuana Cultivation Investigations,
  Boise, ID March 2, 2010
- Interagency Drug Task Force, Courtroom Testimony,
  Pocatello, ID August 19-20, 2010
- PATC, Homicide Investigation: Crime Scene to Courtroom,
  Meridian, ID March 15-17, 2011
- Force Science Training, Officer Involved Shootings,
  Meridian, ID November 8-9, 2011
- Cobham Surveillance Equipment Training, PTZ Cameras/Body Wire/RF Basics
  Meridian, ID March 6-7, 2012
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Indoor Marijuana Officer Safety Training,
  Boise, ID July 9-10, 2012
- Mexican Drug Cartel Investigations,
  Boise, ID August 13, 2012
- Rynearson Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction,
  Boise, ID September 9-14, 2013
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Basic Sling Load and Aviation Safety,
  Crouch, ID April 11, 2014
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Undercover Operations Targeting Medical Practitioners,
  Sacramento, CA May 8, 2014
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Tactical Diversion Squad Training,
  Quantico, VA June 16-19, 2014
- Nikon Professional Services Forensic Photography Surveillance and Crime Scene Training Course,
  Boise, ID September 16-17, 2014
- Federal Aviation Administration, Aviation Interdiction,
  Idaho Falls, ID March 7, 2015
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Training,
  Chantilly, VA July 25-August 5, 2016
- National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) Recognizing Improvised Explosive Devices Training,
  Spokane, WA October 24, 2017
- FBI Post-Blast Investigators School,
  Boise, ID June 25-29, 2018
- Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Conference (ASCIA),
  Coeur 'd Alene, ID April 19-22, 2021
- Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Training,
  Virtual, April 27, 2021
- Pacific Training Group Detect, Deter, Defeat: Human Behavior Threat Analysis,
  Pocatello, ID, November 29-30, 2022

Teaching; Presentations:

I have produced and given multiple presentations to law enforcement on proper seizure of digital evidence (computers, digital memory media, and cell phones), setting up undercover computers/online presence, and elementary field forensics for the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), Idaho Narcotics Officer Association (INOA), Idaho Fish and Game, and various other government organizations.

I have given numerous presentations to various community organizations and news outlets on citizen cybercrime awareness.

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I instructed Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) law enforcement basic academy on proper seizure of electronic/digital evidence.

I instructed the Idaho State Police Advanced Training Course (ATC) on drug recognition and drug investigations.

I have instructed all new Idaho Criminal Intelligence (Fusion) Center Fusion Liaison Officers (FLOs) for the state of Idaho on FLO expectations, laws governing information exchange, and crime and terrorism trends.

I have served as a guest instructor for Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) in their Computer Science and Criminal Justice Programs regarding computer facilitated and computer implemented crimes, digital evidence search warrants, collection of digital evidence, and current trends in cybercrimes.