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## Curriculum Vitæ

**Sergeant Bret Kessinger,  
Idaho State Police, Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center, Deputy Director**

### 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

### Peace Officer Training

- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Basic Academy  
Meridian, ID 1998
- Idaho State Police Advanced Academy  
Meridian, ID 1998
- Desert Snow Drug Interdiction Training  
Boise, ID 1999
- Northwestern University, Center for Public Safety, Supervision of Police  
Personnel, Independent Study Program  
November 2001
- Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response (Active Shooter) Training  
(ALERRT)  
Boise, ID August 5-6, 2015
- Tactical Team Operations/Active Shooter Response Training  
Boise, ID September 1, 2017

### Patrol Experience

From 1998 to 2004, worked in the Patrol Division as a Trooper with the Idaho State Police. During that time, I performed multiple traffic stops resulting in multiple arrests and convictions for Drug/Alcohol impaired drivers, Drug Trafficking, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Controlled Substances, Attempts to Evade Law Enforcement, Forgery, and Identity Theft. Additionally, I investigated Crashes and Assisted Idaho State Police Investigations Detectives with operations.

### Investigations Experience

From 2008 to 2016, worked in the Investigations Division as a Detective with the Idaho State Police. I have worked multiple narcotics, crimes against persons, embezzlement, officer-involved shootings, and homicide cases resulting in multiple convictions.

In the course of my narcotics cases, most involved the development of and working with multiple confidential informants.



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In the course of my case work, I have developed capabilities in electronics, specializing in custom applications/deployment of Internet Protocol (IP), Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) surveillance cameras

From 2013 to 2015, I was a Task Force Officer on the Drug Enforcement Administration, Tactical Diversion Squad concentrating on the diversion of prescription medications by medical practitioners, pharmacies, and patients.

For 2016, I was selected to become a Task Force Officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Terrorism Task Force for the Boise Regional Office concentrating on investigating suspicious activity reports with a potential terrorism nexus.

## Investigations Training

- 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
- Wicklander & 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,



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- 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

## **Cyber Crime Investigations**

During my time in Idaho State Police (ISP) Investigations, I was assigned to the ISP Cyber Crime Unit (CCU) from January 2005 to 2008



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I have performed and assisted with forensic data acquisitions using Guidance Software's EnCase v5.0-6.0 using DOS/Crossover/Hardware Write-Protection, Access Data's Forensic Tool Kit (FTK)/Imager/Password Recovery Tool Kit (PRTK), and various other software/hardware tools in criminal investigations from January 2005 to 2016.

My case experience numbers in the hundreds of cases either self-initiated or in assistance of outside agencies with investigations involving computer forensics, cell phone data acquisition, Digital Video Recorders (DVRs), internet investigations, and other forensic acquisitions of digital evidence contained on various digital hardware from January 2005 to 2016.

I have been trained in digital audio forensics modifying digital audio files to isolate and clean up audio signals ridding signal of extraneous and background noise.

Currently, I manage the ISP Cyber Crime Unit. In that capacity, I determine hardware/software needs of the Computer Forensic Examiners (CFE), review and approve reports, seek and assign necessary CFE training, and ensure proper evidence handling. I have established the Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the CCU and am currently working to get the CCU lab accreditation.

## **Cyber Crime-Computer Forensic-Cell Phone Data Acquisition Training/Experience**

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



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- 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

## **Deputy Director, Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center, Idaho's sole Fusion Center**

From 2016 to present, I have worked as Deputy Director (Sergeant) over the Idaho State Police, Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center, Idaho's sole Fusion Center, to manage day-to-day operations. I manage a total budget of over \$750,000.00 annually and have a staff of four full-time and ten part-time analysts. Fusion Centers were established to ensure smooth flow of information and intelligence from the federal level intelligence community to all first responders on the street, and vis-versa. The Center also provides robust case and investigative support for all Law Enforcement in Idaho.

I have managed a number of different programs for the Center: All training and travel for analysts, all computer hardware/software/network maintenance and intelligence database access maintenance for all analysts, the Center's first responder agency outreach Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) program which encourages all first responders to participate in intelligence gathering, coordinating intelligence analysis with the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), coordinating intelligence exchange and activity between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Center, quarterly reports on grant funded programs (Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Program Grant and the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program), coordinating the broadcast of the See Something, Say Something Public Service Announcements, producing and creating a training video for Idaho's Law Enforcement Officers on what services the Center has to offer, daily legal review of bulletins produced by analysts, annual review of the Center privacy policy with legal counsel, handling all Public Records and Freedom of Information Act records/information requests that pertain to the Center, finding subject matter for Officer Safety bulletins, hosting Center Governance Board meetings and organizing the agenda, hosting an annual two-day training conference for all statewide first responders (organizing the theme, finding speakers, arranging travel and lodging for participants), creating curriculum/hosting/instructing for annual new FLO training, and maintaining a Secret security clearance and associated facilities.

## **Fusion Center Training**

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- Fusion Center Leadership Program  
Monterey, CA March 6-10, 2016
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Analytic Trade Training  
Austin, TX December 6-7, 2016
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) Best Practices Training  
Orlando, FL March 28-31, 2017
- Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN) RISS Training  
Phoenix, AZ May 31-June 1, 2017
- Homeland Security Conference  
Buffalo, NY June 5-9, 2017
- Western Regional Fusion Center Conference  
Spokane, WA May 14-17, 2018
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fusion Center Leadership Seminar  
Salem, OR August 13-17, 2018
- National Fusion Center Association Privacy/Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, Fusion Liaison Officer Programs, and Fusion Centers Best Practices  
Virtual, December 16, 2020
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU)/International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (IALEIA) 2016-2019 Training Conferences  
New Orleans, LA April 2016/Bloomington, MN April 2017/Los Angeles, CA April 2018/Orlando, FL April 2019/Dallas, TX April 2022
- National Fusion Center Association 2016-2022 Training Conferences  
Alexandria, VA virtual 2020-2021, October 2016-2019, March 2022

## **Instructor Experience**

Since 1998, as an Idaho State Police Patrol Trooper, I have produced and given multiple presentations to the public regarding traffic safety, public safety, cyber safety, and fraud awareness.

Since 2005, as an Idaho State Police Investigations Detective, I have produced and given multiple presentations to law enforcement on proper seizure of digital evidence (computers, digital memory media, and cell phones) 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.

Since 2005, I have given numerous presentations to various community organizations and news outlets on citizen cybercrime awareness.

Since 2013, as an Idaho State Police Investigations Detective, I have acted as practical instructor/role-player in scenario-based training as the Idaho State Police Basic Narcotics Officer Course Training Staff. The Idaho State Police Basic Narcotics Officer Course



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trains new ISP Detectives and other agency Detectives throughout Idaho in narcotics investigations.

Since 2014, as an Idaho State Police Investigations Detective, I have acted as practical instructor/role-player in scenario-based training for the Idaho State Police Advanced Training Course training new ISP Recruits in residential/roadside interview, development of probable cause during the traffic stop, and officer safety.

From 2016-2020, instructed in Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) law enforcement basic academy on proper seizure of electronic/digital evidence.

Since 2016, instructed in the Idaho State Police Advanced Training Course (ATC) on drug recognition and drug investigations.

Since 2016, 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. FLOs are first responders that coordinate information exchange between the Fusion Center and their agencies.

Since 2020, 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, search warrants and digital evidence, and current trends in cybercrimes. In conjunction with this program, coordinated student interns to observe computer forensic practices in the ISP Cyber Crime Unit and oversaw the students assisting in archiving digital evidence.

## **Instructor Training**

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

## **Executive Protection Experience**

Since 1999, I have been the advance and physical detail officer for numerous details to venues International (Cambodia, China, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam) and Domestic (Idaho, Utah, Washington D.C., Chicago, Illinois).

## **Executive Protection Training**

- Idaho State Police, Basic Executive Protection Training-1999
- United States Secret Service Executive Protection Training-2000
- Law Enforcement Officer Flying Armed (LEOFA) Trained since-2006



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## Certifications

- Single-Engine, Private Pilot License
- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Master Police Officer-2013
- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Instructor-2016
- Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Supervisor-2018
- Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (ILETS) Class 1 Certified-since 2004
- FLETC, Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist (SCERS) Certified since 2006

## Memberships

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

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