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**Investigator I AML I DEA Special Agent (ret) I Intelligence Analyst I
International Training I Terrorism SME I Security**

CSRA Inc

Miami University

Washington D.C. Metro Area

I am a DEA Special Agent with 22 years of experience and I am one of less than a dozen agents cross-trained as an Intelligence Analyst. I deliver training to your clients internationally or domestically in a variety of subjects including surveillance, source handling, investigations, tactical operations, search operations and intelligence analysis.

- I have trained approximately 500 law enforcement, military and intelligence officers in investigative and tactical subjects throughout the U.S. and from 11 foreign countries throughout Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East. Training in these environments requires a high level cultural sensitivity. These foreign governments trusted me to train their officers and agents to advance their interests but U.S. foreign policy as well.
- I have trained a foreign police agency allied to the United States in the Global War on Terror, advancing U.S. foreign policy by training over 100 of their officers in investigations, surveillance, street survival, improvised explosive device recognition and interviewing.
- Unlike most civilian analysts, I am qualified to work in a high threat environment.
- Unlike many state and local officers, I have experience working in an international environment and unlike other federal agents, I have direct experience as an intelligence analyst.
- I combine experience in both the intelligence community and law enforcement. Most professionals in my industry either do one or the other
- I can lead and manage any sort of intelligence program including budget management and asset deployment.
- My years of experience allow me to combine insightful intelligence analysis with an eye towards operational reality.
- My professional network enables me to bring human resources together from a variety of agencies (CIA, FBI, military, law enforcement) to accomplish a variety of objectives.

Experience



Criminal/Capital Defense Special Investigator for the Office of Military Commissions

Company Name CSRA Inc

Dates Employed Apr 2016 – Present

Employment Duration 1 yr 6 mos

Location Washington D.C. Metro Area

Responsible for providing national and international investigative support to the legal team defending the 9/11 conspirators. Located and interviewed witnesses. Supervised a team of intelligence analysts, investigators and information security officers. Conducted reviews and analysis of documentary and physical evidence. Trained military and civilian personnel in counter surveillance techniques. Developed, managed and debriefed confidential sources. Provided counter intelligence support to team operations while traveling overseas. Prepared complex reports and affidavits for use in court. Received award for outstanding performance.

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Contract Special Investigator

Company Name Computer Science Corporation

Dates Employed Jul 2014 – Present

Employment Duration 3 yrs 3 mos

Location Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area

Conduct Federal Personnel Security Background Investigations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection. Review detailed records and perform thorough analysis to resolve 100% material issues and ascertain background, reputation, character, suitability, and qualifications of each subject.

Conduct comprehensive on-site interviews with subjects, employers, associates, references, and other individuals to complete investigations. Draft thorough documentation and create detailed investigative reports adhering to DHS regulations. Collect and collate information from a variety of sources, while meeting strict deadlines.

Accomplishments:

- For over one year I handled almost all national security clearance investigations in the state of Minnesota for the Department of Homeland Security.
- I have a track record of always completing complex investigative tasks before deadlines saving my employer time and money as I am already trained and prepared to deliver high quality cases. This gives you a leg up on winning contracts.

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Contract Law Enforcement Instructor

Company Name U.S. Department of State Anti Terrorism Assistance Program

Dates Employed Nov 2014 – Apr 2016

Employment Duration 1 yr 6 mos

Advanced U.S. foreign policy objectives by training law enforcement counterparts in investigations, surveillance and crisis management. Certified to teach Critical Incident Management, Interviewing Terrorist Suspects, Surveillance Detection, Instructor Development, Interdicting Terrorist Activities and Major Case Management to law enforcement officers overseas. Gained experience working in diverse cultural and austere environments. Utilized prior law enforcement experience to enhance current Major Case Management and Critical Incident Management courses. Taught courses in Kyrgyzstan, Burundi, Bahamas and Jamaica.

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Independent Contractor Instructor for the Soufan Group

Company Name The Soufan Group

Dates Employed Nov 2012 – Apr 2016

Employment Duration 3 yrs 6 mos

Location Doha, Qatar

Responsible for training law enforcement officers in Qatar in investigations, interviewing, interrogation, crime scene management, surveillance, counter surveillance, street survival, and defensive tactics. Supervised students during practical exercises conducted to simulate realistic surveillance operations. Led a team of translators and instructors providing law enforcement students with high quality training.

Accomplishments:

- Developed a new surveillance curriculum and instructor manual for use in future courses.
- Developed and taught the inaugural Advanced Investigations course.

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Volunteer Subject Matter Expert

Company Name Human Rights First

Dates Employed Nov 2012 – Apr 2016

Employment Duration 3 yrs 6 mos

Location Washington D.C. Metro Area

Participated in a task force of law enforcement, military and intelligence professionals that successfully lobbied the U.S. Senate to pass an amendment to the FY 2016 Defense Authorization Bill outlawing the use of torture in interrogations. Met face to face with U.S. Senators regarding the use torture. Wrote Op Ed pieces to communicate the organization's position. Took part in media events. Advised paid staff on interrogation tactics and strategy. Currently serve on the interrogator SME staff with professionals from the FBI, NCIS, CIA and the military.



Supervisory Special Agent

Company Name Drug Enforcement Administration

Dates Employed Aug 2005 – Nov 2012

Employment Duration 7 yrs 4 mos

Location Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area

Built a team of 10 officers in a multi-agency task force carrying out international investigations involving money laundering, terrorism, drug trafficking, and organized crime. Led in-house investigations of employee misconduct. Supervised District Security and technical operations programs to protect sensitive agency activities and information. Facilitated employee training and supervised daily activities, such as service of arrest and search warrants, complex undercover operations and surveillance. Ensured that all employees complied with agency objectives and policy. Evaluated overall investigative performance through conducting thorough inspection of other units within a 300-person division. Assumed full responsibility in ensuring the protection of undercover officers during high-risk activities. Administered and carried out financial audits of sensitive agency investigative programs.

Accomplishments:

- I executed the 1st search warrant in the District of Minnesota targeting trafficker use of Facebook
- Kept the unit near the top of the Division in performance metrics despite a 10% cut in staffing.
- Unit seized the first trafficker aircraft in the history of the Minneapolis District.



Special Agent

Company Name Drug Enforcement Administration

Dates Employed Nov 1999 – Aug 2005

Employment Duration 5 yrs 10 mos

Location Roanoke, Virginia Area

Managed \$250K budget for statewide intelligence gathering and aerial reconnaissance program staffed with 10 HUMINT collectors. Selected, trained, and managed confidential informants tasked to penetrate criminal groups.

Accomplishments:

- Because of insight gained through years of experience in the intelligence and law enforcement communities I was able to take a drug case and turn it into a terrorism case which resulted in 10 arrests, two million dollars in seizures and substantial fine levied against a foreign based company engaged in material support of terrorism.
- I have used new technologies to further investigations under my purview. I can deliver new technologies and training in their use to your audience, giving you the competitive advantage when it comes to winning contracts.

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Special Agent

Company Name Drug Enforcement Administration

Dates Employed Sep 1996 – Nov 1999

Employment Duration 3 yrs 3 mos

Location San Juan, PR

Conducted complex investigations into drug trafficking and money laundering worldwide.

Accomplishments:

- I executed the 1st search warrant in the District of Puerto Rico targeting trafficker use of email.
- Under my leadership, my interdiction unit led the agency in all performance metrics.

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Special Agent

Company Name Drug Enforcement Administration

Dates Employed Mar 1991 – Sep 1996

Employment Duration 5 yrs 7 mos

Location Washington, DC

Responsible for complex criminal investigations into money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorism and official corruption.

Accomplishments:

- I initiated an undercover storefront and wiretap operation that led to the dismantling of a violent West Indian gang.

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Intelligence Analyst

Company Name Drug Enforcement Administration

Dates Employed Jul 1987 – Mar 1991

Employment Duration 3 yrs 9 mos

Location Washington D.C. Metro Area

Responsible for the collection and analysis of intelligence information pertaining to major drug trafficking organizations.

Accomplishments:

- I spearheaded an intelligence collection operation targeting Colombian narcotics trafficking groups.
- I trained Bolivian Police officers in intelligence collection and analysis.