# Brandon Manzo Sr. SCERS, CCLO, CCPA, CCME, C.V. Forensic Investigator – Colchester, Vermont

# Owner / Principal Consultant at Manzo Digital Forensics & Investigations

### **Manzo Digital Forensics & Investigations**

#### **Champlain College**

#### Colchester, Vermont

A highly trained and award winning Digital Forensic Examiner with 14 years of experience performing criminal, civil, and administrative investigations, and approximately 10 years of experience conducting timely and accurate computer forensic examinations as a certified digital forensic examiner in support of felony investigations worldwide.

- \* Ability to analyze data and evidence from a variety of sources including external devices, hard drives, flash devices, computer systems and mobile devices.
- \* Significant experience as a testifying expert in forensic examinations and/or investigations.
- \* Preparation of expert reports and affidavits.
- \* Expert/certified examiner with vast experience using industry standard tools such as EnCase, FTK, IEF, Lantern, Registry Ripper, Passware, Cellebrite, Physical Analyzer and NetClean.
- \* Oversee and manage data collections and examinations performed by forensic technicians
- \* Expertise with mobile device analysis
- \* TS/SCI Security Clearance
- \* Senior Digital Forensic Examiner
- \* 14 years federal law enforcement experience
- \* Proven motivational and influential leader of investigative/technical teams
- \* Extensive knowledge, training and experience working in the Intelligence/Classified community.

# **Experience**

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#### **Owner, Lead Private Investigator**

**Company Name Manzo Digital Forensics & Investigations** 

Dates Employed Jan 2017 - Present

**Employment Duration 10 mos** 

**Location Colchester, VT** 

A licensed and insured Private Investigative Agency providing investigative assistance in the state of Vermont.

**Owner / Lead Forensic Examiner** 

**Company Name Manzo Digital Forensics & Investigations** 

<u>Dates Employed May 2016 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 1 yr 6 mos** 

**Location US and abroad** 

**Senior Digital Forensic Examiner / Special Agent** 

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Apr 2013 – May 2016

**Employment Duration 3 yrs 2 mos** 

**Location Fort Hood, TX** 

Senior Special Agent who served as the Senior Digital Forensic Examiner (SDFE); conducting forensic examinations of digital evidence in support of felony investigations. Solely responsible for the identification, training, mentorship and daily guidance of all Digital Media Collectors and Digital Forensic Examiners throughout the entire Battalion. Responsible for the review and approval of all forensic investigative reports prior to submission to supported case agents. Responsible for the preparation of all Digital Forensic Examiners prior to their appearance in court proceedings. Conducted hundreds of digital forensic examinations that were consistent with community standards such for Digital Evidence. Coordinated with and provided routine briefings to military commanders, prosecutors, local law enforcement and intelligence agencies. Provided routine training to case agents in order to ensure proper collection and laboratory submission of electronic evidence was conducted in accordance with established policies and procedures. Provided field investigators with a highly

qualified technical resource from which to plan and implement complex investigative procedures requiring Information Technology. Managed, maintained, and operated the digital forensics laboratory located on Fort Hood, TX. Responsible for the acquisition, use and life cycle replacement of all forensic software and hardware totaling over \$500,000.

- Processed and maintained vast number of physical evidence and ensured its availability during judicial proceedings.
- Provided routine training and daily guidance to over 40 Special Agents in all matters pertaining to digital forensics.
- Testified as an Expert Witness in Computer Forensics in numerous felony level court-marshals.
- Selected as the 2015 Outstanding 6th Military Police Group Digital Forensic Examiner of the Year
- Selected as the 2015 Outstanding 11th Military Police Battalion Digital Forensic Examiner of the Year

**Hostage Negotiator** 

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (CID)** 

<u>Dates Employed 2009 – 2016</u>

**Employment Duration 7 yrs** 

**Location Various** 

Assigned as the primary Hostage Negotiator for various CID Offices. Responsible for equipment accountability, weapons proficiency, multi-agency coordination/training, periodic post wide scenario training and rapid response to any terrorist or hostage situations.

**Security Manager / Special Agent** 

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Jul 2012 - Apr 2013

**Employment Duration 10 mos** 

**Location Alexandria, VA** 

Senior Special Agent who served as the Security Manager working under the supervision of the unit Commander responsible for independently planning, developing, and conducting complex major felony investigations. Worked as the primary case agent looking into allegations involving fraud and criminal activities associated with the Army's most sensitive and classified programs, organizations, and activities. Developed and implemented security procedures and operating policies as applied to Department of the Army Sensitive Activity information. Instructed and coordinated security related training for all personnel. Managed the unit's automated criminal intelligence system analyzing factual situations or suspected criminal behavior in significant criminal violations to identify patterns and/or trends of criminal activity. Fully integrated established security polices with overall investigative efforts, and coordinated security related matters with supported activities and DoD or Army staff elements. Conducted Operational Security Reviews of all initial, intermediate and final Criminal Intelligence reviews of each investigative case files. Trained unit personnel in all aspects of information security to include handling, transporting and safeguarding classified information. Developed / implemented a training program which ensured unit personnel received refresher training, reducing security incidents. Additional Duties included: PRMS/ISOPREP Submanager, Unit Supply Officer, Unit Fire Marshal, Top Secret Document Control Office, Evidence Custodian, ACI2 Systems Administrator, Criminal Intelligence Coordinator, Crime Prevention, Physical Security Officer, Secret Document Control Officer, Cotingency of Operations Officer, Operational Security Officer, Source Control Officer, Classified Reproduction Control Officer, SCI, SI/TK/G/B Control Officer, COMSEC Control Officer, Classified Container Custodian, Derivative Classification Officer, Information Assurance Officer.

# **Digital Forensic Examiner / Special Agent**

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Nov 2010 - Apr 2013

**Employment Duration 2 yrs 6 mos** 

Location Alexandria, VA

Conducted more than 400 felony-level criminal investigations, in which more than 200 were serious or sensitive in nature

- \* Conducted a full range of criminal investigative service and support within classified Army Intelligence Operations and Research, Development, Testing & Engineering programs.
- \* As the Unit Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE); conducted classified and highly sensitive criminal investigations of senior Army leaders, cases with potential widespread media attention and investigations of interest to senior Army leadership, as directed by the CG, USACIDC.
- \* Maintained routine interface with other investigative and intelligence agencies, as well as Inspectors General investigators and support elements within the Army classified community. \* Conducted forensic examinations of digital media evidence, to include sensitive compartmented information and other classification caveats, in support of criminal investigations.

- Identified, collected, processed, and maintained more than 500 items of physical evidence and ensured its availability during judicial proceedings
- Coordinated with and provided briefings to military commanders, prosecutors, local law enforcement and intelligence agencies
- \* Examined digital evidence within felony investigations of interest to the CID Commanding General and Senior Army and DoD leaders.
- \* Digital Forensic examinations directly contributed to the return of two senior military personnel to active duty to be tried by Courts-Martial.
- \* Digital Forensic examination investigative findings directly impacted changes to AR 195-2

#### **Information Management Officer / Special Agent**

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

<u>Dates Employed Nov 2007 – Apr 2013</u>

**Employment Duration 5 yrs 6 mos** 

**Location Alexandria, VA** 

- Integrated, maintained and administered classified and unclassified information systems in state-side assignments
- Independently migrated more than 50 computer systems from Microsoft Windows XP to Microsoft Windows Vista; installed user applications, backups and patches as necessary
- Trained other unit personnel on information management, computer troubleshooting, and processing network enterprise center work orders
- Maintained and administered computer networks and related computing environments including computer hardware, systems software, application software, and all configurations
- Performed data backups and disaster recovery operations in combined and joint exercises
- Diagnosed, troubleshoot, and resolved hardware, software or other network and system problems, and replaced defective components when necessary
- Designed, configured, and tested computer hardware, and operating systems software

#### **Protective Service Agent / Special Agent**

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Aug 2006 - Nov 2007

#### **Employment Duration 1 yr 4 mos**

#### **Location Washington D.C. Metro Area**

Planned for and provided personal security for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters, Department of the Army, as directed by the Directory of the Army Staff. Prepares an implements protective service security Plans. Maintained liaisons with the NCIS, AFOSI, U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, FBI, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), and other intelligence and enforcement agencies on personal security matters of mutual concern. Coordinated with the offices for the Director of the Army Staff and Chief of Staff, Army, and Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Personal Security on requests for protective service. Developed doctrine pertaining to protective service operations. Determined protective service training requirements for CID personnel and coordinates implementation with the Training Branch, HQCID. Provided technical advice and guidance to CID field elements on protective service matters.

- Selected above senior peers to serve as Driver for two former Secretary of Defenses.
- Provided protection for two SECDEFs during wartime.
- Routinely served as the sole protective agent for SECDEF and his family.
- Identified and neutralized threats and potential hostile actions within the continental U.S. and abroad.

# Special Agent

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Jan 2006 – Jun 2006

**Employment Duration 6 mos** 

**Location Fort Irwin, CA** 

Responsible for the investigation of military/federal felonies in the areas of narcotics, general crimes and economic crimes in the Southern California area. Responsibilities included investigations, report writing, covert drug operations, forensics, victim Interviews, photographing crime scenes, surveillance, undercover operations, evidence collection, interrogations, and overall Investigation of criminal acts. Crimes investigated included Rape, Child Abuse, Murder, Larceny, Contract Fraud, Theft, Conspiracy, Assault, Identity Theft, Suicide and Forgery.

Maintained confession and solve rates above %90

#### **Detachment Sergeant / Special Agent**

**Company Name U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command (USACIDC)** 

Dates Employed Jan 2005 - Dec 2005

**Employment Duration 12 mos** 

**Location Iraq and Kuwait** 

Responsible for the investigation of military/federal felonies in the areas of narcotics, general crimes and economic crimes throughout Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation "Iraqi Freedom". Responsibilities included investigations, report writing, covert drug operations, forensics, victim Interviews, photographing crime scenes, surveillance, undercover operations, evidence collection, interrogations, and overall Investigation of criminal acts. Crimes investigated included Rape, Child Abuse, Murder, Larceny, Contract Fraud, Theft, Conspiracy, Assault, Identity Theft, Suicide, Forgery, Detainee Abuse and Weapons Smuggling.

- Maintained confession and solve rates above %90, to include the investigation and interrogation of a senior officer who admitted
- to smuggling weapons into the U.S.
- Selected by Battalion leadership to lead all high profile investigations.
- Selected above senior peers to serve as Detachment Sergeant.

# **Education**

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#### **Champlain College**

Degree Name BA

Field Of Study Digital Forensics / Criminal Justice

<u>Dates attended or expected graduation 2011 – 2017</u>

# <u>**Jefferson Community College**</u>

Degree Name AA

Field Of Study Criminal Justice

<u>Dates attended or expected graduation 1995 – 1999</u>

**Criminal Justice** 

**Tucson High School** 

<u>Dates attended or expected graduation 1986 – 1990</u>