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Forensic Expert – Digital Forensics

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EDUCATION

MAIS	Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Concentrations in Criminal Justice and Business University of Houston- Victoria – Victoria, Texas, 2011
BSCJ	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Sam Houston State University – Huntsville, Texas, 1995

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

CFCE	IACIS (International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists) Certified Forensic Computer Examiner – Certificate ID 48348
ICMDE	IACIS (International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists) Certified Mobile Device Examiner – Certificate ID 48348
MCFE	Magnet Certified Forensic Examiner
MMCE	Magnet Mobile Certified Examiner
MCGE	Magnet Certified Graykey Examiner
MCAE	Magnet Certified Authenticity Examiner
MCVK	Magnet Certified Verakey Examiner
CCME	Cellebrite Certified Mobile Examiner
CCO	Cellebrite Certified Operator
CCPA	Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst
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CCPA	Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst Inseyets
CASA	Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis
CVSO	Berla Certified Vehicle System Forensic Operator
CVST	Berla Certified Vehicle System Forensic Technician
CVSE	Berla Certified Vehicle System Forensic Examiner
CVST	Berla Chip Off Certified Vehicle System Forensic Technician
	CellHawk Basic Certification
	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement- Cybercrime Investigator Proficiency
	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement- Master Peace Officer
	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement- Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigator
	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement- Academic Recognition Award
	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement- Crime Prevention Inspector

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PI Licensed Private Investigator
State of Texas License No: 161453901

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)

Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA)

Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA)

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA)

Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association (HCCLA)

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

Southwestern Association of Technical Accident Investigators (SATAI)

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)

QUALIFICATIONS

Digital Forensics
Has conducted more than 800 forensic examinations on various types of digital evidence: cell phones, computers, vehicle infotainment systems, external hard drives, thumb drives, etc. Responsible for the identification, acquisition, analysis, and data interpretation of the evidence.

Investigations
Vast training and over 30 years of experience in investigations including scene preservation, evidence identification, evidence documentation, evidence collection and analysis of evidence both physical and digital. Skilled in gathering statements and presenting the results in a report form. Provided testimony in state and federal courts.

Event Management
Over 18 years of large-scale event management experience including crowd and traffic control. Responsible for the creation and implementation of event action plans which addressed ingress/egress of traffic and pedestrians, hazards, criminal actions, and resource management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current **Aperture, LLC**
Forensic Expert – Digital Forensics
Preservation, acquisition, analysis, and reporting of digital evidence found in digital devices. Strict protocols followed to properly collect and examine data found in mobile phones, computers, vehicle infotainment systems, internet of things devices, etc. in a forensically sound manner. Provide courtroom testimony in support of investigations and analysis.

1996 – 2024 **Sugar Land Police Department**
Police Officer / Police Detective / Police Sergeant
Responsible for investigating or managing all types of criminal investigations including electronic crimes. Conducted cell phone mapping investigations. Skilled veteran investigator and supervisor who managed major felony criminal investigations and serious bodily injury/fatality traffic crash investigations. Extensive experience in Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) and electronic crime investigations. SWAT team member. Field Training Officer. Field Training Supervisor. Routine investigation of traffic crashes and documentation of crime scenes. Detection and enforcement of vehicle traffic laws. Courtroom testimony provided in municipal, court of law, county district and federal courts.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION- DIGITAL FORENSICS

Verakey Investigations VK200, Magnet Forensics, 2026

Advanced Mobile Data Analysis AX400, Magnet Forensics, 2026

Media Authentication and Analysis DV150, Magnet Forensics, 2026

Axiom Examinations AX200, Magnet Forensics, 2025

Advanced Mobile Forensics AX300, Magnet Forensics, 2025

Berla Corporation iVE Vehicle System Forensics Chip Off Course, Annapolis, MA, 2025

Advanced Smartphone Analysis, Cellebrite, 2025

Physical Analyst Inseyets Course, Cellebrite, 2025

Certified Operator Inseyets Course, Cellebrite, 2024

Advanced Mobile Device Forensics (AMDF), IACIS, 2024

Bosch CDR Tool Technician Training, Institute of Police Technology and Management, 2024

Berla Corporation iVE Vehicle System Forensics Course, Annapolis, MA, 2024

Digital Investigations Supervisors Course, NCFI (National Computer Forensics Institute), Hoover, AL, 2023

Vehicle Forensics Essentials Course, Berla Corporation, 2023

Introduction to Phone Repair, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2023

Command Line Principles, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2023

Drone Forensic Analysis, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2023

Computer Forensic Fundamentals, Cellebrite, 2022

Report Authors Course, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2022

Linux for Law Enforcement, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2022

Vehicle Forensics Course, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2022

Digital Evidence Investigations, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2021

DVR Forensics Curriculum, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2021

Basic Digital Forensic Analysis: Windows Acquisition, NW3C, 2021

Intermediate Digital Forensic Analysis: Automated Forensic Tools, NW3C, 2021

Incident Response Analysis- Virtual, NCFI, 2021

Advanced Digital Forensic Analysis: iOS & Android, NW3C, 2021

Advanced Digital Forensic Analysis: macOS, NW3C, 2020

Advanced Mobile Device Examiner, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2019

Network Intrusion Response Program, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2018

Macintosh Forensics Training, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2018

Advanced Forensics Training, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2018

Basic Evidence and Recovery Training, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2017

Physical Analyst Course, Cellebrite, 2016

Certified Operator Course, Cellebrite, 2016

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CONTINUING EDUCATION- CELL SITE ANALYSIS

Cellular Technology, Record and Analysis (CTRA), A.B.M Intel, 2025

Call Detail Records Analysis, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2023

Criminal Investigations Using Cellular Technology, Lexis Nexis- Trax, Sugar Land, TX, 2022

Forensic Analysis of Cellular Networks- Lexis Nexis- Trax, 2022

Basic Cyber Investigations: Cellular Records Analysis, NW3C, 2020

Basic Cell Phone Investigations, NW3C, Rosenberg, TX, 2015

CONTINUING EDUCATION- LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officer Involved Shootings, Harris County Constable Pct. 3, Richmond, TX, 2019

Internet Crimes Against Children, United States Department of Justice, Orlando, FL, 2019

National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, USDOJ, Atlanta, GA, 2016

Modern Internet Communication Services, NDCAC, Fredricksburg, VA, 2016

Crimes Against Children's Conference, Dallas CAC, Dallas, TX, 2012, 2013, 2015

Officer Involved Shooting Investigations, Texas Forensic Associates, 2015

Electronic Evidence Conference, PATC, Houston, TX, 2014

Online Social Networking, NCFI, Hoover, AL, 2013

Conference on Crime's Against Women, Genesis Women's Shelter, Dallas, TX, 2013

Electronic Crimes Task Force, Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond, TX, 2012

Child Sexual Abuse, Fox Valley Technical College, 2011

Officer Involved Shooting Investigations, Katy Police Department, Katy, TX, 2011

Child Abuse Investigations, Fox Valley Technical College, 2011

Protecting Texas Children Conference, Harris County CAC, Houston, TX 2010

ICAC Undercover Chat Program, Fox Valley Technical College, 2009

Child Internet Predator, Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond, TX, 2009

Officer Involved Shootings, Pasadena Police Academy, Pasadena, TX, 2009

Investigation and Prevention of Internet Child Exploitation Cases, USDOJ, Houston, TX, 2009

Starwitness Video/Audio Software, Signalscape Inc., Cary, NC, 2009

Interview and Interrogation Techniques, Wicklander – Zulawski & Associates, Sugar Land, TX, 2009

Medical Death Investigation, PATC, Sugar Land, TX, 2008

Prevention of Police Misconduct, PATC, Sugar Land, TX, 2007

Reconstruction of Shooting Incidents/Violent Crime Scenes, Texas Rangers, Conroe, TX, 2004

Neurographics for Confessions & Statement Analysis, Sugar Land, TX, 2003

Homicide Investigation, Homicide Investigators of Texas, Houston, TX, 2003

Death Scene Analysis and Cold Case Investigations, Sugar Land, TX, 2003

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Homicide Investigation, PATC, Houston, TX, 2002

Advanced Crime Scene Investigation I, Sugar Land, TX, 2001

Street Crimes and Surveillance Techniques, Sugar Land, TX, 2000

Psychological Profiling, Houston, TX, 1999

Crime Scene Search, Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond, TX, 1997

Child Abuse Investigation, Houston Community College, Houston, TX, 1997

Homicide Investigation, Classen-Buck Seminars, Inc., 1997

CONTINUING EDUCATION- LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONAL / TACTICAL

Taser 10 Operational Cetification, Sugar Land, TX, 2024

Less Lethal Electronic Control Device Update, Sugar Land, TX, 2015-2023

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, Level I, Sugar Land, TX, 2004, 2014, 2023

Firearms, Sugar Land, TX, 1996-2024

Defensive Tactics, Sugar Land, TX, 2004-2023

Emergency Police Driving, Sugar Land, TX, 1996-2023

Body Worn Camera, Sugar Land, TX, 2016

Taser X26 Operational Certification, Sugar Land, TX, 2009

Advanced Hostage Rescue, Sugar Land, TX, 2004

Chemical Agent Instructor, Sugar Land, TX, 2004

Basic Hostage Negotiation, Pasadena, TX, 2002

Long Rifle Course, Sugar Land, TX, 2002

Low Speed High Stress Driving, Sugar Land, TX, 2001

Counterdrug Special Reaction Team Course, Brazoria County, TX, 2001

Basic Police Instructor, Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond, TX, 2000

Advanced Bike Patrol, Sugar Land, TX, 2000

Impact Munitions, Sugar Land, TX, 2000

Advanced Police Bike Mechanics, Sugar Land, TX, 2000

Police Mountain Bike Maintenance and Repair, Sugar Land, TX, 2000

Basic SWAT, College Station, TX, 2000

Bicycle Patrol, Sugar Land, TX, 1998

Effective Police Supervision, Sugar Land, TX, 1998

Use of Force, Sugar Land, TX, 1998

Community Oriented Policing, Sugar Land, TX, 1997

Officer Survival Enforcement – Occupant Protection Issues, 1997

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner, 1997

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INSTRUCTOR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Integrating Digital Evidence and Accident Reconstruction, California Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists (CA2RS), Corona, CA, 2026.

Integrating Digital Evidence and Accident Reconstruction, California Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists (CA2RS), Elk Grove, CA, 2026.

Vehicle System Forensics, Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association, Richmond, TX, 2026.

Integrating Digital Evidence and Accident Reconstruction, Southwestern Association of Technical Accident Investigators (SATAI) Winter Conference, Glendale, AZ, 2026.

Digital Breadcrumbs: Using Tech Trails to Find Your Way in Truck and Auto Cases, TexasBarCLE Conference, Houston, TX, 2025.

Swipe Right on Evidence: Cellphone Forensics Without the Privacy Panic, Florida Liability Claims Conference, Orlando, FL, 2025.

An Introduction and Evaluation of Apple iOS Device Data for Use in Crash Reconstruction, WCX 2025, Detroit, MI, 2025.

Mobile Phone Forensics – Cellebrite Reader, Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association, Richmond, TX, 2025.

Mobile Device Investigations, Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, Richmond, TX, 2023.

Cybersecurity, Fort Bend County Chamber of Commerce, Sugar Land, TX, 2022.

Child Sexual Predators, Fort Bend County Crime Victim Response Team, Stafford, TX, 2020.

Internet Crimes Against Children, Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners, 2019.

Cybercrimes, Fort Bend County Chamber of Commerce, Sugar Land, TX, 2019.

Advanced Child Abuse Investigations, Texas Municipal Police Association, 2011-2018.

Internet Safety Presentations, 2014-2018.

Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigator's Course, 2003-2018.

Crimes Against Children's Conference, Dallas CAC, Dallas, TX, 2013.

Child Domestic Violence, Fort Bend County Crime Victim Response Team, Stafford, TX, 2012.

Cybercrimes, Texas Municipal Police Association, 2007-2010.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Professional Achievement, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 2024

Supervisor of the Year, Sugar Land Police Department, TX, 2023

Chief's Award of Excellent, Sugar Land Police Department, TX, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2020

Service In Excellence, Sugar Land Exchange Club, Sugar Land, TX, 2015

Service In Excellence, Texas/Louisiana Exchange Club, Sugar Land, TX, 2015

Officer of the Year, Sugar Land Police Department, TX, 2014

Police Commendation, Sugar Land Police Department, TX, 2005

Championship Employee, City of Sugar Land, TX, 2003

Community Service, Sugar Land Police Department, TX, 1999

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PUBLICATIONS

Burgess, S., Phy, L., and Levan, M., “An Introduction and Evaluation of Apple iOS Device Data for Use in Crash Reconstruction,” SAE Technical Paper 2025-01-8706, 2025, doi: 10.4271/2025-01-8706

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