

# PROFESSIONAL - ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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## EDUCATION:

Master of Public Administration  
University of La Verne  
Bachelor of Science - Police Science and Administration  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Associate of Science - Police Science  
Mt. San Antonio College

## TEACHING CREDENTIAL:

State of California Instructor's Credential - Subject: Criminal Justice;  
Police Science; Public Administration

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA LICENSE:

Department of Consumer Affairs - Private Investigator License No. PI 14969

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

07/89 - Present	<b>Bill Flynn Investigations</b> - Criminal, Civil, Corporate, Municipal, Internal, Insurance Fraud, Surveillance, Missing Persons, Police misconduct, Expert Witness Testimony
03/92 - Present	<b>Appointment</b> - Los Angeles County Superior Court Private Investigator Panel
02/82 - Present	<b>Instructor</b> - Criminal Justice, Rio Hondo Police Academy
06/82 - 02/88	<b>Detective Lieutenant</b> - Major Crimes, Internal Affairs, Officer involved Shootings – W. Covina Police Department
10/75 - 06/82	<b>Commander</b> - Major Crimes Surveillance Team comprised of 12 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County
10/71 - 10/75	<b>Sergeant</b> - Patrol Division; SWAT – W. Covina Police Department
11/68 - 10/71	<b>Investigator</b> - Robbery/Homicide, Organized Crime, Vice/Narcotics – W. Covina Police Department

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

David Traum, Deputy D.A. in Charge, Pomona Superior Court, Pomona, CA  
Mike McCrary, Chief of Police, Los Alamitos Police Department, Los Alamitos, CA  
Stephen Gottlieb, Executive Director, Alpha Group Center for Crime and Intelligence Analysis  
Christopher J. Skorina, Attorney at Law, Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
James M. Trush, Attorney at Law, Newport Beach, CA 92660

# B I O G R A P H Y

Bill Flynn has over 30 years of investigative experience in law enforcement and in private practice. He is a current appointee to the Los Angeles County Superior Court Private Investigator Panel and is an expert in police procedures, police misconduct and criminal investigations. Bill has qualified and has testified as an expert in these matters in California Superior Courts and U.S. Federal Court.

Bill has taught criminal investigation and police procedures at the college level for over 25 years. He is currently on staff at the Rio Hondo Regional Police Academy in Whittier, California where he teaches Criminal Investigation, Interviewing/Interrogation Techniques and Crime Scene Preservation.

Bill has worked a variety of assignments in law enforcement including homicide, robbery, rape, organized crime, and vice/narcotics. In law enforcement and in private practice he has also investigated sensitive cases involving wrongful death, kidnapping, child abduction, employee theft or misconduct, political misconduct, employee workers' compensation fraud, and sexual harassment.

As a Police Sergeant, Bill supervised the department's SWAT team. This unit responded to all barricaded and violent suspect situations. He also supervised various shifts in the Patrol Division and was responsible for the training and evaluation of the police officers in the Patrol Division

As a Detective Lieutenant, Bill was in charge of the department's Major Crime Unit that included cases involving homicide, robbery, rape, kidnapping, organized crime, and sex crimes. He was responsible for the selection, training and evaluation of personnel in the Unit.

Bill was appointed Detective Lieutenant in charge of the department's Internal Affairs Division where he investigated all police officer involved shootings and allegations of police officer misconduct.

Bill was appointed Commander of a multi-jurisdictional Major Crime Strike Force that was responsible for the investigation, surveillance and apprehension of career felons. This elite unit operated throughout Los Angeles County and was comprised of personnel from 12 jurisdictions throughout Los Angeles County.

Bill holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Los Angeles, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne and a California Lifetime Teaching Credential in Criminal Justice, Police Science and Public Administration. He also holds various certificates in specialized and advanced training from the State of California Department of Justice.

# *Bill Flynn Investigations*

**State License – PI 14969**

**B**ill Flynn Investigations is a full service agency that has been providing investigative services and expert witness testimony to attorneys, municipalities, insurance companies, corporations and the general public throughout the United States since 1989. We have offices in Anaheim Hills, California and Arroyo Grande, California, which allow us to conveniently provide services to the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

Bill Flynn Investigations specializes in expert witness testimony, assisting clients with their police related matters and conducting criminal and civil investigations for attorneys, major corporations, and the private sector.

Our reputation for expertise in the areas of police procedure, police misconduct and criminal investigation has enabled our firm to provide these services to clients throughout the United States.

Our investigators have obtained their experience from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in such areas as police procedures, criminal investigations, crime scene reconstruction, surveillance, and polygraphs.

Bill Flynn Investigations was established with the basic concept of providing expert, thorough, and honest independent investigations to those in needs.

If you find yourself asking the question - IF YOU CAN'T CALL THE POLICE, WHO CAN YOU CALL? - Bill Flynn Investigations has the answer. We are experts in the criminal justice system as it pertains to police procedures and the investigative process.

We are committed to living up to our motto - "***confidential and conscientious resolution of your investigative needs guaranteed.***"

# EXPERT WITNESS

Bill has owned and operated Bill Flynn Investigations, a State of California licensed investigation firm, since 1989. He has over 30 years of investigative experience in law enforcement and in private practice and is a current appointee to the Los Angeles County Superior Court Private Investigator Panel.

Bill has sat on the California Peace Officer Standard of Training (POST) panel which sets the teaching standards for the state of California police academy requirements. He has taught classes in criminal investigation and police procedures at the college level for over 25 years and holds a lifetime California Teaching Credential in Criminal Justice, Police Science and Public Administration. Bill is currently on staff at the Rio Hondo Regional Police Academy in Whittier, California.

Mr. Flynn has been disposed and has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions in the following matters:

1. **police misconduct**
2. **criminal investigation**
3. **interrogation/confessions**
4. **unlawful detainment/arrest**
5. **violation of police procedure**
6. **excessive force**
7. **wrongful death**
8. **crime scene reconstruction**
9. **unlawful arrest**

## **PAST CASES**

### ***Investigation and subsequent deposition in a police shooting “wrongful death” case***

I was retained by counsel who was representing a woman in a case involving a police shooting and subsequent death of her son. She had called the police stating her son was under the influence of narcotics and was “acting crazy.” Four officers arrived at her residence and her son was shot eleven times by the officers who had entered the residence and encountered the son “coming at them armed with a machete.” The son died at the scene. After my investigation and review of the documentation, I was deposed and testified that I had determined the shooting itself was justified, however, it could have and should have been prevented. I determined that the mother had left the residence with her younger son by the time the police officers had arrived and there was nobody else inside the residence beside her oldest son, thus alleviating the threat of anyone being injured or killed by the subject inside the residence. By entering the residence and confronting the subject when they did, rather than wait and deescalate the situation, the officers had, in fact, escalated the event resulting in the shooting and subsequent death of her son.

## **CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT**

### ***Investigation of an arson case that caused \$1,000,000 in damages to the structure and contents***

I was retained by the client to follow-up on an arson investigation in which the sheriff’s department had run out of leads. I subsequently developed information that resulted in identifying a suspect. After several weeks of further investigation, I developed additional information that the suspect was also responsible for another arson in a different jurisdiction and was actually out on bail pending a rape trial in an adjacent state. The suspect became aware of my investigation and fled the country. After coordinating my investigation with the three agencies involved, warrants of arrest were issued for the suspect for two counts of arson and one count of rape. After several months of following leads, I located the suspect in the Dominican Republic, obtained an FBI “UFAP” (unlawful flight to avoid prosecution) warrant of arrest and traveled to the Dominican Republic where the suspect was apprehended, brought back to the United States and turned over to the FBI by me. On the trip back from the Dominican Republic, the suspect gave me a taped confession to both arson cases and the rape. The suspect ultimately received consecutive state prison sentences in both states.

## **CASE CLOSED**

***Investigation of a death listed as a suicide in Baltimore, MD***

I was retained by the victim's father who was told by authorities that his daughter had committed suicide. The victim was a Japanese exchange student at a University and allegedly jumped to her death from a 12<sup>th</sup> floor apartment window. The Baltimore police and the Baltimore County Coroner had listed her death as a suicide. In addition to restoring the "honor" of the family's name, the victim's parents had a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy on her through the student exchange program which was denied as a result of the suicide finding by the coroner's office. I spent six days in Baltimore investigating, interviewing witnesses and reconstructing the scene and was able to determine that the victim had tragically fallen from the low apartment window while attempting to grab the screen that had come loose and fallen while the victim was opening the window. After reviewing my investigation and, in collaboration with the Baltimore police, the Baltimore County Coroner changed the cause of death from suicide to "accidental." The victim's parents were thankful the family "honor" had been restored and they retained an attorney concerning the insurance policy.

**CASE CLOSED**

***Investigation and Expert Witness testimony on behalf of an individual charged in Santa Ana Federal Court with "Assault on a Federal Officer."***

I was retained by the client's wife and collaborated with client's counsel out of Houston, Texas on a case involving the client being charged with striking a Federal Officer with his vehicle when fleeing the scene to escape arrest. The government alleged that two undercover Federal Officers approached the defendant's vehicle with weapons drawn in an attempt to take him into custody when the defendant accelerated out of the parking area striking one of the Federal Officers and knocking him onto the hood of his vehicle. After my investigation, reconstruction and reenactment of the crime scene (including photographs, video and courtroom displays), I testified as an expert concerning the event. My investigation, supporting data and subsequent testimony concluded that the event could not have occurred as detailed and testified to by the government's witnesses, but rather as the defendant (client) had testified. After three days of deliberations, the Federal Jury came back with a "hung jury" – eleven voted to acquit and one voted to convict. The case was not re-filed.

**CASE CLOSED**

**Additional cases upon request**

# CLIENT COMMENTS

*"Lieutenant Flynn has served this department in a variety of assignments that required an ever increasing knowledge of skills and abilities. He has held several critical management positions including that of manager of a multi-agency Career Criminal Task Force that was responsible for the conduct of sensitive undercover investigations. Lieutenant Flynn handled this difficult assignment with distinction resulting in the team's success and broad recognition. As Police service is essentially a people business, the need to recognize individual strengths and weaknesses are essential to the success of the Police mission. Lieutenant Flynn is particularly effective in this area."*

**Craig L. Meacham, Chief of Police  
Public Safety Division Manager  
City of West Covina**

*Mr. Flynn's firm conducted an extremely sensitive investigation involving employees of this agency. This particular case required a coordination of effort as well as a close working relationship between Mr. Flynn and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. The diligent assistance of Mr. Flynn in this matter ultimately led to an arrest and resolution of this sensitive case."*

**Al Grams, Fire Chief  
Chino Valley Independent Fire District**

*"Bill Flynn is a seasoned investigator with 30 years of practical and teaching experience who always conducted himself in a professional manner. I would have no reservations in recommending his firm for an investigative assignment."*

**Tom J. Maxham, Division Chief, Operations  
Chino Valley Independent Fire District**

*"When I needed answers pertaining to a major arson that was committed at my company and law enforcement couldn't provide them, I turned to Bill Flynn. Bill coordinated his investigation with law enforcement agencies from 2 states as well as the FBI and determined that the suspect had fled the country. After 10 months of intense investigation, Bill located the fugitive in a foreign country and arranged to have him brought back to the United States for trial. While transporting the fugitive back to the United States, Bill obtained a confession from the fugitive involving the arson set at my company as well as other felonies committed in 2 states. Most importantly, he provided resolution to the questions I had concerning my company."*

**Jeff Mitchell, CEO, President  
Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.  
City of Industry, CA**

*"In an embezzlement case that the police had maintained was 'a civil problem', Bill contacted the Detective assigned to my case and discussed the appropriate Penal Code embezzlement section. Bill then proceeded to investigate the case*

*and located the suspect who had been concealing the property. He subsequently recovered my \$25,000 medical testing unit that the suspect had been concealing. I was extremely impressed and pleased with Bill's investigative expertise and work."*

**J. Gordon Vatcher, M.D.  
Orange, CA**

*"His investigation of a workers' compensation case for our firm was professional, thorough and informative."*

**Robert E. McKee, Jr.  
Law Offices of Koyanagi & Fong  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

*"Because of his firm's investigation, surveillance, and investigative report, we were able to prevail in our child custody case. We are very grateful to Bill."*

**Alex and Linda Mara  
Corona, CA**