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professional summary

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANT

Sexual Assault Investigations | Homicide Investigations | Police Use of Force Investigations

Accomplished Criminal Investigator with a 29-year law enforcement history and extensive training in sex crimes, homicide, and Police Use of Force investigations. Extensive training and experience, combined with strength in evidence analysis, witness interviews, and investigation strategy, allowed me to lead investigation teams while driving case progress. I am an insightful and astute leader with exceptional communication skills and high-level emotional intelligence. I have a proven track record of leading complex cases, presenting findings to judicial authorities, and fostering inter-agency cooperation. I diligently pursue justice and have a deep commitment to community service.

experience

Los Angeles Police Department | Los Angeles, CA

March 2015 - April 2023

Detective II, Detective Supervisor, Force Investigation Division

- Spearheaded investigations into officer-involved shootings, use of force incidents, law enforcement-related injuries and in-custody deaths
- Created detailed reports and PowerPoint presentations for departmental and public briefings for presentation to the Use of Force Review Board, the Chief of Police, and the Police Commission.

Los Angeles Police Department | Los Angeles, CA

March 2006 - February 2014

Detective

- Investigated a wide array of crimes, including burglary, gang-related activities, homicides, and major assaults
- Served as the lead investigator on numerous sexual assault cases, adhering to SART protocols
- Led investigations on thousands of cases with a focus on sexual assault and homicide
- Executed the full scope of investigative responsibilities from crime scene to courtroom
- Directed incident investigations, creating comprehensive reports and presentations
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to streamline investigative efforts.

Los Angeles Police Department | Los Angeles, CA

April 2004 - March 2006

Detective Trainee, Hollywood Sex Crimes and Homicide Unit

- Assist senior detectives in gathering and analyzing evidence from crime scenes
- Conduct interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects under supervision
- Prepare detailed reports and maintain accurate records of investigations
- Collaborate with forensic experts, medical personnel, and other law enforcement agencies
- Participate in surveillance and undercover operations as required
- Attend court proceedings and provide testimony when necessary

Skills

- Law Enforcement Policies and Procedures
- Homicide and Sexual Assault Investigations
- Police Use of Force and Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations
- Crime Scene Management, Evidence Collection, and Analysis
- Coordination of Multi-Agency Operations
- Conducting Pretext and Undercover Investigations
- Developing and Delivering Comprehensive Investigative Reports
- Witness Identifications and Interviews
- Evidence Control
- Organizational Skills
- Victim Support
- Fraud Detection
- Emotional Intelligence
- Incident Investigation
- First Aid/CPR
- Conflict Resolution
- Negotiation Tactics
- Surveillance Techniques
- Self-Defense Techniques
- Leadership
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Community Relations
- Courtroom Testimony
- Active Listening

- Stay current with the latest investigative techniques and legal requirements.

March 1995 - April 2004

Field Training Officer / Police Officer

- Delivered on-the-ground training to new officers and oversaw their performance on patrol duties
- Performed uniformed patrol tasks, ensuring public safety and responding to incidents swiftly
- Maintained public safety through vigilant patrol and crime prevention strategies
- Served as a mentor and trainer for new officers, ensuring thorough on-the-job training
- Tackled specific community problems through targeted unit assignments.

education

Associates of the Arts - Administration of Justice

College of the Canyons, Valencia, CA

Professional Development Trainings:

- Academy Instructor Certification Course (40-hour)
- Violent Crime Behavioral Analyst Seminar by the FBI (40-hour)
- Basic Gang Awareness Course and Warrant Service Tactics (32-hour)
- Police Officer Standards and Training Certificate (Intermediate)
- Field Training Officer School (40-hour)
- Basic Supervisory School (4-week)
- Basic Detective Course
- Homicide Investigation School
- Tactical Communication and De-escalation
- Multiple Sexual Assault Symposiums
- Behavioral Analysis Training Institute for Investigative Interviews and Interrogation Techniques
- Firearms Tactical Training
- Interviewing of Sex Offenders
- Detective School
- Risk Management
- Culture, Race, and Diversity Education
- Mental Illness First Response
- Child Abuse and Child Victim Interviewing and Investigation
- Gangs and Gang Awareness
- Search Warrant Tactics
- High Technology Crimes and Digital Evidence
- Implicit Bias and Community Policing

affiliations

California Homicide Investigators Association (Since 2007)

awards

- Detective of the Quarter for exemplary investigative work in sex crimes
- Certificate of Acknowledgement for Special Problems Initiative
- Commendations for community engagement and service excellence