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EDUCATION

University of Southern California
Master of Science in Cyber-Security Engineering

Los Angeles, CA 07/2018 - 12/2021

United States Military Academy
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

West Point, NY 07/1990 – 05/1994

EXPERIENCE

Crypto Experts LLC

Aliso Viejo, CA

President 12/2023 – Present

- Provide expert witness services to family law and civil litigation attorneys in cryptocurrency-related matters
- Perform in-depth investigations into cryptocurrency fraud, including wallet forensics, exchange breaches, and blockchain transaction tracing
- Trace and document stolen cryptocurrency assets in a legally admissible manner for use in court proceedings

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent – Cyber

Orange County, CA 06/2018 – 12/2023

- Lead Case Agent in the United States for the Pig Butchering Crypto-currency Investigation targeting software developers responsible for the theft of 10 billion dollars worldwide annually
- Lead Case Agent for the Tyler Barris Swatting Case (as seen on Netflix)
- Lead Case Agent for the John Hale case who made multiple bomb threats to the Los Angeles Superior Court's Inglewood Courthouse
- Lead Case Agent for the Blizzard DDOS Attack resulting in the arrest of UK Citizen Subhaan Ahkter
- Lead Case Agent for a Russian Hacker involved in bank account takeovers involving SIM Card Swaps leading to the indictment of 6 individuals (sealed)
- Lead Case Agent for an Indian Call Center targeting senior citizens leading to indictment (sealed)
- Lead Case Agent for massive Business Email Compromise hacker tied to Jacob Ponle leading to indictment (sealed)
- Founder of the Orange County Cyber Task Force (OCCTF)

Special Agent – International Terrorism

Orange County, CA 07/2010 – 6/2018

- Lead Case Agent for the investigation of Nader Elhuzayel and Muhammad Badawi, two ISIS-inspired terrorists in Orange County, California who were both sentenced to 30 years in prison
- Acting Supervisor for Terrorist Intake Squad
- Called in to work the technical elements of the San Bernardino terrorist attack
- Developed innovative method to target International Terrorists online

Special Agent – Mexican Gangs and Cartel

Riverside, CA

10/2008 - 7/2010

- Lead Case Agent for first Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) conviction in Riverside County history involving the arrest and conviction of 23 Eastside Riva gang members including a Mexican Mafia member
- Lead Case Agent on two Mexican cartel cases involving the nephew of Joaquin Loera Guzman (aka "El Chapo")
 resulting in the arrest and conviction of approximately 12 individuals

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Special Agent – Warm Springs Indian Reservation

Bend, OR

04/2008 - 10/2010

- Lead Case Agent for the successful investigation which solved a 13-year-old cold-case homicide
- Founding member of the Warm Springs Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team
- Helped create movie "Silent Message" to encourage high school students to disclose sexual abuse

ACHIEVEMENTS

 Attorney General's Award Nominee – Pig Butchering Case United States Attorney's Award – Tyler Barris Case 	2023 2019
 United States Attorney's Award – Inglewood Court Bomb Threat Case 	2019
United States Attorney's Award – Muhannad Badawi & Nader Elhuzayel Terrorism Case	2017
 Anti-Defamation League Sherwood Award – Muhannad Badawi & Nader Elhuzayel Terrorism Case 	2017
 United States Attorney's Award – Eastside Riva Gang Case 	2014
FBI Quality Step Improvement (QSI) Award	2009
 Distinguished Honor Graduate (top of class) - Army Helicopter Flight School 	1995
Distinguished Honor Graduate - Army Officer Basic Leadership Course	1994
Distinguished Honor Graduate – Army Air Assault Course	1992
Skydiving National Champion – Black Knights Skydiving Team	1992
Skydiving National Champion – Black Knights Skydiving Team	1991

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

•	TRM Cryptocurrency Fundamentals Certification	11/2023
•	TRM Certified Investigator	11/2023
•	TRM Advanced Certified Investigator	11/2023
•	ISC ² Security Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) - Credential ID 917863	04/2022
•	GIAC Information Security Professional (GISP) - expired	05/2021
•	GIAC Certified Forensic Examiner (GCFE) - expired	10/2019
•	GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH) - expired	03/2019
•	FBI Digital Evidence Extraction Technician (DeXT) Certification	10/2018
•	FBI Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Certification	10/2018
•	GIAC Information Security Fundamentals (GISF) - expired	02/2015

TRAINING / COURSES

- California Department of Justice Advanced Cryptocurrency Class
- SANS 504 Hacker Tools, Techniques, Exploits, and Incident Handling

Challenges and Solutions for Law Enforcement and Regulation, ACAMS

PUBLICATIONS

•	Huione Group and the Rise of a Financial Crime Superhub, ACAMS	05/16/2025
•	Navigating the Complex Intersection of Cryptocurrency, Cybercrime, and Privacy:	

03/28/2024

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES

•	Expert Guest on The News on Merit Street regarding the AT&T Hack	07/12/2024
•	Expert Guest on the Dr. Phil Show regarding the Pig Butchering Scam	04/24/2024
•	Guest Lecturer at the Charles Schwab Annual Meeting on Cyber Security	12/14/2023
•	Created 3-Part Training Series for all 52 FBI Field Offices on Investigating the Pig Butchering Scam	11/28/2023
•	Cyber Security Lecturer at Pickford Insurance Annual Meeting	11/10/2023
•	Presenter at the FBI - Public Sector Annual Meeting on Pig Butchering	09/20/2023
•	Presenter at the Department of Justice National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team (NCET)	09/13/2023
	Meeting on Investigating Pig Butchering	
•	Presenter for the United States Secret Service on Cyber Investigation Methods	08/29/2023
•	Guest Lecturer at Match Group Inc regarding the Pig Butchering Scam	07/17/2023
•	Lecturer on Cyber Security to the Arizona Association of Realtors	06/13/2023
•	Expert Panelist at the Associate of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)	05/09/2023
•	Lecturer at the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) Annual Meeting	05/03/2023
•	Lecturer at the Complex Fraud Annual Meeting on Cyber Investigation Methodologies	06/04/2022

LITIGATION

Nader Elhuzayel and Muhanad Badawi Trial (convictions) Jose Loera Drug Cartel Trial (conviction)

02/2015

2011 - 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

TRIAL / ARBITRATION TESTIMONY

<u>Case</u>	<u>Law Group</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>State</u>
Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	American Arbitration Association	
Rockey Fields vs. Eva Vanessa Fields	Fagan Law Group	Superior Court of Gwinnett County	Georgia
Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	American Arbitration Association	

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DEPOSITIONS

Case	Law Group	<u>Court</u>	<u>State</u>
Gulay Gunsur and Michael Gunsur vs. Ahmet Can Akbay, Duygu Akbay	The Law Office of Soheila Azizi	Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino	California
State of Florida, Office of Financial Regulation vs. BAM Trading Services Inc	Paul Hastings		Florida
Keith J. Naccari vs. Game Coin, LLC and John Doe	Sternberg, Naccari & Whie	Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans	Louisiana
	OTHER CASE	es	
<u>Case</u>	Law Group	<u>Court</u>	<u>State</u>
David Gonzalez	Law Office of Eric J. Warner, LLC		New Jersey
A.A. and A.M. vs. Lehigh Valley Physician Group		Superior Court of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Erica E. Higholt vs. Jason R. Kountz	Morgan Hill Attorneys at Law	Superior Court of Washington, County of Thurston, Family and Juvenile Court	Washington
Attiq Amjad vs. Shanza Akbar	Offit Kurman		New York
Wenqioung Zhang vs. Xin Yao; Luyang Gao	Law Offices of Steve A. Buchwalter, P.C.	Superior Court of California, County of Orange	California
BitConfidential LLC vs. King's Crusade, Association, Mark S. Schechner, individually, Dank Capital LLC, and Dank Capital SAPI de CV	Withers Bergman	Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida	Florida
Vanessa Barouki vs. Mr. Barouki	Burke & Domercq Certified Family Law Specialist		California

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Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	Arbitrator Bette Roth, American Arbitration Association	
Anita Longboat vs. William Longboat	Law Office of Kevin M. Volz	Superior Court, Rutland Unit	Vermont
Sean Alexander Bellard vs. T-Mobile USA, Inc.	Travieso Law Firm, APLC	Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles	California
Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	Arbitration	
Rozebloom and Low vs. Charles Schwab & Co.	Pro Se	Arbitration, National Futures Association	New York
Paul Demars vs. Jennifer Demars	DeSaulnier Law Firm	10th Circuit, Family Division, Brentwood	New Hampshire
Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	American Arbitration Association	
Derrick Hill	DeSaulnier Law Firm	10th Circuit, Family Division, Brentwood	New Hampshire
LW Financial, LLC vs. Wells Fargo Bank, et al	Levine, kellogg, Lehman, Schneider, & Grossman LLP	Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida	Florida
Jackson Chi Kit Tse vs. Ai Jian	Moradi Neufer LLP	Superior Court of California, County of Francisco	California
Confidential vs. Confidential	Kim & Serritella LLP	National Arbitration and Mediation	
Shannon Kempster vs. Justin Esch	Sloma Law Group	Superior Court of Arizona, County of Maricopa	Arizona

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Confidential vs. Confidential	Stoltmann Law	Arbitration	
Confidential vs. Confidential	MDF Law	American Arbitration Association	
State of Maryland vs. Sari K. Kurland	Covington & Burling LLP	Circuit Court for Montgomerey County, Maryland	Maryland
Jessica Milligan vs. Stephen Milligan	David Bobrow Office of Law, LLC	State of Maine District Court - Cumberland County	Maine
State of Iowa vs. GPD Holdings LLC, dba Coinflip	State of Iowa, Attorney General	Iowa District Court for Polk County	lowa
Marycarmen German vs. Forrest Frank Wald	Sloma Law Group	Superior Court of Arizona, County of Maricopa	Arizona
Strike 3 Holdings, LLC & Counterlife Media, LLC vs. Meta Platforms, Inc	Waugh PLLC	United States District Court, Northern District of California	California
Gabriela Galez & Argenis Galez vs. Heritage Property & Casualty Insurance Company	Heritage Insurance	Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida	Florida
Confidential vs. Confidential	MDF Law	Arbitration	