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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE, INC.

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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

FORENSIC SECURITY PREMISES LIABILITY EXPERT WITNESS

Michael J. Canaan, CPP, is a board-certified security management professional with over 45 years of experience in security operations, law enforcement, investigations, executive protection, risk assessment, security consulting, and forensic security analysis. He serves as a security premises liability expert witness in matters involving negligent security, violent crime foreseeability, security staffing and deployment, security officer conduct, security management, security program effectiveness, and security industry standards and practices.

PRESIDENT OF TRIDENT INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE, INC. since 1991. Provides security consulting, investigations, risk assessments, executive protection consulting, security program evaluations, and forensic security analysis for legal counsel, insurers, corporations, governmental entities, and private clients throughout North America conducting:

- Security, Threat, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessments
- Technical and Physical Security Consulting
- Physical, non-destructive Penetration Testing
- Executive Security / Targeted Violence Risk Management, high-risk employment terminations
- Corporate, legal, intellectual property, threat, and stalking investigations
- Due diligence, pre-and post-employment screening, protective intelligence, and asset recovery
- Narcotic, Contraband, and Explosives Detection using detection dogs
- Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) / Eavesdropping Detection
- Covert photographic and video surveillance

SECURITY CONSULTANT for the band *Heart*, providing personal protective services for Ann and Nancy Wilson, residential security consulting, security oversight for band members and crew, transportation assets, logistics, and venues. Investigated and managed new and ongoing threats; and served as liaison with law enforcement. Additional touring and venue-security support included operations involving Cheap Trick, Journey, and other nationally recognized musical acts.

RETIRED POLICE OFFICER formerly with the Swinomish (La Conner, WA), Renton, WA, and Pe Ell, WA Police Departments with duties in patrol, training, narcotic interdiction, and narcotic detection canine handler.

HOTEL SECURITY at the Westin Hotel Seattle. Gained experience in the hospitality industry, investigations, security operations, and loss prevention. Assisted the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. State Department—Diplomatic Security Service, and their foreign counterparts during advances, facilitated logistical needs, and was an active security participant in dignitary visits.

RETAIL LOSS PREVENTION store detective and security management positions with national companies. Responsible for and received training as an undercover store detective; internal employee theft and misconduct investigations; internal and external fraud and loss prevention auditing; covert and overt security video and electronic article surveillance systems; distribution, transportation, and warehousing; physical store security.

PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER SECURITY DETAIL. Protective security operations for the United States Government Executive Branch, State Department, and foreign dignitaries while serving onboard *Marine One*, the Presidential Helicopter—Helicopter Marine Squadron One (HMX-1).

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MILITARY POLICE / PATROL AND NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG HANDLER to include law enforcement at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and later as Watch Commander and Patrol Supervisor for the Third Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan. Served as Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of military working dog teams while performing U.S. and Japanese Government Customs inspections, narcotic searches, law enforcement patrol duties, man-tracking, and crowd control. Additional responsibilities included kennel master, maintenance training for subordinates, and kennel management of U.S. and Japanese Self-Defense Forces and Okinawa Prefectural Police working dogs.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND TRAINING

Washington State University—BA in Criminal Justice. Graduated December 1984

- Supporting courses in Political Science and Business Administration

Security

- **Certified Professional (CPP), ASIS International (Certification No. 07355), awarded June 1997. The CPP is a board-certified credential recognizing demonstrated competency and professional experience in security management and security operations. American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)**
- **Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) courses IS-15, 100, 120, 200, 230, 240, 241, 244, 250, 253, 265, 288, 300, 394, 400, 454, 632, 660, 700, 706, 800, 906, 907, 910, 914, 915, 916, 920, and 922
 - Sport Event Risk Management (AWR 167)
 - All-hazards Communications Unit Leader (COM-L)
 - All-hazards Communications Unit Technician (COM-T)
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- **Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM)**
 - Thirty-plus years of experience and courses in RF analysis, digital and VOIP telephone systems, Wi-Fi and BLE assessment, wire infrastructure analysis and mapping, and methods and techniques of electronic threat identification
- **Certified Crowd Manager** from the *Emergency Management Group – Washington*

Law Enforcement

Past certifications and specialized instructor-level courses include, but are not limited to:

- U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army Military Police Academies, physical security, and firearms courses
- State of Washington, Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC), Certified Peace Officer
- Federal law enforcement firearms courses
- State of Washington, CJTC Certified Handgun, Shotgun, Scoped Rifle, and Patrol Rifle Instructor
- *Heckler and Koch* Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Course
- *Glock®* Armorer
- Law Enforcement *TASER* Instructor and Armorer
- Range Safety Officer – *National Rifle Association*
- ASP Baton and Handcuffing Instructor
- *Monadnock* Expandable Baton (MEB), *Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training* (OCAT), and *Practical and Tactical Handcuffing* (PATH) Instructor
- LIDAR and RADAR Speed Measuring Device; BAC and PBT Operator
- Lock Picking and Specialized Bypass Entry Techniques and Covert Methods of Entry

Investigations

- *Reid & Associates* Interview and Interrogation Training—Basic and Advanced courses
- *Wicklander-Zulawski* Interview and Interrogation Training
- State of Washington Licensed Armed Private Investigation Agency Principal

Dignitary, Executive, and Personal Protection

- U.S. Secret Service, U.S. State Department—Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Marine Corps dignitary protection training while assigned to the Presidential helicopter mission
- R. L. Oatman and Associates Executive Protection Program, Towson, MD—Executive Protection Specialist
- Gavin de Becker *Advanced Threat Assessment and Management Academy*

Canine

- State of Washington, Criminal Justice Training Commission Certified Narcotic Detector Dog Handler
- U.S. Air Force Military Working Dog (MWD) Handler—Patrol and Narcotics Detection School
- U.S. Marine Corps MWD Patrol/Narcotics Detector Dog Handler, Supervisor, Kennel Master & Trainer
- Past and present certifications as Explosives, Narcotic, and Contraband Detector Dog Handler
- Law enforcement courses in illicit narcotic interdiction and explosive detection
- Former Working Dog Certifying Official

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society for Industrial Security—International (ASIS) *Quarter-Century Member*
- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- Pacific Northwest Association of Investigators (PNAI) *Past President and Life Member*
- Pacific Northwest Network of Forensic Expert Witnesses (PN2FEW)
- Seattle Shield, Seattle Police Department
- InfraGard, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- World Association of Detectives (WAD) *Life Member*

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

- **American Society for Industrial Security, International Risk Assessment Standard Technical Committee** for revising the current (2015) ASIS-ANSI Risk Assessment American National Standard for the American Society for Industrial Security, International (2023-2024)
- **American Society for Industrial Security, International Security Services Steering Committee** serving as the leading resource for education, outreach, and suggested practices for guards, alarm monitoring, investigations, security design, and implementation, and other contracted services to support a professional security program. The committee organizes educational workshops and webinars, collaborates with industry associations, and promotes best practices in the industry (2023-2024)

VOLUNTEER

- **Seafair Air Show Safety and Security Branch Supervisor—Emergency Management Group (EMG).** Seafair is a summer festival in Seattle, WA, that encompasses a wide variety of events leading up to several major region-wide celebrations, including the Torchlight Parade, Torchlight Run, Seafair Cup hydroplane races, and marathon, culminating in the airshow featuring the United States Navy Blue Angels and other military and civilian aviation assets operating at Boeing Field, Seattle (2016 – 2026)
- **Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, Community Risk Reduction | Emergency Management Division,** FEMA Certified All-Hazards Communication Unit Leader (COM-L), and All-Hazards Communication Unit Technician (COM-T), providing volunteer emergency communications services with the Communications Support Team (2015 - current)

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

- State of Washington – Private Investigation Agency Principal
- State of Washington – Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran-Owned Business