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EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida,

Master's of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice, December 2008

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, December 2003

Track: American Politics and Policy

Minor in Criminal Justice, December 2003

WORK EXPERIENCE

Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Fort Lauderdale, Florida August 2020 - Present
U.S. Department of Defense, Inspector General

Special Agent

- Conduct complex investigations involving procurement and product substation fraud by Department of Defense contractors.
- Conduct investigations involving National Security related concerns
- Experience working Counter Proliferation Investigations that involves the illegal transfer of sensitive DOD technologies.
- Task Force Agent for Homeland Security Investigations, Counter Proliferations

U.S. Secret Service Miami, Florida October 2013- August 2020

Department of Homeland Security

Special Agent

- Conducted complex transnational investigations of counterfeiting in U.S. currency, among other financial criminal acts involving domestic and international criminal organizations.
- Conducted multi-million-dollar fraud investigations involving various types of fraud to include money laundering, theft of government funds and access device fraud.
- Conducted detailed analysis of financial accounts that led to seizures involving real property and funds from bank accounts due to criminal acts.
- Communicated and worked effectively with other local, state and federal authorities, corporations, financial institutions, and foreign government organizations involving criminal acts abroad.
- Task Force Agent for Drug Enforcement Administration assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA), Doral, FL
- Provided security and protection for domestic and foreign world leaders, to include complex advance work in order ensure the safety of the leader.

U.S. Coast Guard Reserves Miami Beach, Florida December 2010 – December 2018

Department of Homeland Security

Maritime Enforcement Specialist 2nd Class

- Graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Direct Entry Petty Officer Training program
- Member of Vessel Boarding and Security Team
- Conduct high priority boarding's at local ports to detect illegal activity.
- Communicate and work effectively with other local, state and federal authorities.

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING/AWARDS

- Graduate, State of Florida CMS Correctional Probation Officer, October 2007
- Graduate, State of Florida CMS Law Enforcement Officer, March 2012
- Graduate, State of Florida CMS General Instructor, 2012
- Graduate, Boarding Officer Training Program, BOQC (USCG), Certified
- Graduate of Florida Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) Special Agent training program, January 2014

- Graduate of the James J. Rowling Training Center, Special Agent Training Course, June 2014
- Outstanding Owls 40 under 40 award, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, 2019
- U.S. immigration and Customs Enforcement Director's Meritorious Service award, 2022
- Special Achievement Award for a Program Fraud investigation presented by the South Florida Inspector General Council Awards and the United States Attorney's Office, 2023
- Graduate, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center , Firearms Instructor Training Program 2023