

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

BA, Psychology	State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1988
MA, Special Education	University of Maryland, 1992

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Abilene Christian University, Adjunct Professor
Private Investigator, JKE Texas Private Investigations, LLC

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Teacher, Bethesda Country Day School, 06/1992 – 12/1998
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 12/1998 – 09/2021

CERTIFICATIONS

Online Undercover Operations Crimes Against Children Investigations

COLLEGIATE COURSES CREATED

Forensic Evidence – Abilene Christian University 2021

Course Description: Introduces students to the history, theory, principles and practices of forensic science as it relates to the collection and analysis of evidence in criminal investigations. Students will gain a basic understanding of the scientific and analytical approach to determining the value of evidence as it relates to the court of law. Topics include crime scene investigation, trace evidence, fingerprints, firearms investigation, DNA, and bloodstain pattern analysis.

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS: FORENSICS

BASIC CRIME SCENE – 2002 This course consisted of mock crime scenes, lectures, and hands-on practical to train crime scene investigators on how to properly process crime scenes.

BULLET TRAJECTORY – 2002 This course blends lecture and analysis of simulated shooting scenes. Simulated shooting scenes were processed by crime scene investigators with the goal of recovering physical evidence and determining possible shooter location. Other topics covered included internal/external/terminal ballistics; trajectory angle determination and documentation; determination of direction of origin and order of occurrence in bullet holes in

glass; use of lasers, strings and other tools for trajectory determination; and goals and limitations in bullet trajectory analysis.

BLOODSTAIN PATTERN ANALYSIS -2002 This course focused on the study and analysis of bloodstains, using the physical nature of the bloodstain, with the purpose of determining nature, timing, and other details of the crime.

POST BLAST – 2003 This course provided crime scene investigators with the ability to conduct post blast crime scene investigations in routine bombings. The course provides an overview of the typical bombing devices and techniques encountered in domestic bombings. It provided crime scene investigators opportunities to recover fragments from actual improvised explosive devices. The crime scene investigators also learned the safety and evidence handling issues related to searching the premises where the bomb may have been assembled.

ADVANCE METHODS IN BULLET TRAJECTORY – 2003 This course provided training on the analysis and reconstruction of shooting incident crime scenes.

COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE -2005 This course provided on the proper collection, labeling, and preservation of evidence for it to be admissible in legal proceedings.

FIELD PROCESSING FOR LATENT PRINTS – 2007 This course covers all methods of latent fingerprint development to include current methods of locating, documenting, recovering, and preserving latent fingerprint evidence. Techniques included processing prints in complex environments and additional processes such as developing latent prints in blood and casting agents to lift prints from textured surfaces.

AGENT AND VICTIM SPECIALIST: PARTNERING FOR OUR VICTIMS – 2011 The course provided training with advanced-level information related to working effectively with victims of crime, including legal responsibilities to victims. The course emphasized collaborating with Victim Specialist and highlights victim assistance program resources.

ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS TRAINING – 2011 This course provided training on active shooter awareness covering Avoid, Deny, Defend aspects, FBI active shooter response and resources. Presentations included Columbine School Shooting.

FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION – 2012 This course focused on safety measures while working arson investigations.

SENIOR TEAM LEADER CONFERENCE – 2014 This conference emphasized a collaboration of all FBI field office Evidence Response Team Leaders to provide new procedures and policies. Presentations included major case events such as the Orlando Pulse Nightclub Shooting and the Aurora Movie Theatre Shooting.

DIGITAL EVIDENCE HANDLING – 2015 The course provided training in the digital evidence roles and responsibilities, current derivative evidence policy and procedure.

AIRLINE CRASH RESPONSE – 2015 This course was a joint training between the Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The course discussed airline crash causes, jurisdiction in investigating and how agencies could work together during a mass casualty event.

RECOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS -2016 This course involved the study of human remains and was held at the University of Tennessee Anthropology Research Facility in Knoxville, Tennessee. The course was divided into lectures and practical exercises. Lectures included pathologists, anthropologists, entomologists, and odontologists. The practical exercise involved the recovery of actual human remains in various states of decomposition and included documentation and mapping.

MOOT COURT – 2016 This course provided a practical exercise of processing a crime scene and testifying to the collection of evidence in a mock trial. Assistant United State Attorneys served as role players as both prosecutors to question witnesses and defense attorneys to cross examine witnesses.

MASS DISASTER – 2018 This course was designed to prepare crime scene investigators for responding to both criminal acts and natural disasters where large numbers of casualties and property damage occur. The course covered the interactions between multiple agencies which will be involved in such responses, how scene management structures can be quickly set up and then modified as more response resources arrive, the National Response Plan, and safety management.

PROCESSING OF HUMAN REMAINS – 2018 This course provided training on the processing and packaging of human remains. Course was held at Texas State University Forensic Research Facility, San Marcos, Texas.

LARGE VEHICLE BOMB – 2019 This course taught crime scene investigators how to process larger bomb sites that are transported aboard vehicles that are intended to bring down buildings.

SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR HUMAN REMAINS -2019 This course provided training and familiarization with the current resources, techniques, research, and best practices in the search and location of clandestine human remains to conduct a pre-search evaluation of a potential search area to best manage effort, resources, and time.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING: OTHER

Advanced Counterterrorism Investigations and Operations
Anti-Abortion Investigations
Domestic Terrorism Investigations
Violent Crimes Against Children
Sovereign Citizens Investigations
Internet Crimes Against Children
Money Laundering Investigations
Human Source Development and Management
Cyber Crime Investigations
Advanced Internet Fraud Investigations
Online Child Pornography/Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations
Identity Theft Investigations

AWARDS

Certificate of Appreciation: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners 2000
Superior Service Award: White Collar Crime Investigations 2002
Certificate of Achievement: Crimes Against Children Investigations 2004
Certificate of Achievement Domestic Terrorism Investigations 2007
Performance Award Acting Supervisory Special Agent 2009
Superior Service Award: International Terrorism Investigations 2012
Certificate of Appreciation Kids and Cops Trading Card Program 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JKE Texas Private Investigations, LLC

- Crime Scene Investigations
- Criminal Investigations
- Interviews & Interrogation

Abilene Christian University

- Subject Matter Expert/Course Designer – Forensic Evidence
- Adjunct Professor – Forensic Evidence

Federal Bureau of Investigations

- Crime Scene Investigations
- International Terrorism Investigations
- Violent Crimes Against Children Investigations
- Domestic Terrorism Investigations
- Bank Fraud Investigations
- Wire Fraud Investigations

- Money Laundering Investigations
- Undercover Operations
- Human Source Operations
- Interviews & Interrogations
- Safe Streets Task Force
- Joint Terrorism Task Force
- Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force
- Critical Incident Response Team
- Forensic Science Working Group

Bethesda Country Day School

- Elementary teacher/Team Leader

COMPLEX CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS:

- 09/11 Terrorist Attack (2001) - deployed to Fresh Kills Landfill for recovery of evidence and human remains.
- Space Shuttle Columbia (2003) - deployed to Las Vegas, Nevada for recovery of firearms evidence.
- Scarecrow Bandits Violent Takeover Bank Robberies (2008) – executed federal search warrants of multiple vehicles utilized as get-away vehicles.
- Dallas Fountain Place Attempted Terror Plot (2009) – executed three federal search warrants, in two federal jurisdictions, involving residences and vehicle of subject involved in a plot to blow up a Dallas skyscraper known as Fountain Place.
- Kaufman County Prosecutor Murders (2013) - led multiple search warrants in Capital Murder investigation.
- Fort Hood Shooting Mass Shooting (2014) – processed multiple scenes of a murder-suicide shooting spree by disgruntled employee on military base.
- East Texas Ricin Investigation (2014) – evidence collection involving possession of a toxin for use as a weapon.
- Draw The Prophet Muhammad Terrorist Attack (2015) - led crime scene processing of attempted terrorist attack in Garland, Texas to include autopsy observation and evidence collection for Medical Examiner.
- FBI Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Brenda Delgado (2015) – led search operations of the killing of prominent local dentist.
- 07/07 Dallas Police Ambush (2016) - led command post operations which included staffing of crime scene, review of evidence, distribution of intelligence and liaison with multiple federal, state, and local agencies involved in the investigation.
- Las Vegas Route 66 Music Festival Mass Shooting (2017) - deployed to Las Vegas, Nevada for recovery of firearms evidence.
- Austin Texas Package Bombings (2018) - led search of Federal Express facility where an improvised explosive device detonated.
- Addison Airplane Crash (2019) - led search alongside Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board investigating airplane crash which included recovery of human remains and black boxes.
- FBI Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Yaser Said (2020) - led multiple search warrants in support of investigation where subject was avoiding prosecution for the honor killings of his two daughters.

TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Strain has testified as the primary investigator/case agent and lead crime scene investigator in over 100 federal criminal trials and hearings in the Northern District of Texas.

Mrs. Strain has testified as a lead crime scene in four (4) Capital Murder cases in the State of Texas.

PUBLICATIONS

Casey, K. (2018). In Plain Sight: The Kaufman County Prosecutor Murders. Harper Collins.