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Federal Law Enforcement professional and Task Force team member with over 24 years of experience and progressive responsibility on highly complex investigations and operations.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Maintained as project manager an assigned personal docket of 1500+** criminal and non-criminal immigrants, with new clients added daily. Made case decisions pertaining to US citizenship claims. Gathered history on the person in question, and their immediate family situations. Prioritized consular interviews and prepared documented information for removal or deportation proceedings.

**Expert in preparing case management requirements** to execute a Warrant of Arrest, Warrant of Deportation, or Warrant of Removal.

**Extensive experience and knowledge with using open-source data and methods** to accomplish case information needed to prepare cases. Required by regulation to use Privacy Impact Assessment for EID (Enforcement Integrated Database) which expanded information stored, the types of information shared with external parties, and an enhanced electronic sharing capability.

**Prepared and initiated threat assessments**, identified, assessed, implemented and managed each individual's behavior for case management to prevent potential acts of violence and terrorism. Initiated criminal proceedings to present to the US DOJ, Executive Office of Immigration Review.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Counter-Intelligence Screener** | CACI International | AFRICOM USAF AB101 | Niamey, Niger, West Africa | 05/08/2021 – present

- Conduct threat analysis of local nationals to access USAF AB101 in Niamey, Niger. Perform initial counter-intelligence interviews collecting bio information, foreign influence, foreign preference, personal conduct, financial considerations, alcohol consumption, drug involvement, psychological conditions, criminal conduct, outside activities, religion, politics, education and lifestyle of each subject. Decisions are based on national security and judgment of the persons overall trustworthiness based on adjudicative standards.
- DONISIS, BI2R and the use of information technology systems are utilized to collect and provide all appropriate identity information operations in the process of vetting each subject. Prepare Memo for Record (MFR) and Counter-Intelligence Memo for Record (CIMFR). Training includes SERE, NATO, and JKO. Issue a Facility Clearance (FCL). Evaluate corporate relationships and foreign influence and issue National Industrial Security System (NISS) to maintain data on all DOD cleared companies.

**Deportation Officer (series 1801)** | US Department of Homeland Security | ICE/ERO | Houston, Texas | 09/15/2015 – 02/29/2020

- Resolved cases of complex citizenship and nationality law of an encountered individual who was suspected to be without lawful status but claimed to be a US citizen. Prepared and submitted memorandum, along with OPLA and the AUSAO's, examining the claim and recommending a course of action. Interviews were recorded as sworn statements and also included family interviews. Prepared US DHS legal forms.
- Performed case management daily, using case documentation to include, subject records, reports of investigation, and other case documents. Linked subject records and case documents within and between investigations to ensure a comprehensive view of all activities and subjects related to the single case. This enabled effective case deconfliction and coordination between personnel working connected investigations.
- Used methods required by US DHS/ICE to include EID (Enforcement Integrated Database) data to generate immigration-related forms to send to courts and other agencies to support the advancement and adjudication of DHS and Department of Justice immigration cases. Interviewed individuals to determine the immigration and criminal status to establish the appropriate immigration enforcement action. Managed bonds, and warrants. Received information from the ICE Office of Intelligence of Human Trafficking and other criminal activity collected from INTERPOL of individual subjects assigned to daily docket, to include "duty window" assignments.

**Immigration Enforcement Agent (series 1801) | US Department of Homeland Security | ICE ERO | Houston, Texas | 10/15/2003 – 09/15/2015**

- **Logistics - Immigration Enforcement Agent (2010):** Initiated proceedings for claims of Reasonable and Credible Fear with USCIS (Citizenship and Immigration Services). Evaluated and interviewed each subject, assisted by US Dept. Of State language interpreters, describing the aspects which could determine whether it be credible or reasonable for consideration during the process with their asylum claim. Applied information obtained from the Threat Analysis Division, to include CBP counterintelligence information, critical infrastructure threat analysis, cyber threat, to protect, to prevent, respond to, and recover from significant threats and hazards.
- **Mexican Removal Team - Immigration Enforcement Agent (04/2009):** Analyzed documents, such as passports and other foreign identification to obtain travel documents. Routinely worked independently to ensure deportee was the correct individual and was deportable. Reviewed any outstanding warrants. Communicated with contract detention facilities coordinating the process to release the detainee, prepared for the deportation and/or escorted criminal and non-criminal aliens to their designated country.
- **Fugitive Operations - Houston AOR 2007 – Immigration Enforcement Agent:** As a team member of Fugitive Operations, planned and collected data of subjects for apprehension and arrest who were in violation of the INA (Immigration and Nationality Act) and presented a heightened threat to national security and public safety, such as transnational gang members, child sex offenders and aliens with prior convictions for violent crimes. Investigated each subject. Operated the use of radio frequency technologies and surveillance systems as a technician of a Mobile Command Vehicle communicating nationwide with HQ counterintelligence, CBP counterintelligence information, other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.
- **Participated on numerous operations to successfully apprehend, interdict and investigate** a particular violation (e.g., the smuggling of illegal aliens and employee sanction). Often related to and dependent upon the expertise to interdict or investigate (narcotics, employee sanctions and prostitution). Encountered border and source intelligence on operations at the southern borders of Texas and Rapid Response Team from Colorado to New Mexico. Participated in US Border Operation Rio Grande and Operation Re-Turn to Sender to include the trafficking of persons as transnational issues that threatened national security. Participated in the CEU, the first and only national program dedicated to the enforcement of nonimmigrant visa violations.
- **Provided support as a technician to US DHS/ICE missions** through the provision of mobile on-site platforms for command, control and communications during terrorist attacks, natural disasters, National Special Security Events and occurrences. Able to rapidly deploy to any location in the continental United States where the communications infrastructure was inadequate or had been disrupted, or where enhanced interoperability among law enforcement agencies was needed.
- **Criminal Alien Program - Immigration Enforcement Agent (2003):** Placed ICE detainers on individuals who the agency had probable cause to believe were aliens who are removable from the United States and were currently in federal, state and local law enforcement agency custody. Assisted in the IHRP (Institutional Hearing and Removal Program) which expedited the review of applications to complete the administrative immigration removal of the alien inmate (incarcerated criminal alien) prior to completing their criminal sentence. Used biometric screening and interviewed individuals to determine immigration and criminal status and establish the appropriate immigration enforcement action. Each interview was a recorded sworn statement.

**Detention Enforcement Officer (series 1802) | US Immigration and Naturalization Service | Houston, Texas | 01/06/1997 – 10/15/2003**

- Assisted the Anti-Smuggling Unit and the Employee Sanctions Unit by providing support to the Office of Investigations in the apprehending and the serving of criminal warrants of aliens in violation of immigration regulations. Utilized knowledge of laws and policies.
- Coordinated with airport and airlines representatives for travel with or for the deportee(s). Contacted foreign consulates to obtain travel documents. Provided for the safe and secure armed and unarmed escort of aliens via land and air to federal, state, and local law enforcement facilities, court proceedings, medical facilities, foreign countries and changes of venue within the continental United States.
- Prepared, reviewed and provided supplemental paperwork to transfer aliens to detention facilities. Performed recurring support duties, such as taking fingerprints, handcuffing, and photographs, general inquiries from federal, state, and local correctional facilities about the Naturalization status of aliens in their custody, or regarding processes for determining their status.

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- Sexual Harassment (08/2009)
- ICE Mobile Processing Vehicle Surveillance Technician (06/2008)
- ICE Special Response Team High Risk Entry (01/2008)
- Fugitive Operations (06/2007)
- Immigration Enforcement Agent Series 1801 (2004)
- Airborne Pathogen Training (07/2003)
- US Department of Labor OSHA Collateral Duty Safety Officer (Trainer) (2003)
- Cultural Diversity (10/1999)
- Juvenile Detention (1998)
- Strategies for Officer Survival (07/1997)
- Detention Enforcement Officer Series 1802 (04/1997)

## EDUCATION

**Technical/Occupational Certificate** | Federal Law Enforcement Training Center | Glynn County, GA | 10/2003

**Technical/Occupational Certificate** | Federal Law Enforcement Training Center | Artesia, NM | 04/1997

*College Coursework* | Austin Community College | Austin, TX

## OPEN SOURCE & PROPRIETARY TOOLS

- Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT)/Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) - biometric screening.
- BI2R (Biometric Identity Intelligence Resource).
- Dept. of Health and Human Services (Birth records and marriage license).
- DONISIS (Department of the Navy Identification and Screening Information System).
- EAGLE booking application, ENFORCE Alien Detention Module (EADM), and ENFORCE Alien Removal Module (EARM).
- Google Maps and Yahoo, Lexus Nexus, US Postal (zip code lookup) to locate addresses of the individual.
- LESC (Law Enforcement Support Center), N Lets (International Justice and Public Safety Network).
- Local and out of state police department criminal records of judgment and convictions, local county sheriff's department criminal history.
- PACER (US District Court), and Assistant US Attorney's Office (AUSA) indictments and convictions,
- Social Media, YouTube, Google Maps and Yahoo, Lexis Nexis, US Postal (zip code lookup).
- TECS (Treasury Enforcement Communications System) and NCIC (National Crime Information Center) to retrieve and communicate criminal intelligence.
- Texas Work Force Commission and out of state work force commissions for employment verification.
- United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program.
- US DHS E Verify (employment verification), and US SSA (Social Security Administration).

***Comprehensive knowledge and experience with the PIA (Privacy Impact Assessment) update which allowed access to:***

- US DHS Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM) to EID Arrest Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) booking application to process biometric and biographic information of individuals arrested and detained by ICE for alleged criminal violations of law and administrative violations of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
- EAGLE Direct D Identification Environment (EDDIE) used in the field to quickly identify a person encountered during an immigration investigation or operation using a mobile scanning device to scan the subject's fingerprint and government assigned iPhone.
- Digital Application for Victim Witness Identification (DAVID) Homeland Security Investigations (HIS) Investigative Case Management (ICM) system.
- NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and TECS (Treasury Enforcement Communications System) to retrieve and communicate criminal- intelligence.
- PIA (Privacy Impact Assessment) – FBI IAFIS (FBI Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and (NGI) Next Generation Identification Biometric Interoperability.
- ENFORCE Alien Detention Module (EADM), and ENFORCE Alien Removal Module (EARM).

## **HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS**

- Responded with US DHS/ICE, Detention and Removal Operations (DRO), Houston, Texas. Deployed 181 law enforcement officers, the US Army, US Navy, US FPS, US DOJ, US Parks and Wild-Life, Blackwater, and other law enforcement and fire departments to the affected areas. Assisted DRO with employing its substantial experience with large-scale contracts and mass mobilization to establish temporary quarters, resources and supplies for ICE and DHS personnel operating in the affected area. Helped establish a tent city for 400 law enforcement officers, which included food service, fuel service and transportation services.