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Security Professional / Retired FBI Special Agent

Proven Security Professional with a cross-disciplined background supporting a broad spectrum of security including cyber security & analysis, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM), intelligence collection & analysis, counterintelligence, technical surveillance, and criminal and national security investigations. A strategic thinker with a track record of conceiving, planning and executing successful security operations and programs. A strong leader who believes in integrity, mutual respect, humility and accountability, who focuses on the mission and needs of the organization, and who thinks outside the box in order to develop change which benefits the organization. A proven security leader that is mission-focused, technology savvy and results driven.

~ A Multi-Faceted Security Professional ~

- Security Expert
- Mission Focused
- Proven Military Leader
- Strong Communicator
- Strategic Visionary
- Technologically Savvy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sept 1995 – Sept 2015

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is an intelligence-driven and threat-focused national security organization with both intelligence and law enforcement responsibilities. It is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Justice and a full member of the U.S. Intelligence Community. It is one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the world.

Special Agent - Omaha FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force – National Security Cyber Intrusions Investigator (2008-2015)

The FBI is the lead federal agency for investigating cyber-attacks by criminals, overseas adversaries, and terrorists. I planned and conducted criminal and national security investigations into cyber attacks by Foreign Intelligence Services (FIS), Foreign State Sponsored actors and foreign & domestic cyber criminals. Conducted data intercepts, packet analysis and malware analysis operations in support of those investigations. National Security investigations included Intelligence reporting established through data collection, traffic analysis and open source analysis.

Key Accomplishments:

- Developed Intelligence reporting on several websites (dark web) being utilized for terrorist fundraising and recruiting.
- Planned and conducted several national security cyber investigations into attacks which involved the Advanced Persistent Threat (APT).

- Identified and alerted dozens of secure contractor victims of cyber intrusions discovered through monitoring an ATP hop point used over several years of attacks and exfiltration (to overseas IPs) of US intellectual property and intelligence information (to include military weapons design).
- Executed dozens of search warrants and raids on cyber criminals.
- Extracted digital evidence involving metadata which provided attribution and helped identify and indict five members of a foreign military for cyber intrusions and cyber espionage conducted in the US. See the FBI's "Cyber Most Wanted".
- Contributed to the nationwide takedown of a child pornography ring whose server was housed in Omaha, NE. Server was seized and kept energized from data center where it was originally located to an FBI controlled space miles away.
- Successfully completed no less than 23 one to two week cyber security courses and obtained a total of eleven cyber security certifications (see list below).
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the first Cyber Crimes Task Force in the Omaha Division of the FBI.
- Discovered, identified and documented threat TTPs used by foreign intelligence services in cyber intrusions against US cleared contractors.

FBI Technically Trained Agent (TTA). Certified in Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) (2003-2008)

Trained by and worked directly with the FBI Operational Technology Division (OTD) - OTD is staffed with a wide array of highly-skilled and multi-disciplined agents, engineers, electronic technicians, forensic examiners, and analysts who support our most significant investigations and national security operations with advanced electronic surveillance, digital forensics, technical surveillance, tactical operations, and communications capabilities. As a TTA, I planned and conducted technical surveillance operations for important criminal and national security investigations which included the overt and covert installation and use of audio, video and data intercept collection equipment (listening devices ("bugs"), mics, data intercepts, cameras etc.). I also conducted domestic and overseas TSCM investigations to detect and eliminate surreptitious technical penetrations/attacks by Foreign Intelligence Services.

Key Accomplishments:

- Attended and successfully completed dozens of 1-11 week specialized training courses to conduct technical surveillance operations.
- Traveled overseas to Europe, South America and the Middle East to conduct TSCM operations designed to protect classified US information from Hostile Intelligence Services (HIS).
- Successfully completed an eleven week TSCM training course, and numerous advanced TSCM courses, conducted by the Interagency Training Center (ITC), the premier TSCM training facility in the United States.
- Conducted "surreptitious entries" (black bag jobs) into suspected terrorist or foreign intelligence officers home or workplace to install technical surveillance devices and collect potential evidence/intelligence.
- Fabricated situation specific technical surveillance concealments to collect audio/video intelligence/evidence on subjects of FBI investigations.

- Entered a front company used by a drug ring dressed as a repairman and installed audio and video listening devices while subjects were present. Then established a covert monitoring location blocks away where agents could monitor illegal activity through an RF link. Operations like this were a regular occurrence.

FBI Special Agent - Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Forensic Examiner. (1999-2003)

The Computer Analysis Response Team, or CART, is the FBI's go-to force for providing digital forensic services. They analyze a variety of digital media—including desktop and laptop computers, CDs/DVDs, cell phones, digital cameras, digital media players, flash media, etc.—lawfully seized as part of our investigations. CART examiners are experts at extracting data from digital media...even when the media is damaged by the forces of nature or by subjects attempting to prevent data from being recovered. And once they have finished their forensic work, CART examiners are also available to testify in court as “expert witnesses” on their findings.

Key Accomplishments:

- Attended and successfully completed computer forensics courses to become certified as an FBI Computer Analysis Response Team Forensic Examiner.
- Conducted computer forensic examinations on computers used by one of the terrorist hijackers responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
- Participated in “surreptitious entries” to image computer hard drives and media used by a Foreign Intelligence Officer operating in the United States.

FBI Special Agent – International Terrorism & Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations. (1995-1999)

The National Security Branch leads the FBI's efforts to detect, deter, and disrupt terrorist threats to the United States and its interests. The FBI is the nation's lead federal law enforcement agency for investigating and preventing acts of domestic and international terrorism. It is the lead federal agency for investigating attacks involving weapons of mass destruction—those involving chemical, radiological, or biological agents or nuclear weapons. The FBI is also the lead agency for exposing, preventing, and investigating intelligence activities on U.S. soil, and the Counterintelligence Division uses its full suite of investigative and intelligence capabilities to combat counterintelligence threats.

Key Accomplishments:

- Contributed to the investigation of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995 by domestic terrorists Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. It was among the largest and most complex in FBI history.
- Developed an intelligence asset which lead the FBI to a suspected terrorist who was in the United State to develop targets for terrorist bombings. I was the case agent who planned, lead and executed all operations in this investigation which culminated in the arrest of this suspected terrorist.

- Through investigative techniques and intelligence analysis, identified the brother of a Middle Eastern terrorist group leader. He was in the United States conducting fundraising operations for the terrorist group.
- I was the case agent (lead investigator) on several significant terrorism investigations which provided intelligence/evidence of terrorist fundraising by a US organization whose members were later indicted for terrorist fundraising. The 2008 trial of this organization's leaders was the "largest terrorism financing prosecution in American history."
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the 1st Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in the Oklahoma City Division of the FBI.
- Maintained a Top Secret and DOE "Q" security clearance while with the FBI.

Lincoln, NE Police Department

Lincoln, NE

1993 - 1995

The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) is the primary law enforcement agency for the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. It has just over 300 police officers serving a population of 239,000 and an area of 79 square miles (200 km²). The department is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and was the first law enforcement agency in Nebraska to become so.

Police Officer

As a member Lincoln Police Department (LPD) I was responsible for patrolling the city, responding to calls for service, conducting interviews and preliminary investigations and filing police reports based on these calls for service.

Key Accomplishments:

- Attended and successfully completed the police academy through the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) class 116. Graduated as one of the top academic achievers, finished 1st in the class in physical fitness and 2nd in the class in firearms.
- Created a relational database to analyze similar crime reports which, through trend analysis, identified suspects who later confessed to a series of crimes.
- Developed excellent communication skills while dealing with, at times, combatant members of the public. Also developed excellent conflict resolution skills while working with the public.

Honeywell/Allied-Signal Aerospace/Bendix,

Kansas City, MO

1984 - 1992

During my employment, Honeywell (Allied-Signal/Bendix) produced components for nuclear weapons. Allied-Signal Aerospace was a prime contractor for the Department of Energy (DOE), maintaining classified nuclear weapons design ("Restricted Data")

information to manufacture components for nuclear weapons. They produced 85 percent of the nonnuclear material used in the United States nuclear weapons arsenal.

Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) Specialist

As a member of the TSCM team at Honeywell I was responsible for planning, executing and documenting TSCM operations at this 3.2 million square foot facility. We also provided training and executive presentations of TSCM threat issues and operations.

Key Accomplishments:

- Contributed to the initial implementation of a TSCM program at Allied-Signal, Kansas City Plant (KCP) required by DOE. Drafted TSCM guidelines and TSCM facility exemptions during the initial implementation of the program.
- Attended and successfully completed TSCM training provided by the DOE Technical Security Resource Center (TSRC) to become a certified DOE TSCM Specialist.
- Procured and implemented commercial software which allowed TSCM reporting database information to be imported into a reporting template to generate detailed reporting required from a "finding" during an inspection.
- Attended technical security conferences to evaluate vendor products which might aid in enhancing the organization's TSCM program.
- Worked with Electrical Engineers in the organization to develop programing which automated the search process/parameters of commercial RF equipment.
- Maintained a DOE "Q" security clearance during my employment.

United States Army Reserve Olathe, KS

1988 - 1995

I was a non-commissioned officer with the 135th Military Intelligence Battalion in Olathe, KS. This unit was designed to provide Combat Electronic Warfare Intelligence (CEWI) support for the 35th Infantry Division which was reactivated in 1984.

Key Accomplishments:

- Received two Army Achievement medals during this time frame for contributions to the Army.
- Graduated with honors while completing the Army's Counterintelligence Agents course to become a credentialed Army Counterintelligence Agent. 5th US Army, Intelligence Training Army Area School (ITAAS), Fort Sam Houston, TX.
- Graduated with honors from the Army's Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC).
- Selected as the 135th MI BN NCO of the Year in 1989. I was also selected as the Headquarters and Headquarters Services (HHS) Company NCO of the Year and represented the 89th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) as their nominee for the reserve/full time support NCO of the year in 1989.

United States Marine Corps (Active & Reserve)
Kansas City, MO 1978 - 1988

The United States Marine Corps is one of the most respected military organizations in the world. As America's expeditionary force in readiness since 1775, the Marines are forward deployed to win our nation's battles swiftly and aggressively in times of crisis. What sets Marines apart from any other fighting force on the globe isn't just how they're trained, the equipment they use or their tactics. It's something much more primal—it's the fighting spirit that lives within every Marine and drives them to accept nothing less than victory in all situations.

SSGT - Military Intelligence – Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Collection & Analysis

SIGINT (signals intelligence) is information gained by the collection and analysis of the electronic signals and communications of a given target. Intelligence, in this context, is information that provides an organization or individual with support for making decisions and possibly gaining a strategic advantage. While contributing to the SIGINT mission of the Marine Corps, contributions were made both on a strategic level and a tactical level.

Key Accomplishments:

- Provided support to the National Security Agency (NSA) on two occasions during military reserve operations.
- Traveled overseas for two six month TDY tours to contribute to strategic SIGINT operations against US adversaries.
- Received a Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC) for significant SIGINT contributions during the cold war.
- Provided leadership and supervision for military subordinates both while on active duty and in the reserves. Received three meritorious promotions, three "meritorious masts" and four "letters of appreciation" in four years.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice – University of Central Missouri (Cum Laude)

CYBER SECURITY CERTIFICATES

ICS-CERT – ICS Cybersecurity 301 6/2014
GIAC Web App Penetration Tester (GWAPT) 03/31/2019 exp
GIAC Industrial Cyber Security Professional (GICSP) 06/30/2018 exp
GIAC Security Leadership (GSLC) 08/31/2018 exp

GIAC Information Security Professional (GISP) 02/28/2018 exp
GIAC Security Essentials Certification (GSEC) 12/31/2017 exp
GIAC Certified Perimeter Protection Analyst (GPPA) 01/31/2020 exp
GIAC Certified Intrusion Analyst (GCIA) 09/30/2018 exp
GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH) 08/31/2019 exp
CompTIA - Network + (exp 2014)
CompTIA - Security + (No expiration)

HONORS & AWARDS

DDII National Intelligence Professional Award (2014)
Honor Graduate, Army Counterintelligence Agents Course (1989)
Honor Graduate, Electronics Institute (1985)
Honor Graduate, Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) - (Military Intelligence Training) (1979)
Honor Graduate, Army Primary Leadership Development Course (1990)
FBI – Quality Step Increase (QSI) Awards (3) (1999, 2007, 2013)
Certificate of Achievement for Computer Forensics – FBI Director (2001)
NCO of the Year 1989 (135th MI BN & HHS Company) (1989)
Meritorious Unit Commendation (USMC)
Army Achievement Medals (2)
Samuel F.B. Morse Award (USMC)
Graduated Cum Laude, CMSU, B.S. Criminal Justice - Electronics Minor (1992)
CMSU Regents Graduate Student Scholarship
Research paper published in Alpha Phi Sigma Journal
CMSU Dean's List (1991)
National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma (1992)