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SUMMARY

FBI financial investigator and attorney with demonstrated track record of 50+ prosecutions for fraud, corruption and bribery. Recipient of 2019 US AG Award for Fraud Prevention, US Attorney's 2018 Victim Assistance Award, and Bismarck Tribune's 2015 Award for Person of the Year. Extensive trial experience with high profile domestic and international fraud and money laundering cases. Leadership roles include supervising numerous investigative teams, leading a company of 170 Marines and serving as Company XO during Desert Storm. Top Secret Security and SCIF Clearance. Core Skills include:

- Complex Litigation
- Financial/Criminal Investigation
- Forensic Tool Kit (FTK)
- Cyber Security Investigations
- Legal/Financial Analysis
- Suspicious Activity Report

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1995-March 2021

Special Agent – White Collar Crime, Public Corruption, and Indian Country Crime

Bismarck Resident Agency (2010 – March 2021)

- Led international multiagency investigative team of fraud operations in Jamaica, Costa Rica, Canada and Israel. Investigation secured 35 indictments and convictions for money laundering, mail fraud and wire fraud, making it the biggest case of its kind in US history. Used FTK to net the first conviction in US history of a lead list provider.
- Initiated computer intrusion cyber security investigation targeting businesses, law firms and local governments uncovering more than \$5 million fraud; arrested 3 and indicted 1 of co-conspirators.
- Led investigation of an \$11 million bank fraud that was committed by a Vice-President and three co-conspirators. VP was sentenced to jail time and monetary restitution.
- Investigated and prosecuted a \$2 million bank embezzlement and mineral rights scheme perpetrated by the head of a bank Trust department on elderly rural victims; convictions resulted in jail terms for this bank official and two co-conspiring family members.
- Headed public corruption case involving a housing construction contractor who bribed employees and elected officials of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Secured convictions of one tribal employee, one contractor, and three elected tribal officials.
- Secured conviction of the CFO of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for embezzlement of US government and tribal funds for personal use.

Special Agent – White Collar Crime, Undercover, Organized Crime New York Office (1996 – 2010)

- Investigated a volatile multinational investment fraud case of \$20M that morphed over 16 years from Russian spot oil sales, to diamond mines in the Congo, to clean water and waste renewal in France and US. Of two primary subjects, one pleaded guilty and the other committed suicide.
- Assisted IRS with tax fraud investigation of restaurant franchise with 35 locations. In this process, uncovered an \$18 million bank fraud and secured convictions of CEO of the Central Credit Union and five co-conspirator borrowers (via two separate trials and three pleas).

- Initiated government fraud investigation of two contractors for US Air Force who received kickbacks from Iraqi construction firms and then laundered the money through a Lebanese bank.
- Conducted investigation of the owner of a national speaker's bureau who defrauded 50 famous celebrity clients and three institutions (a library and two colleges). Prepared case for trial, after which subject was convicted of sixty mail fraud counts and served five years in prison.
- Investigated IBM-authorized retailer who developed scheme for using credit program to defraud IBM of millions of dollars. Subject submitted highly inflated invoicing to secure additional financing for his customers from IBM. Subject was convicted after trial and served five years.
- Worked in undercover capacity for 18 months to provide support for a variety of extremely sensitive criminal and national security investigations.
- Led investigation of Bonnano Crew organized crime activity, including murder, robbery, racketeering, loan sharking, gambling, drugs and car theft. Additionally, investigated their white-collar crimes: forgery, securities fraud and bankruptcy fraud. Conducted two separate trials, resulting in conviction of Bonnano Captain for forgery and enterprise corruption.
- In all investigations, worked with law enforcement teams to secure intelligence from diverse sources: witnesses, confidential informants, wiretaps, databases, and surveillance.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF QUEENS COUNTY, Kew Gardens, NY

1991-1995

Assistant District Attorney

- Managed criminal prosecutions for serious assaults, narcotics, robbery, forgery and arson.
- Conducted four jury trials and more than a hundred court hearings, prepared witnesses, drafted memoranda, motions and other court papers along with document review and analysis.
- Managed investigations by preparing and evaluating cases, formulating plea offers, conducting plea negotiations and obtaining guilty pleas. Also drafted criminal complaints, arraigned defendants and presented charges to the grand jury for consideration.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

1983-2011

Lieutenant Colonel (Active Duty 1983-1987 and 1990-1991; Reserve 1987-2011)

Served in a variety of leadership, combat, and support functions:

- Company Commander of 170 Marines; responsible for training, readiness, and morale.
- Executive Officer of Light Armored Infantry Company in Kuwait during Desert Storm. Commanded unit movement and coordinated fire support during combat operations.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS

ILLINOIS PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE # 115002658I

2020-Present

NEW YORK STATE BAR

1990-Present

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY OF LAW, Villanova, PA

1990

J.D., *Cum laude*

MANHATTAN COLLEGE, Riverdale, NY

1983

B.A., History/Economics, *Cum laude*

THE INTERNET: INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE

2019

FBI CYBER SECURITY/MONEY LAUNDERING COURSES

2016; 2019