

Curriculum Vitae
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Experience

1. Consultant and Police Practices Expert – October of 2011 to present
2. Certified Litigation Specialist – 04/2015 to 4/2018
3. State of Washington, Private Investigator– October of 2011 to October of 2017
4. Retired from King County Sheriff - May of 2011
5. King County Sheriff’s Office, Law Enforcement Officer, 1982 - 2011, Seattle, Washington
6. King County Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Detective - 2005 to 2011
7. King County Sheriff’s Office Green River Task Force Detective - 2001 to 2005
8. King County Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Detective - 1991 to 2001
9. King County Sheriff’s Office Special Assault Detective - 1989 to 1991
10. King County Sheriff’s Office Green River Task Force Detective - 1987 to 1989
11. King County Sheriff’s Office Plain Clothes Patrol Officer - 1985 to 1987
12. King County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Officer - 1982 to 1985
13. Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy -1982

Expert Witness, Consultant – October of 2011 to present

1. Deposition Testimony, June B. Greiner v Cameron Wall et al., October of 2021
2. Deposition Testimony, Lobato v Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, March of 2021
3. Deposition Testimony, Leeper v City of Tacoma, January of 2021
4. Deposition testimony, Leng v The City of Issaquah, April of 2020
5. Testimony provided as an expert witness, United States v Palofex, et.al., January of 2020
6. Deposition testimony, Annas v Pierce County, January of 2019
7. Testimony provided as an expert witness, Lacy v Snohomish County, Nov of 2018
8. Deposition testimony, Eddo v City of Tacoma, September of 2018
9. Deposition testimony, Ortega v Pierce County, July of 2018
10. Deposition testimony, Lacy v Snohomish County, July of 2018
11. Deposition testimony, Bradley v Chelan County Sheriff’s Office, February of 2018
12. Testimony provided as an expert witness, Washington County Sheriff’s Office v Rodriguez-Reyes, February of 2018

13. Testimony provided as an expert witness, Templeton v St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Parish, King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, August of 2017
14. Deposition testimony, Beltran v City of Tacoma, July of 2017
15. Testimony provided as an expert witness, Schrotberger v Grays Harbor, United States Federal Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington, May of 2017
16. Deposition testimony, Schrotberger v Grays Harbor, April of 2017
17. Deposition testimony, Statler, Larson & Gassman v Spokane County, April of 2017
18. Deposition testimony, Kiessling v LVMPD; March of 2017
19. Deposition testimony, Conner Griffith-Guerrero v Spokane County, February of 2017
20. Deposition testimony, Johnson v Seattle Police Dept, City of Seattle, February of 2017
21. Deposition testimony, Templeton v St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Parish, January of 2017
22. Testimony provided as an expert witness in United States District Court of Alaska v Murville Lampkin, October of 2016
23. Deposition testimony, L.H., J.H., B.H., K.F., and C.R., v Island County, October of 2016
1. Deposition testimony, Durden-Bosley v Adley Shepherd and City of Seattle, March of 2016
2. Deposition testimony, Mandarino v Todd McDevitt, Adam Durlinger and Shoshone County Sheriff's Office, February of 2016
3. Deposition testimony, Chagoya v Sound Mental Health, July 2015
4. Deposition testimony, Finn v City of Port Angeles, January of 2015
5. Deposition testimony, Hamrick v State of Washington, January of 2014
6. Testimony provided as an expert witness in Mitchell v City of Tukwila Police Department, January of 2014
7. Deposition testimony, Petersen v Lewis County Sheriff's Office, October of 2013
8. Consultant and case analysis, Alan Northrop and Larry Davis wrongful conviction and settlement, Innocence Project, September of 2013
9. Deposition testimony, Mitchell v City of Tukwila, June of 2013
10. Deposition testimony, Willard v City of Everett, May of 2013
11. Deposition testimony, Kirby v City of East Wenatchee, March of 2013
12. Deposition testimony, E.S v State of Washington, January of 2013
13. Testimony provided as an expert witness in Ostling v City of Bainbridge Island Police Department, June of 2012
14. Deposition testimony, Ostling v City of Bainbridge Island, January of 2012

Training (Past 10 years)

1. Washington Legal investigators Conference, 2011
2. Washington Legal Investigators Conference, 2012
3. AELE Conference, ECW Tactics and Training issues, Post-Incident ECW Forensic Analysis, April of 2013
4. Washington Legal Investigators Conference, April of 2013
5. AELE Conference, Lethal and Less Lethal Force, October of 2013

- Identifying and Understanding Sexual Offenders in Sexual Assault Investigations, November of 2013
6. Use of Force and Officer Involved Shootings, Public Agency Training Council, December of 2013
 7. AELE Conference, Discipline & Internal Investigations, 2014
Excited Delirium, Arrest-Related and Sudden In-Custody Death Conference, 2014
 8. Use of Force, Deadly Force and Officer Involved Shootings, Public Agency Training Council, December 5th-7th 2016
 9. AELE Conference, Discipline & Internal Investigations, November of 2018
 10. Advanced Domestic and Sexual Violence Training, National Institute of Crime Prevention, February of 2019
 11. AELE Webinar, Law Enforcement Use-of Force Accountability, Presented by Michael Brave, May of 2019
 12. AELE Webinar, Violent Prone Restraint, Presented by Dr. Darrell Ross, June of 2020
 13. IPICD Training, Excited Delirium Instructor Training Certification 6.0, March 14-18, 2021
 14. Use of Force: Policy or Tactics, Lexipol Webinar, April 2021
 15. Active Threat Response Webinar, Crisis Consultant Group, April 2021
 16. "Training Artifacts" The Role of Training-or Lack of Training-Plays in Poor Decisions, Lexipol Training Webinar, April 20th, 2021
 17. Understanding and Managing Officer's Use of the Spit Mask, IPICD, April 2021
 18. Use of Force, AELE Workshop, May of 2021
 19. Crisis to Calm, Crisis Consultant Group, June of 2021
 20. 16th Annual IPICD Arrest-Related Death, Excited Delirium, Agitated Chaotic Events, & Sudden In-Custody Death Conference, November of 2021

Education

- Central Washington University
Ellensburg, Washington
Bachelor's Degree - Criminal Justice, 1981
- Kent Meridian High School – Graduate, 1976
Kent, Washington

Awards

- Officer of the Year 1997
- Doug Hansen Award – Washington State vs. John Price
- DSHS-Special Recognition Award for Elder Abuse Homicide
- Meritorious Award – King County Sheriff's Office – Investigation of: State of Washington vs. Mathias Bachmeier (Police officer who murdered citizen, Brad James Wren)

Notable Cases – Lead Detective

Washington State vs. Randy Roth – 1991

Washington State vs. Mark Bender – 1992
Washington State vs. Mathias Bachmeier – 1996
Washington State vs. Myron Wynn – 1996 (No-Body Homicide)
Washington State vs. Sione Lui – 2001
Green River Investigations of: Kelly McGinnis, Opal Mills, Cynthia Hinds and Marcia Chapman – 2001
Washington State vs. Joel Zellmer - 2003
Washington State vs. John Price – 2004 (No-Body Homicide)
Murder of King County Sheriff, Steve Cox – 2006
Washington State vs. Jon Kunkel – 2007
Washington State vs. David Dunn – 2008

Instructional Experience

1. St. Thomas School, Medina, Washington, Guest Speaker, Safety Week, 2018
2. University of Washington Law School, Guest Speaker, Investigations, 2017
3. Washington Association of Legal Investigators Spring Conference, Basic Crime Scene Investigations, 2012

Professional Affiliations

- Washington Association of Legal Investigators
- Washington Homicide Investigators Association
- World Association of Detectives
- International Association of Chief of Police