

**Exhibit 1**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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BAREFOOT PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS  
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**EDUCATION**

- Gaston College, Dallas, North Carolina, 2003
- Central Piedmont Community College, Huntersville, North Carolina, 2014 - 2016
- National Computer Forensics Institute, Hoover, Alabama, 2015, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Director of Forensics, Barefoot Professional Investigations, Charlotte, NC (2021 – Present)
- Owner/Digital Forensic Consultant, Fouché Digital Consulting, Matthews, NC (2020 – 2021)
- Digital Forensic Investigator, CCFIT, Wells Fargo Bank, Charlotte, NC (2020 - 2021)
- Digital Forensic Examiner, Reliance Forensics, LLC, Charlotte, NC (2016 - 2020)
- Crime Scene Investigator/Digital Forensics Specialist, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby, NC (2015-2016)
- Detective/Digital Forensics Investigator, Criminal Investigations Division, Property Crime, Violent Crime, Cyber Crime and Digital Forensics Unit, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby, NC Formally trained in the examination and handling of digital evidence (2009-2015)
- Field Training Officer/Corporal, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby, NC (2006-2009)
- Patrol Deputy, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby, NC (2004-2006)

**CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING Police Training**

- Basic Crime Scene Academy (March, 2015)
- Get Confessions: Going Beyond the Interview (February, 2013)
- Homicide Investigation and Crime Scene Management Training (September, 2012)
- Legal Issues of Fire Investigations (April, 2012)
- Interview and Interrogation (May, 2010)
- Police Law Institute (December, 2009)
- Field Training Officer, NC Justice Academy (February, 2007)
- DCI/NCIC (2004)
- Basic Law Enforcement Training (December, 2003)

## Digital Evidence Training

- Basic Cell Phone Forensics (November, 2014 – 16 hours)
- Introduction to Computer Forensics (October, 2014 – 32 hours)
- Intermediate Computer Forensics (November, 2014 – 32 hours)
- Advanced Computer Forensics (April, 2014 – 16 hours)
- Internet Investigations (October, 2014 – 32 hours)
- Introduction to Wireless Investigations (March, 2014 – 24 hours)
- Lantern Cell Phone Certified Examiner (June, 2014 – 24 hours)
- Apple iOS Forensics, American Academy of Applied Forensics (February, 2014 – 16 hours)
- Cyber Investigations 210 – GPS Interrogation (November, 2013 – 7 hours)
- National Computer Forensics Institute, USSS
- Mobile Device Examiner 15-03 (June, 2015 – 64 hours)
- Cellebrite Certified Logical Operator (June, 2015 – 14 hours)
- Paraben Mobile Forensic Training (June, 2016 – 14 hours)
- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (May, 2019 – 21 hours)
- XRY Certification, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation/MSAB, (September, 2015, 16 hours)
- XRY Intermediate, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation/MSAB, (September, 2015, 24 hours)
- 2017 EnFuse Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada EnCE® Certification,
- EnCase® Certified Examiner, 2017
- 2017 Magnet User Summit, Las Vegas Nevada
- 2019 Magnet User Summit, Nashville, Tennessee
- Introduction to Alternate Data Acquisitions (April, 2018 – 24 hours)
- Wireless Analysis Course Touch Point International Development Group (April, 2018 – 40 hours)

## Professional Licensing

- LCE, Lantern Certified Examiner, Katana Forensics
- XRY, XRY Certified Examiner, MSAB Certification Numbers – 7745, 7757
- CMFF, Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Fundamentals, Certification Number-ZZyAWPiPsJ
- CCO, Cellebrite Certified Operator, Certification Number – 20624514000
- CCPA, Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst, Certification Number - hHOPhBzzo1
- CCME, Cellebrite Certified Mobile Examiner, Cellebrite Certification Number - Qn2AaQldxD
- EnCase® Certified Examiner (EnCE®), Certification Number – 15-0917-7805

## Acquisitions and Extractions

- Over 1000 logical and/or Physical Acquisitions and Extractions utilizing Lantern Forensic Tool, Cellebrite Forensic Tool, Blackthorn, and XRY Forensic Tool.
- Over 1000 images of HDD (Hard Disk Drives) and SSD (Solid State Drives) Utilizing FTK, EnCase, IEF, Axiom, Forensic Falcon, Paladin, Macquisition, and Recon ITR.
- Collection of Checkpoint Encrypted Drives and decryption of images.
- Collection of Various encrypted drives and successful decryption of drives.
- Multiple examinations of mobile device extractions and computer images taken during criminal and civil cases.
- Multiple collections and examinations of PSTs
- Multiple examinations of Splunk Logs, including but not limited to VPN Logs, SMTP Logs, Bluecoat Logs, URL search Logs.
- Remote Imaging of devices utilizing the EnCase Applet, Network Preview and Axiom Cyber.

## Professional Organizations

- North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (NCICAC) (*Former Member and Agency Contact*)
- Sponsored by the United States Secret Service, National Computer Forensics Institute

## Awards

- North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission
  - Basic Law Enforcement Certificate (*March, 2014*)
  - Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate (*March, 2014*)
  - Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate (*September, 2016*)
- Region C Awards
  - 2008 Region C Award for Uniformed Officer of the Year
  - 2004 Region C Award for shooting investigation

## Teaching Experience

- Contracted Instructor for Computer Crimes Camp, Central Piedmont Community College, *July 2015, July 2016*
- Contracted Instructor for Central Piedmont Community College, Introduction to XRY, *Fall Semester 2015*
- Contracted Instructor for Central Piedmont Community College, Level 1 and Level 2 Mobile Forensics *Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018*

## Court Experience

Qualified as an Expert in Digital Forensics in North Carolina District and Superior Court.

- ***State of North Carolina v Princess Wade***, Cleve. Co. NC Superior Court, Criminal Division, 13 CRS 2938, Consulted as an expert in the field of Digital Forensics by the Defense. Defense Attorney – Calvin E. Coleman, Shelby, North Carolina Disposition Date – 4/3/2017 (Guilty Plea)
- ***State of North Carolina v Robert Odoms***, Cleve. Co. NC Superior Court, Criminal Division, 15 CRS 51911, Qualified as an expert in the field of Digital Forensics by the Court. Date of Conviction – 4/25/2016
- ***State of North Carolina v Danny Greene***, Cleve. Co. NC Superior Court, Criminal Division, 14 CRS 52913 - 52927, Qualified as an expert in the field of Digital Forensics by the Court. Date of Conviction – 5/22/2015
- ***Hartley Ready Mix v. Forsyth Redi-mix***, Forsyth Co. Superior Court, Civil Division 17 CVS 934. Qualified as an expert in the field of Digital Forensics by the Court. Testimony November 19, 2019.
- ***Stormy Patel v. Bobby Patel***, Meck. Co. District Court, Civil Division, 17 CVD 17579. Qualified as an expert in the field of Digital Forensics. Testified as to Digital Forensic practices and procedures. Testimony April 9, 2019.
- ***Ryan Groth v. Elizabeth Groth***, Buncombe County District Court, Civil Division, 19CV05459. Qualified as an Expert in the field of Digital Forensics. Testimony September 25, 2020.
- ***The State of South Carolina vs. Richard Alex Murdaugh***, Colleton County Superior Court, Criminal Division, 2022GS1500592 – 00595. Qualified as an expert in the field of Cell Phone Forensics. Testimony February 22, 2023