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Forensic Investigator

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Professional Profile

I am a successful Computer Forensic (CF) Consultant with extensive experience working for the military, public and private sectors. My expertise and experience include:

- IT Security and CF training to commercial and government organizations.
- Developing IT Security and CF policies for the Royal Air Force and the private sector.
- Consultancy in the criminal and civil legal sectors, providing CF investigation services for prosecution and defence.

In the early 1990's I was responsible for the development and implementation of a formal CF policy and operational unit for the Royal Air Force Provost and Security Service. I remained the focus for this discipline until leaving the service in 1999. In the 1999 New Year's Honours list I was awarded the AOC's Commendation for my work in Computer Forensics in the Royal Air Force.

From 1999 until late 2006 I worked with leading Computer Forensic companies in senior managerial posts advising corporate and government agencies on forensic policies and providing them with forensic investigation training and services.

In late 2006 I co-founded Griffin Forensics Ltd and have continued to provide consulting and investigation services to the public and private sector.

I have been involved in the investigation of terrorism offences, murders, IP theft, corporate fraud, indecent images of child, wide-scale inappropriate use of computers by company employees, trading standard offences and numerous criminal offences.

I have carried out in excess of 500 investigations in respect of computer-based evidence in the last 28 years and I have been accepted as an Expert Witness in Crown and Civil Courts of Law.

Academic Qualifications

Professional Qualifications and Education:

- RAF Police – Counter Intelligence Investigator – 1982
- RAF Police – Computer Security (Phases 1 & 2) – 1988 and 1989
- University of Cambridge – Introduction to UNIX and C Programming – Sept 1992
- Dr Solomons – Fundamentals and Practical Data Recovery – Feb 1993
- Dr Solomons – Live Virus Workshop – Feb 1993
- Network Security Management Ltd – Computer forensic investigation techniques – Jul 1994
- Dr Solomons – Computer Auditing – Feb 1995
- Dr Solomons – Computer Forensics – Oct 1995
- United States Air Force, Office of Special Investigations – USAFOSI Computer Forensic Field Examiners Course – Aug 1996
- Authentec – Evidence capture and investigation (Lab based and Field) techniques – May 1997

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- fPRINT – Computer Auditing – Sept 1997
- Vogon International Ltd – Computer Forensics – Jan 1999 – Dec 2006
- AccessData – Forensic Toolkit (Intermediate Training) – Feb 2007 investigator with the RAF Provost and Security Services in Northern Ireland and UK. I was trained at the RAF Police School as a Computer Security specialist.

Forensic Science Career

Griffin Forensics Ltd Dec 2006 – date

Co-founder and Director

- Advising senior police officers on and providing CF services in major investigations.
- Providing CF services to the legal profession in prosecution and defence cases.

Kroll Ontrack Apr 2006 – Dec 2006

- Computer Forensic Manager overseeing the integration of three diverse CF investigation teams following the acquisition of the IBAS group.
- Advising senior management teams on CF policies and investigations.

IBAS Group Aug 2005 – Apr 2006

- International Computer Forensic Manager overseeing the integration of the IBAS and Vogon International Ltd forensic teams in Norway, Germany, USA and the UK and the rationalisation of CF policies.
- Advising corporate and public organizations on complex CF investigations including:
 - City banks.
 - Utility companies.
 - Government agencies.
 - Insurance companies.
 - International Law firms.
 - Health and Safety Executive (post Buncefield).

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Vogon International Ltd Jan 1999 – Aug 2005

- UK Computer Forensic Manager overseeing a team of 5 CF investigators and analysts:

- Developing and refining investigation policies.
- Writing comprehensive reports for corporate and public clients.
- Advising clients on CF investigation strategies.
- Providing CF investigation services to corporate and public sector clients.
- Presenting seminars on CF to corporate, legal and public sector audiences.
- Providing training on CF and IT security to corporate and public sector clients.
- Carrying out CF investigations.
- Giving expert testimony in court.

- Senior Computer Forensics Consultant:

- Overseeing junior investigators work.
- Providing ongoing training to junior investigators.
- Providing aspects of computer security and forensic training to outside agencies.
- Carrying out CF investigations.
- Providing expert testimony in court.
- Advising clients and lawyers on investigation strategies.

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- Providing aspects of Computer security and forensic training to outside agencies.
- Carrying out CF investigations.
- Providing expert testimony in court.
- Advising clients and lawyers on investigation strategies.

Royal Air Force Provost and Security Services Jan 1991 – Jan 1999

- RAF Police Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) with responsibility for Computer Security and Computer Forensic investigations:

- Developed procedures for computer security audits of RAF units.
- Developed and introduced a formal CF capability to the RAF Provost and Security Service.
- Developed and provided training to RAF Police personnel on CF.
- Carried out investigations, worldwide, of breaches of computer security and advised on policies and procedures to prevent re-occurrences:
- Provided briefings to Senior Officers of all 3-armed services on matters concerning computer security and forensics.

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Royal Air Force Police Feb 1976 – Jan 1991

I served in the RAF Police as a junior and SNCO at various stations in the UK and abroad. My duties were varied but culminated in serving as a Counterintelligence investigator with the RAF Provost and Security Services in Northern Ireland and UK. I was trained at the RAF Police School as a Computer Security specialist.