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SUMMARY

Private Investigator, former corporate security manager offering extensive business and law enforcement experience: homicide division, bank fraud, energy security and investigations, executive protection, human resources investigations, workers compensation fraud, theft and drug investigations. A thorough and tenacious investigator, with experience in access and electronic security systems:

- Loss prevention/recovery exceeded \$1,500,000.
- Investigations resulted in no wrongful termination suits.
- \$700,000 is the average jury award in wrongful termination lawsuits.
- Planned, directed and conducted criminal & civil investigations.
- Skilled interviewer, Reid & Associates.
- Planned & directed executive protection.
- Designed access control and video surveillance systems using Honeywell -ProWatch, Software House - Ccure, Pelco equipment, and ExacqVision.
- Managed & directed contract security services & off-duty police.
- Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Lotus.
- Self-starter, worked independently and as a member of a team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kimmons Investigative Services, Inc. (Houston, Tx.)

2017-present

• Senior Investigator and Personal Protection Officer (License by DPS/Texas)

United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Service, Houston, Texas

2015-present

Special Investigator

Top Secret Clearance

 Background investigations on prospective applicants seeking a position with the government, employees seeking a position that requires a security clearance or a position that requires a higher clearance and follow-up investigations to renew existing clearance.

Surveillance Specialty Group, Houston, Texas

2012-present

Private Investigator

- SSG is a small firm made up of former district attorney's investigators, former FBI, and former Houston Police Officers.
- SSG provides civil and criminal investigations, process service, surveillance and surveillance training.

GenOn Energy, Houston, Texas

2005-2012

One of the nation's largest producers of wholesale electricity with over 40 natural gas and coal fired power plants.

Security Manager

- Planned, directed, and conducted investigations regarding known or suspected policy violations, theft, check fraud, credit card fraud, embezzlement, commercial bribery, bomb threats, and sabotage. Resulted in no wrongful termination claims and all criminal charges resulted in plea agreements.
- Supervised and conducted security vulnerability assessments of company facilities.
- Member of corporate NERC compliance team.
- Developed policy and procedures to meet compliance with NERC standards.

- Designed and procured electronic security systems to control and monitor access to company assets from small rooms to extensive rooms and systems.
- Planned, implemented and conducted various executive and other employee protection programs.

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Yellow Roadway Corporation Worldwide, Houston, Texas

2004-2005

YRCW was one of the nation's largest LTL, less than truckload, freight shippers with freight shipping operations worldwide.

Security Investigator

- Worked closely with human resources, labor relations and legal investigating highly volatile issues involving the Teamsters.
- Worked alone and with teams of 1-3 other security investigators conducting undercover surveillance.
- Traveled extensively in my territory and throughout the country working with fellow investigators.

Reliant Energy, Houston, Texas

2000-2004

Reliant Energy was one of the nation's largest producers of wholesale electricity with over 30 coal and natural gas fired power plants.

Lead Security Coordinator

- Planned, directed, & conducted investigations regarding known or suspected policy violations, theft, check fraud, credit card fraud, embezzlement, commercial bribery, bomb threats, and sabotage. Resulted in no wrongful termination claims and all criminal charges resulted in plea agreements.
- Supervised & conducted security vulnerability assessments of company facilities.
- Assisted with the design and procurement of electronic security systems to control and monitor access to company assets.
- Assisted with the planning and implementation of executive and other employee protection programs.

Wells Fargo Banks, Houston, Texas

1999-2000

Wells Fargo is one of the largest providers of banking and financial services in the United States.

Senior Investigator

- Loss prevention/loss recovery was over \$1,500,000.
- Planned, directed, & conducted investigations regarding known or suspected violations of bank policy and law by employees and fraud committed against the bank by outsiders.
- Provided advice to management for process improvement and procedural changes.
- Responsible for over 100 branches.
- Traveled extensively to assist fellow investigators.

Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas

1990-1999

The HPD is the fourth largest police department in the United States with over 5000 sworn officers.

Police Officer

- Patrolman 1991-1995, Field Training Officer 1993-1995.
- Homicide Division, night shift desk officer 1995-1996.
- Homicide Division, Domestic Violence Unit, Investigator 1996-1999.
- Trained new investigators entering the unit, interviewed personnel for civilian positions within the unit.
- Redesigned complainant intake process for the unit.
- Instructor, Houston Community College Police Academy, Fall 1997.
- Guest lecturer, Houston Police Academy & University of Houston.

EDUCATION

M.B.A. with concentration in Management University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas

B.S. in Sociology Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AFFILIATIONS

Past treasurer, & past member Board of Directors, InfraGard Houston Members Alliance Federal Bureau of Investigation, Houston Division, Citizen's Academy, 2006
Houston Metropolitan Criminal Investigators Association
Reid & Associates, Basic & Advanced Interviewing and Interrogation