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EDUCATION

LASALLE UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA May, 1990
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA June 1966

EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE DETECTIVE - STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA November 2015
Issued by The Court of Common Pleas Montgomery County
MD-2347-2015

INVESTIGATIVE CONSULTANT Ag-Mart Produce, Inc. April 2011 - Present

CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, Camden, NJ

SENIOR INVESTIGATOR - SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS UNIT
AND TRIAL TEAM UNIT March 2001 - May 2010

Responsibilities: investigating complex financial matters, official misconduct allegations (involving police and public employees), election violations, and special projects assigned by the Prosecutor. Assigned to two multi-jurisdictional task forces investigating political corruption and unsolved gang homicides in Camden, NJ.

SENIOR INVESTIGATOR - INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT December 1999 - March 2001
Responsible for overseeing the investigations assigned to the Insurance Fraud Unit and the supervision of two investigators within that unit.

INVESTIGATOR - TRIAL TEAM UNIT September 1998 - December 1999
Responsible for the preparation of cases, including interviewing of witnesses and suspects in preparation for trial.

INSTRUCTOR – CAMDEN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY April 1997 – May 2010
Provide in service training in successful interview and interrogation techniques, through cognitive interview process, detecting deception, body language, phases of suspect interview, and related materials.

INVESTIGATOR - MAJOR CRIMES UNIT April 1997 - September 1998
Responsible for assisting federal, state, and local police departments county-wide in the investigation of aggravated assault, robbery, rape, theft, and other felonies.

INVESTIGATOR - HOMICIDE UNIT March 1995 - April 1997
Responsible for investigating all homicides, suicides, accidental deaths, SIDS, industrial fatalities, and police-related shootings and hostage situations. Also, responsible for the investigation of death in correctional facilities, nursing homes, and all other unattended death cases in Camden County, New Jersey.

INVESTIGATOR - SPECIAL ASSAULTS UNIT December 1994 - March 1995
Responsible for the investigation of any allegation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, or abandonment of a child under the age of 18.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, Philadelphia, PA

HOMICIDE DETECTIVE - SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT April 1992 - December 1994
Responsible for investigating organized crime, serial killings, and unsolved murders.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVE - HOMICIDE UNIT February 1989 - April 1992
Responsible for the investigation of suspicious deaths in Philadelphia. Supervised uniformed and non-uniformed police personnel at the scene, advised the Mobile Crime Detection Unit as to the manner of perpetration and the relevance and materiality of any available physical evidence, supervised the preservation and collection of evidence through visual, chemical, and scientific means. Other responsibilities included locating witnesses, identifying, apprehending, and interrogating suspects, securing warrants for arrests and searches, and preparing and coordinating cases for court. Worked in conjunction with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies nationwide. Also responsible for the investigation of sudden deaths of persons in police custody, police shootings, bomb incidents, explosions, and deaths due to suspected arson.

DETECTIVE - EAST DETECTIVE DIVISION April 1981 - February 1989
Promoted to the rank of Detective. Responsible for the investigation of robbery, burglary, aggravated and simple assault, theft, auto theft, domestic violence, and arson in the East Division.

POLICE OFFICER - 14TH POLICE DISTRICT September 1980 - April 1981
Responsible for patrol duties in the Germantown and Chestnut Hill areas.

POLICE OFFICER - TRAFFIC DIVISION June 1977 - September 1980
Responsible for the control of vehicular traffic in Center City Philadelphia as well as in areas of concerts, sporting, and other recreational events. Also responsible for the diversion of traffic around the scene of explosions, fires, and catastrophic occurrences.

POLICE OFFICER - 24TH DISTRICT September 1969 - June 1977
Responsible for patrol duties in the Kensington, Port Richmond, and North Philadelphia areas.

PERSONAL

End Violence Project, Bryn Mawr, PA – Former Member, Board of Directors
Landmark Worldwide Corporation – Former Program Leader - Self Expression and Leadership Program
Vidocq Society – Member
New Jersey Oenology Society – Member
Houseman Lodge No. 211 - Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania
Enjoy golfing, and sailing. Other interests include creative cooking and dining, the study of wine and travel.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How would you describe your career in 2 or 3 sentences that you met at a party?

I've spent over 40 years in law enforcement, and a retired homicide detective from Philadelphia and Camden County. I'm now a private detective, and consultant, working for law firms and companies investigating cases.

2. What is your professional specialization or field, and what certifications/memberships do you have in it?

Suspect Interviewing (interrogation) and witness interviewing, and crime scene investigations. Participated in, and worked on several hundred homicide investigations. Hold certificates in responsibilities at crime scenes, protection and securing of evidence, comprehensive interviewing and related techniques, serial murders seminars, as well as being a certified instructor. Presenting courses and training detectives and police supervisors in effective interviewing of witnesses and suspects. I am also a member of the Vidocq Society and the Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

3. What is the greatest strength you will bring to Kolins Security Group and their clients?

Credibility, integrity and authenticity. I have testified in over a thousand cases, and have the ability to present my opinion based on my professional experience and training in achieving success in an adversarial environment. In addition, I have a network of professionals in and outside of law enforcement that I can rely upon.