

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Professional Experience**

NJ State Police Uniform Trooper	(1981-1989)
NJ State Police Intelligence Bureau Detective	(1989-2001)
NJ State Police Casino Intelligence (NJ Gaming Enforcement)	(1994-2007)
NJ State Police Intelligence Bureau Detective Sergeant	(2001-2004)
NJ State Police Intelligence Bureau DSG First Class	(2004-2007)
NJ State Licensed Private Investigator and co-owner of Atkinson Investigations (Formerly A and K Investigations).	(2007-Present)

- Throughout my 26 years of service in the NJSP, I investigated and supervised Racketeering (RICO) cases involving illegal gambling, illegal distribution of narcotics, illegal distribution of counterfeit goods, extortion, money laundering, aggravated assault, attempted murder, murder, corruption and a host of other criminal offenses.
- From 1989 to 2007, I was assigned to the Intelligence Bureau, where I planned, employed, and coordinated a variety of techniques to conduct and manage the mentioned investigations. The techniques utilized were physical surveillance, electronic surveillance, video analysis, undercover operations, case analysis, and case management. I have conducted over 5000 hours of video review and analysis during my career. That analysis encompassed the review of pole camera video, court-authorized surveillance video, security camera video, casino surveillance video, Motor Vehicle Recorder Video, news video, and other types of video provided during my police and private investigator career.
- From 1994 to 2007 I was assigned to the Casino Intelligence Unit, Division of Gaming Enforcement. I investigated a wide variety of crimes in the casino, as well as crimes committed by casino employees. My duties also included investigating Casino Control Commission violations on casino employees, including many casino executives.
- I coordinated complex multi-jurisdictional cases with numerous local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies. Including NYPD, Broward County Sheriff's Department, Las Vegas PD, Nevada Gaming

Control Board, Los Angeles PD, Hamilton Ontario PD, Toronto Ontario PD, Orange County Ca. District Attorney's Office, Queens District Attorney's Office, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, NY, PA, DE, VA, and GA State Police Agencies, Federal and State Probation Offices, ATF, FBI and DEA.

- I was an affiant and a supervisor of numerous search warrants and electronic surveillance investigations. I coordinated investigative activities with the NJ Attorney General's Office and US Attorney's Office Eastern District. I also assisted the NJ Attorney General's Office with various phases of trial preparation for organized crime-related cases.
- Atkinson Investigations primarily conducts investigations for law firms located in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The majority of cases include all matters of civil investigations, including motor vehicle accidents, personal injury construction accidents, civil rights violations, and Premises Liability. Our services include providing support throughout the investigation, including creating investigative plans, scene reviews, photographs, interviews, statements, document reviews, video reviews, OPRA requests, deposition support, trial preparation, and court testimony. While conducting the civil action cases, we have become familiar with OSHA Standards and Regulations, several industry standards relating to the construction business, hotel, and liquor establishments, casino security, and closed-circuit monitoring systems. It is also important for us to maintain a working relationship with governmental officials and agencies and various corporate security departments.
- While conducting the Premises Liability cases, it was necessary to analyze all phases associated with Premises Liability, including Negligent Security, Negligent Hiring, Negligent Supervision, Negligent Entrustment, and Negligent Retention. All of which are relevant issues in contending that security measures implemented by the property or business owner were inadequate at the time of the incident.
- Atkinson Investigations has conducted numerous investigations revolving around misconduct of casino security departments and their personnel. These cases included improper use of force, Physical well as Dram Shop violations.
- Licensed by the State of NJ as a Certified NJ Security Officer Registration Act (SORA) Instructor (2007-Present)
- As a SORA Instructor, I coordinate all teaching assignments and classroom activities with the NJSP Private Detective Unit. I have trained and certified over 1000 students since June 2007 through the present. This includes first-

time SORA (24-hour course) students and SORA Refresher (8-hour course) students.

- The teaching aspect of the course entails providing handbooks, lesson plans, study guides, and a 50-question test for the 24-hour course. The course includes lesson blocks: Use of Force, Ethics, Terrorism Awareness, First Aid Awareness, Gang Awareness and Recognition, Incident Command System, Report Writing, Active Shooter, and Commercial Theft. Throughout the year 2011, I engaged in several meetings with the AtlantiCare Hospital System Corporate Security Department to assess the current safety and security policies and develop a curriculum for classroom instruction to be provided to all Hospital Security Officers. Every two years, the Security Officers attend an eight-hour refresher course which I coordinate with the AtlantiCare Hospital System Corporate Security Department. I also provide SORA training and refresher courses for all new Security Officer hires at AtlantiCare.
- I am an active member of ASIS.

- Specific Security Related Assignments

Throughout various stages of my NJSP career, I performed the following security assignments:

- NJ Governor's Protection Detail at the Governor's Princeton, NJ residence.
- NJ Governor's Security Investigation and Assessment for Routes of Travel.
- NJ Governor's Security for Political Appearances and Events.
- Developed Security Planning and Implementation for the Protection of Government Witnesses.
- Developed Safety and Security Plans utilized during the Execution of Search Warrants
- While investigating civil action premise liability cases I assess the security employed at hotel facilities, restaurants and night clubs to determine the negligence and/or inadequate security provided by the case defendants.

### Education and Certificates

- Attended numerous courses and symposiums as a member of the New Jersey State Police (1981-2007), including:
  - Gaming Investigations Symposium – Las Vegas, NV
  - Basic Supervision Course

- Asian Organized Crime Investigators Conference – San Francisco, CA
- IALEIA Conference – New York, NY
- Interview and Interrogation Class
- US Customs Cross Designation Training
- Sex Crimes School
- Trooper Coach Class
- Patrol Related Arrest Seminar
- Juvenile Justice Course
- Drug Enforcement Course
- Criminal Investigation School
- DWI School
- Organized Crime Investigation School
- Middlesex County Community College Criminal Justice associate degree Criminal Justice (1987)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification (2007)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2009)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2011)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2013)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2015)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2017)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2019)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2021)
- NJ State Police Security Officer Instructor Certification Renewal Course (2023)
- Essentials of Retail Asset Protection Certificate Course (ASIS 2021)

### **Teaching**

- Taught NJSP Intelligence Unit Personnel Surveillance Techniques
- NJ SORA 24-Hour Initial Course Certified Instructor
- NJ SORA 8 Hour Refresher Course Certified Instructor

### Awards

- Certificate of Commendation for the arrest of Motorcycle Gang Members for possession of methamphetamine and handguns
- Certificate of Commendation for outstanding DWI enforcement
- Certificate of Commendation for the arrests of Drug Traffickers on the New Jersey Turnpike
- Certificate of Commendation for the arrest and interview of fugitive from Beaumont, Texas, wanted in connection with a double rape and escape from prison.
- Thomas Mannion Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice Studies at Middlesex Community College.
- Certificate of Commendation for undercover and wiretap Investigation leading to arrests of Organized Crime Members operating in New Jersey and Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Certificate of Commendation for managing and investigating an international undercover operation resulting in arrests throughout the USA and Canada. The case crimes included racketeering, money laundering, promoting gambling, counterfeit goods and distribution of illegal narcotics (Award presented post-retirement in 2009)