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SECURITY CLEARANCE: TS/SCI

SUMMARY

Skilled professional with 25 years of experience in federal law enforcement. Exemplifies inherent ability to quickly and decisively make mission critical decisions. Proven ability to investigate criminal use of advanced computer technologies. Demonstrated broad-based experience in unique investigative techniques such as racketeering investigations targeting official corruption. Possesses a network of well placed public and private contacts to accomplish almost any objective worldwide. Bilingual in English and Spanish.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Conflict resolution and problem solving
- Infrastructure protection
- Technology development
- Supervision and training
- Program development and management
- Public speaking
- Surveillance and counter surveillance
- Employee training
- Investigative techniques
- Intelligence gathering and analysis

PROFESSION EXPERIENCE

08/05 – Present **DEA – Minneapolis, MN**
Supervisory Special Agent

Built a team of 10 officers in a multi-agency task force carrying out international investigations involving money laundering, terrorism, drug trafficking, and organized crime. Led in-house investigations of employee misconduct. Supervised District Security and technical operations programs to protect sensitive agency activities and information. Facilitated employee training and supervised daily activities, such as service of arrest and search warrants, complex undercover operations and surveillance. Ensured that all employees complied with agency objectives and policy. Evaluated overall investigative performance through conducting thorough inspection of other units within a 300-person division. Assumed full responsibility in ensuring the protection of undercover officers during high-risk activities. Administered and carried out financial audits of sensitive agency investigative programs.

Career Highlights

- Play a key role in maintaining the office at the top of all performance measurements.
- Expertly accomplished the Division's first investigation into trafficker use of social media.
- Supervised federal agents in law enforcement efforts to protect public and private infrastructure in the areas of New Orleans devastated by Hurricane Katrina.
- Led investigation that thwarted the efforts of a terrorist group set to harm U.S. personnel overseas.

01/05 - Present **Don Canestraro – Minneapolis, MN**
Public Speaker/Trainer/Educator

Keynote speaker for professional and civic groups regarding drug trafficking. Highly regarded trainer of banking community and anti-money laundering professionals. Guest lecturer for university political science and criminal justice programs.



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10/99 – 08/05 **DEA - Roanoke, VA**
Special Agent

Led official corruption investigation into police misconduct. Collected facts and evidence by conducting surveillance, interviews, and interrogations. Utilized state of the art technologies to develop a covert anti-crime initiative that disrupted gang activity in a major city. Managed \$250K budget for statewide intelligence gathering and aerial reconnaissance program with ten direct reports. Selected, trained, and managed confidential informants tasked to penetrate criminal groups.

Career Highlights

- Recognized for outstanding performance and received numerous awards for investigative excellence.
- Conducted a successful investigation into the overdose deaths of 17 people, leading to the arrest of a medical doctor for racketeering.
- Led multi agency international counter terrorism investigation.
- Relied upon for supervising high-risk operations that led to more than 100 arrests of violent drug traffickers.

09/96 – 10/99 **DEA - San Juan, Puerto Rico**
Special Agent

- Displayed unsurpassed leadership skills in directing a 22 officer airport interdiction team-unit and consistently led the division in arrests and seizures.
- Conducted the first-ever investigation into trafficker use of e-mail.
- Strategically planned a covert operation targeting corrupt airline employees' use of company computer systems in conducting illegal activities.

03/91 – 09/96 **DEA – Washington, DC**
Special Agent

- Led group in seizures and arrests, including targeting illegal aliens who were alleged to be trafficking cocaine through the use of the group's first storefront operation.
- Performed as an undercover agent to purchase narcotics from traffickers that resulted to seizures and arrests.

06/87 – 03/91 **DEA – Washington, DC**
Intelligence Analyst

- Established an international intelligence gathering program that drove enforcement operations and significantly reduced the amount of cocaine entering the United States.



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EDUCATION

1985 Miami University, Oxford, OH - B.A., Political Science

DEA TRAINING

- Management School
- Advanced Personnel Management School
- Training Officer School
- Basic Agent Training
- Financial Investigation School
- Advanced Investigations Training
- Intelligence Analyst School
- Tactical Instructor School

AWARDS

- DEA Investigative Award
- Department of Justice Performance Award
- Lynchburg Law Enforcement Excellence Award