



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CONTACT

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### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Critical Incident and Use of Force Consultant with 17+ years of law enforcement experience with the Mesquite Police Department (2008–present). Specialized in use of force analysis, officer-involved shooting review, body-worn camera interpretation, and investigative sufficiency assessment. Extensive background in Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Major Crimes, Special Crimes, Property Crimes, Jail Operations, and Crisis/Hostage Negotiation. Trained in Force Science with expertise in human performance, perception, memory, officer decision-making, and action–reaction dynamics. Experienced testifying expert witness in criminal proceedings.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Use of Force Analysis • Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) Review • Body-Worn Camera Interpretation & Frame-by-Frame Analysis • Force Science – Human Performance, Perception, Action–Reaction • Critical Incident Review & Reconstruction • CID Investigative Sufficiency (Homicide, Sex Crimes, Child Crimes, Major Crimes) • Public Integrity Investigations • Interviewing & Interrogation • Expert Testimony & Report Writing • Policy, Training, and Supervisory Review

### LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

*Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite, Texas*

#### **CID Sergeant – Major Crimes**

*2025–Present*

Oversee major crime investigations including homicides, officer-involved shootings, aggravated assaults, robberies, and public integrity cases. Ensure investigative sufficiency, proper evidence handling, and coordination with prosecutors.

#### **CID Sergeant – Special Crimes**

*2024–2025*

Supervised investigations involving child abuse, child sexual assault, adult sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile crimes, and other sensitive investigations. Reviewed forensic interviews, digital evidence, forensic medical records, and case filings.

## **Patrol Sergeant / Jail Sergeant**

*2022–2024*

Supervised patrol operations, critical incidents, and field personnel. Provided on-scene decision-making, incident command, and oversight of use of force events. Conducted supervisory reviews of reports, arrests, and body-worn camera documentation. Supervised jail operations, detainee management, booking procedures, and detention policies.

## **Detective – Major Crimes**

*2018–2022*

Investigated homicides, shootings, robberies, aggravated assaults, officer-involved shootings, uses of force, and other violent crimes. Conducted interviews, crime scene analysis, and case preparation for prosecution. Served as lead investigator in two officer-involved shootings and member of investigative team in ten additional OIS cases.

## **Detective – Special Crimes**

*2018 (6 months)*

Investigated rape, child sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and other special victim crimes. Worked closely with forensic nurses, Child Protective Services, child advocacy centers, and prosecutors.

## **Detective – Property Crimes**

*2017–2018*

Investigated burglary, theft, criminal mischief, and other felony and misdemeanor property crimes. Conducted surveillance, suspect interviews, and case filings.

## **Field Training Officer / Patrol Officer**

*2008–2017*

Responded to emergency calls, conducted investigations, enforced laws, and prepared detailed reports and affidavits. Trained and evaluated new police officers in patrol duties, tactics, report writing, and field decision-making.

## **Crisis/Hostage Negotiator**

*Throughout Career*

Responded to critical incidents involving barricaded subjects, suicidal individuals, and hostage situations. Trained in negotiation strategy and de-escalation.

## **EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES**

Use of Force Review & Analysis • Body-Worn Camera Interpretation & Breakdown • Critical Incident Reconstruction • Action–Reaction & Decision-Making Analysis • Investigative Sufficiency Review • Affidavit & Expert Report Preparation • Deposition & Trial Testimony • Consultation with Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, and Municipal Attorneys

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice Administration, Cum Laude**, Tarleton State University, 2023

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Force Science Analyst – Human Performance & Use-of-Force Analysis • Crisis/Hostage Negotiation Certification • Advanced Interview & Interrogation • Homicide Investigation • Sex Crimes Investigation • Child Abuse/Special Victims Investigations • Crime Scene Management & Evidence Processing • Supervisory Leadership Courses • Tactical Response & De-escalation Training

## INVESTIGATIVE & ANALYTICAL EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO EXPERT TESTIMONY

*The following experience reflects analytical and investigative work performed in an operational law enforcement capacity:*

Lead investigator in two officer-involved shootings, responsible for scene coordination, evidence review, officer interviews, timeline reconstruction, and case presentation.

Member of investigative team in ten officer-involved shootings, contributing to force analysis, body-worn camera review, and investigative sufficiency determinations.

Lead detective in multiple homicide investigations, including complex violent-crime scenes requiring coordinated forensic, witness, and digital-evidence analysis.

Lead detective in the murder of a police K-9.

Conducted use-of-force reviews and decision-point analysis of officer actions in dynamic encounters, including rapidly evolving threat scenarios.

Provided consultation and analytical support to prosecutors in matters involving criminal prosecutions.

Currently supervises public integrity and critical incident investigations, including officer-involved shootings, use of force incidents, and investigative sufficiency determinations.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERT ENGAGEMENTS

Retained as a police practices expert in a federal civil rights action involving probable cause, investigative practices, and police decision making. Prepared expert report regarding generally accepted police practices. (U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2026.)

## TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE

Testified in numerous criminal hearings and trials as a law enforcement witness involving homicide, aggravated robbery, sexual assault, and other major crime cases. Demonstrated ability to explain complex investigations, officer decision-making, and forensic evidence to judges and juries in a clear, credible manner.

**Disclosed as State's expert witness in the following criminal cases:**

State of Texas v. Pyle

State of Texas v. Williams

State of Texas v. Wigfall

State of Texas v. Holmes