Previous Federal Security Clearance: TS with SCI.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 to Present

Deputy Director for Law Enforcement

Department of Public Safety

State of Hawaii

Duties: As the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, I managed the law enforcement and security programs for the Department of Public Safety. I further provided investigative and administrative oversight for the Sheriff Division and the Narcotics Enforcement Division. I was instrumental in developing the framework for the proposed establishment of the new Department of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawaii.

2019 to 2020

Chief Investigator

Investigative Services Division Department of Prosecuting Attorney

City and County of Honolulu

Duties: As the Chief Investigator, I supervised and managed the investigative and administrative activities of three groups of investigators (designated as Metro Groups I, III and III), a cadre of process servers and legal clerks. Metro Groups I and II supports the Deputy Prosecutors in perfecting their criminal cases for trial, and Metro Group III conducts special criminal investigations.

2015 to 2019

Chief Special Agent

Criminal Investigation Section Department of Taxation

State of Hawaii

Duties: As the Chief Special Agent, I supervised and managed the investigative and administrative activities of the Special Agents, Tax Collectors and Field Auditor assigned to the Criminal Investigation Section. I returned to service as the Chief Special Agent in May 2015.

2013 - 2014

Supervisory Special Agent (Temporary Assignment).

Criminal Investigation Section
Department of Taxation

State of Hawaii

Duties: As a Supervisory Special Agent (Temporary assignment from December 2013 to June 2014), I supervised and managed the investigative and administrative activities of the Special Agents, Tax Collectors and Field Auditor assigned to the Criminal Investigation Section. Initially hired in November 2013, I conducted multifaceted financial investigations on individuals, corporations and criminal organizations as they relate to tax violations of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

2009 - 2012

Resident Agent in Charge/Supervisory Special Agent (Retired)
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Honolulu Field Office and Hawaii County Office

Duties: I supervised and managed the investigative and administrative activities of the Special Agents assigned to the Honolulu Field Office and the Hawaii County Office. My duties ranged from setting the investigative priorities of the Bureau to managing the administrative, travel and investigative budgets. I was responsible for the preparation of the various investigative and initiative proposals. My duties also included being the On Scene Commander for all enforcement actions conducted by ATF. These actions included undercover operations, executions of arrest and search warrants, and explosives disposal operations. I served as ATF's representative to the U.S. Department of Defense Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) West and was an Executive Board Member of the Hawaii HIDTA (to include the Budget Sub-committee).

1987 - 2009

Senior Special Agent

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Honolulu Field Office

Duties: My primary responsibilities as Senior Special Agent were to conduct multifaceted explosives, firearms and narcotics related investigations that impacted significant criminal organizations and enterprises that were regional, national, and/or international in scope; individuals or corporations involved in arson or other crimes with a financial motive; and other violators of federal firearms and explosives laws that posed a significant danger to the immediate community.

As the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force Commander, I coordinated the investigative and administrative activities of task force agents and officers assigned to the PSN Initiative and the Honolulu Violent Crime Incident Task Force.

As an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) representative, I was the lead ATF investigator conducting significant multi-defendant narcotics investigations that were of regional, national, and international in scope.

As a Certified Explosives Specialist, I conducted post-blast investigations in the Honolulu Field Office and other ATF jurisdictions as assigned; provided technical assistance to state/local bomb squads and other ATF agents in the investigation of explosive incidents; provided safe disposal of recovered, purchased, seized or forfeited explosive materials; and provided explosive diagnostic capabilities at special events.

As the Assistant Team Leader, Crisis Negotiation – Special Response Team IV, I directed other crisis negotiators assigned to high risk operations; gathered intelligence and analyzed a diverse range of information to develop a negotiation strategy; and coordinated with tactical units to develop an overall critical incident plan for high risk enforcement operations.

1985 – 1987

Special Agent

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives San Francisco Metro Groups I (Arson) and II (Firearms)

Duties: I investigated alleged violations of Federal explosive, arson, firearms, alcohol, and tobacco statutes. My investigative functions included obtaining evidence, preparing and presenting criminal case reports to the United States Attorney for prosecution of said violations, preparing and serving arrest and/or search warrants, and testifying as a government witness. I was an active member of the California Department of Justice Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) program and conducted numerous marijuana eradication missions in Northern California.

1982 - 1985

Special Agent

Criminal Investigation Division Internal Revenue Service San Francisco Field Division **Duties:** My primary responsibility as a CID Special Agent was to promote the voluntary compliance of the Internal Revenue Code through the vigorous enforcement of said laws and regulations. I conducted multifaceted financial investigations on individuals, corporations and significant criminal organizations, including a crack cocaine distribution organization operating within the housing projects in the City of Oakland, a real estate development corporation that laundered funds for a cocaine trafficking organization, and an outlaw motorcycle gang.

1979 - 1982

Internal Auditor

Office of Regional Inspector Internal Revenue Service

Western Region, San Francisco, CA

Duties: I conducted integrity and operational reviews of various divisions within the Internal Revenue Service. This included the development and execution of audit plans for numerous entities within the Internal Revenue Service and the preparation of abstracts of findings. I conducted these reviews in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Principles.

EDUCATION

1976 - 1981

California State University

San Jose, CA

Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in Accounting

CERTIFICATION

1988 – 2012

Certified Explosives Specialist (ATF)

Certification #88-24

1997-2002

Certified Crisis Negotiator assigned to Special Response Team IV

INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

The following instructor assignments are highlights and not all-inclusive. I have conducted classes, pertaining to explosives issues, for federal, state, local police and fire personnel, private businesses, mass media organizations and other public entities.

Homemade Explosives (Identification,

Processing & Disposal)

NCETR, Huntsville, AL. Assistant Instructor (December 2012)

Explosives Instructor, Explosives &

Post Blast Investigation

International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA)

Bangkok, Thailand.

(October 2005, June 2006, October 2006, April 2007, May 2007, October 2007, January 2010 and November

2010)

Small Arms Trafficking and Explosives

Identification

International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA)

Bangkok, Thailand.

(October 2008, and November 2008)

State and Local, Post Blast Investigation Techniques

Provided Post Blast instruction to state and local law enforcement officers for the State of Hawaii.

(2002 & 2004)

Supervisory Criminal Investigator Course

International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Bangkok, Thailand.

(March 2011 and March 2012)

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

One (1) State of Hawaii Department of Taxation 2016 Team of the Year Award

Two (2) ATF Sustained Superior Performance Awards (High Quality Pay Increase)

Three (3) ATF Annual Performance Award

Nine (9) ATF Special Act Awards

One (1) ATF Special Operation Division Award

One (1) Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Award

One (1) United States Attorney Office Certificate of Commendation

Three (3) Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards

Four (4) DEA Awards

One (1) International Narcotics Officers Association Award

One (1) TOP COP Group Award

One (1) Federal Officer of the Year Award (1994), Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officers Association

One (1) Sandia National Laboratory Award

One (1) U.S. Marshals Certificate of Appreciation

One (1) State of Hawaii Criminal Intelligence Unit Award, presented by the four counties Police Chiefs

One (1) Honolulu Police Department Award

One (1) Kauai Police Department Award

Letters of Appreciation from the Governor for the State of Hawaii, FBI Director, and Honolulu Police Chief