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Professional Summary

Active Secret-cleared intelligence and security professional with over 10 years of experience in security operations, investigations, and threat detection. Holds a Master of Science in Intelligence and Security Studies with a concentration in cyber threats, strategic deterrence, and adversarial behavior. Skilled in OSINT and dark web intelligence analysis, threat actor profiling, and investigative research to support proactive threat mitigation.

Languages

- English: Native
- Spanish: Basic Proficiency
- Hebrew: Basic Proficiency

Security Clearance

- Active Secret Security Clearance

Experience

Supervisory Transportation Security Officer December 2023 – December 2024
Department of Homeland Security, TSA *Hayden, CO*
- Led a team of TSOs and LTSOs, overseeing checkpoint operations to identify and mitigate potential threats against civil aviation.
- Conducted and supervised investigations of injury and disciplinary cases, producing detailed incident reports.
- Coordinated with stakeholders, developed strategic plans, and implemented security policies to enhance operational efficiency.

Lead Transportation Security Officer May 2022 – December 2023
Department of Homeland Security, TSA *Lubbock, TX*
- Managed a team of up to 10 officers, optimizing performance and response to security breaches and incidents.
- Conducted thorough investigations of security threats and coordinated with law enforcement for resolutions.
- Improved training initiatives and contributed to hiring processes to enhance overall team capabilities.

Transportation Security Officer March 2021 – May 2022
Department of Homeland Security, TSA *Lubbock, TX*

Mental Health Security Officer November 2020 – August 2022
Private Protective Services, Inc. *Lubbock, TX*
- Completed specialized training in crisis intervention for mental health patients, ensuring a secure facility environment.
- Collaborated with healthcare teams to assess patient needs and safety, and maintained detailed documentation.
- Applied de-escalation techniques to prevent harm to patients and staff.

Security Officer December 2019 – February 2021
South Plains Security and Patrol *Lubbock, TX*
- Conducted surveillance, managed property security, and responded to incidents with quick, practical measures.
- Prepared detailed reports documenting incidents to aid in future risk assessments.

Enumerator July 2020 – October 2020
U.S. Census Bureau *Washington, DC*
- Conducted interviews and accurately recorded demographic data, ensuring compliance with federal guidelines.
- Identified data collection challenges and proposed solutions to enhance accuracy and efficiency.

Correctional Officer June 2018 – December 2018
Management and Training Corporation (MTC) / Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) *Littlefield, TX*

Detention Officer June 2016 – March 2018
Lubbock County Sheriff's Office *Lubbock, TX*
- Oversaw the safety, security, and management of inmates, ensuring strict adherence to facility protocols.
- Conducted headcounts, monitored inmate behavior, and performed security inspections to maintain order.
- Investigated criminal records, audited sentencing requirements, and testified in court during sentencing phases.
- Managed and organized inmate records, ensuring proper documentation and classification.

Clerk August 2015 – June 2016
Lubbock County Detention Center *Lubbock, TX*
- Managed inmate admission and release, verified eligibility for release, and audited sentencing requirements.
- Reviewed arrest paperwork, investigated prior criminal records, and maintained booking documentation.
- Coordinated with law enforcement and ensured compliance with legal standards.

Projects

Cyber Threats and Strategic Deterrence Portfolio 2023 – 2025
Researcher

- Authored research on AI-based deterrence, WMD terrorism, and cyber conflict escalation.
- Applied mixed methods to assess leadership resilience under strategic stress conditions.
- Designed intelligence briefs simulating real-world policy environments and adversary profiles.

Criminal Behavior and Victimology Research
Researcher

- Explored systemic roots of child exploitation and early deviance predictors.
- Applied findings to reinforce tactical awareness of vulnerable targets in cyber-enabled crime.

SKILLS

Cyber and Threat Intelligence: Threat Actor Profiling, Dark Web Ecosystems, Cybercrime Trends, OSINT Research
Investigations and Analysis: Strategic and Tactical Threat Reporting, Criminal Behavior Modeling, Investigative Interviews, Risk Assessment, Incident Documentation
Technical Tools: Python (Basic), Public Records Tools, Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace
Professional Strengths: Analytical Thinking, Research Methods, Problem-Solving, Communication, Leadership, Decision-Making, Attention to Detail

CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Correctional Officer, Texas (2016)
- Level 2 Security License, Texas
- Certified in Chemical and Physical Restraints (2019)

ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

Professional Affiliations

- Phi Theta Kappa | Alpha Kappa Delta | Omega Nu Lambda | Golden Key Honour Society

EDUCATION

Bellevue University
Master of Science, Intelligence and Security Studies. GPA: 3.8/4.0. *June 2025*
Texas Tech University
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology/Criminology. Minor: Computer Science. GPA: 3.3/4.0. *May 2022*
South Plains College
Associate of Arts. Valedictorian, Jail Academy Training. GPA: 4.0/4.0.