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# Christopher A. Puckett

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### OVERVIEW

During his 21 year Law Enforcement career as an Investigator with the State Police, Christopher Puckett investigated crime scenes and motor vehicle collisions. Christopher was assigned to the Forensic Identification Unit for the New York State Police, where he processed major crime scenes for physical evidence. Christopher was also assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, where he investigated major crimes that were reported to the Division of State Police. Christopher provided investigation and reconstruction of hundreds of motor vehicle collisions involving property damage, physical injury, and death for numerous clients and agencies in the private sector. These investigations included the use of applicable theories in collision reconstruction and the fulfillment of reporting requirements as stipulated by the Division of State Police.

Christopher is an expert at forensic mapping and diagramming of any incident to include: motor vehicle collisions, crime scenes, and various non-collision related incidents. He has conducted and participated in testing to include: acceleration/deceleration, pedestrian speeds, time/distance analysis, and nighttime sight distance and perception reaction time to substantiate applied theories in collision reconstruction.

Christopher's investigation experience led to his appointment as Enhanced Due Diligence Investigator for a national financial firm. Investigation responsibilities included assessing and mitigation risks associated with high risk customers through enhanced due diligence review while adhering to State and Federal regulatory compliance.

Christopher had been assigned as an instructor in basic accident investigation, collision reconstruction, fingerprint evidence, forensic photography/imagery, bloodstain pattern analysis, report writing, and Electronic Total Work Station, an electronic/optical instrument used in modern surveying. Christopher has provided investigative assistance to federal, state and local police agencies, District Attorney's Offices, and numerous clients within New York State and throughout the Northeast region.

### PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### **Manager for DIGITS LLC, Special Investigations Unit, 5/2013 – Present**

- Responsible for managing a team of Investigators as well as the investigation and reconstruction of hundreds of motor vehicle collisions involving property damage, serious physical injury and death, which included the use of applicable theories in collision reconstruction – Conduct numerous private investigations, which included interviews, surveillance and depositions

#### **Adjunct Professor for Hilbert College, FS/CJ Departments, 2/2012 – Present**

- Responsible for instructing forensic photography/imagery, fingerprint evidence, crash management, bloodstain pattern analysis and report writing

#### **Enhanced Due Diligence Investigator for M&T Bank, BSA/AML/OFAC, 1/2014 – 3/2015**

- Responsible for ensuring adherence to State and Federal regulatory compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act, USA PATRIOT Act and OFAC – Assess and mitigate the risks associated with hundreds of high risk customers through enhanced due diligence review and suspicious activity identification throughout M&T Bank Corporation

**Director for RCR Investigations, Collision Reconstruction Unit, 1/2012 - 5/2013**

- Responsible for managing a team of Investigators as well as the investigation and reconstruction of hundreds of motor vehicle collisions involving property damage, serious physical injury and death – Conduct numerous private investigations, which included interviews, surveillance and depositions

**Investigator for the New York State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation; 10/1990 – 3/2012**

- Responsible for providing investigative assistance and expert testimony to federal, state and local police agencies and District Attorney's Offices throughout New York State

**EDUCATION**

- Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), Jacksonville, Florida – Continuing Education, 2/2004 - Present
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation Basic School, 5/2003
- New York State Police Academy, 10/1990 – 3/1991

**SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING**

- Computer Aided Drawing / EdgeFx Advanced -April, 2014
- Computer Aided Drawing / EdgeFx Basic – February 2014
- Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) System Technician Certification – May, 2011
- Grade Crossing Collision Investigation - Course – May, 2011
- Human Factors in Traffic Crash Reconstruction Course – April, 2011
- Computer Aided Drawing / Forensic CAD Course - July, 2010
- Vericom VC4000DAQ Operator Certification – June, 2010
- Computer Aided Drawing / Autosketch Course - April, 2010
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation – May, 2010
- Advanced Commercial Vehicle Collision Investigation Course – August, 2007
- Commercial Vehicle Collision Investigation Course – June, 2007
- Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) System Operator Course– November, 2005
- Electronic Total Work Station Course - May, 2004
- Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Level III Course - April, 2004
- Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation, Collision Reconstruction, Level II Course - March, 2004
- At Scene Crash Investigation / Traffic Homicide Course, Collision Reconstruction, Level I Course - February, 2004
- Interview & Interrogation Techniques Course – April 2000
- Basic Accident Investigation Course– September, 1990
- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course
- Breathalyzer Training
- Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training (SFST)
- Momentum Theory & In-Line Collision Seminar

**SPECIALIZED FORENSIC TRAINING**

- Crime Scene Technician Training
- FBI Basic Fingerprint Training, Level I
- FBI Advanced Latent Fingerprint Training, Level II
- Location & Recovery of Human Remains Training
- Forensic Entomology Evidence Recovery Techniques
- Law Enforcement Forensic Photography Training
- Forensic Light Source Seminar

- Digital Darkroom Training – Latent Fingerprint Enhancement Training
- DCJS Advanced Fingerprint Practices and Procedures, Level III
- Blood Pattern Analysis Symposium
- Certified SAFIS Latent Print Examiner (CSLE)
- Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course

### **SPECIALIZED ARSON TRAINING**

- ATFE Post Blast Investigative Techniques Course
- Fire Behavior / Arson Awareness & Principles of Fire Investigation – Level I Fire Investigator

### **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area – Advanced Narcotics Training
- Interview & Interrogation Techniques Training
- Counter-Terrorism Instructor Development Training
- Col. Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar
- Identifying Deceptive Behavior Training
- Child Abuse & Neglect Seminar
- Hotel/Motel Parcel Interdiction Training
- EXILE - Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Recovery and Enforcement Seminar
- Interview & Interrogation Techniques Training
- BSA/AML/OFAC Regulatory Compliance Training

### **PUBLICATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Contributor: Siegel, J. A., Mirakovits, K. (2016). Forensic Science, the basics, Third Edition. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL. Chapter 9, Accident Reconstruction, pages 198-211. Chapter 16, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, pages 379-392.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Accident Reconstruction Communication Network (ARC)
- New York State Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units, Inc. (NYSSIU)
- Buffalo Claims Association (BCA)