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BIO

My career as an investigator has covered a broad spectrum of criminality. As a result, I have been able to build a skillset which incorporates perspectives from many subject areas. In particular I have discovered a great passion for learning about the mechanics and applications of cryptocurrency. This has involved both academic work and self-study into the subject. All of this has been incorporated into my extensive experience of leading criminal investigations featuring cryptocurrency.

This wealth of experience has put me in a core training position within UK law enforcement in relation to cryptocurrencies and digital crime. In this role I have prepared and delivered training to law enforcement colleagues across the United Kingdom. Since 2020 I have had the privilege of extending this to international colleagues via the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Further to this I work voluntarily as an associate lecturer with the University of Derby, delivering lectures on digital crime for their students.

Away from my professional life I am lucky enough to have a wonderful family and enjoy learning more about Bitcoin, keeping fit and following how England cricket team are getting on (usually not very well!).

QUALIFICATIONS

- Various UK policing qualifications in Serious/Complex crime investigation with a specific focus on digital and financial crime investigation involving cryptocurrencies.
- Qualified Digital Forensic examiner on Magnet (MCFE) and XRY platforms.
- BTEC Level 3 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles.
- Chainalysis Reactor Certification.
- Certified Security Testing Associate (CSTA).
- Masters (MSc) in Financial investigation and Digital intelligence – Distinction

WORK EXPERIENCE

Derbyshire Constabulary – Police/Detective Constable

From November 2005 – September 2020

- Operational experience:
 - 999 front line response in Swadlincote and Normanton
 - Safer Neighborhood officer in Normanton
 - Pro Active Drugs Investigation Unit
 - Criminal Investigation Department
 - Domestic Violence Unit
 - Cyber Crime Investigation Unit
- Provided tactical support as a qualified Digital Media Investigator. This involved developing strategies on evidential opportunities involving digital communication networks, online material and digital forensics.
- Trainer for new starters, trainee detectives and others in relation to digital crime.

National Crime Agency – Senior Officer

From September 2020 – present day

- Tactical advisor on all aspects of investigations involving cryptocurrency
- Deploy as front-line response to assist in the identification and seizure of criminal proceeds in the form of cryptocurrency assets.
- Providing legal/tactical policy and process input in relation to the agencies engagement with cryptocurrencies.
- Devise and deliver specialist training in relation to investigating criminality utilizing cryptocurrencies.

University of Derby – Associate Lecturer

From January 2020 – Present day

- Work with lecturers on relevant course to deliver specialist lectures in relation to all aspects of policing digital crime.

- Participate in research projects with relevant colleagues relevant to cryptocurrencies and digital crime.

**Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Instructor**

From February 2020 – present day

- Develop and deliver presentations as part of a team of instructors on the subject of financial crime.
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