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Curriculum Vitae

Career Overview

Rory is a Certified Digital Forensic Examiner by the Global Information Assurance Certification, a Cellebrite Certified Operator, and a Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst. He is a qualified and established data recovery expert and is licensed to collect evidence in the State of California.

Rory currently conducts comprehensive digital forensic examinations, including Mobile Devices, Servers, Desktop and Laptop Computer Systems, external hard drives, digital cameras, flash drives, and other digital based data repository devices. His services have been used by computer forensic companies across the United States, eDiscovery firms, public businesses, private individuals, and the Office of the Public Defender in San Bernardino County for extracting data, analysis, documentation, and testimony in a manner that can be used in criminal cases, civil actions, internal business processes, and personal cases.

In 2021 Rory was designated as an Expert Witness in Digital Forensics for the Superior Court of San Bernardino County.

Mr. Montez's involvement in diverse investigations and litigations has spanned numerous areas, including:

- Asset Recovery
- Breach of Contract
- Copyright Infringement
- Data Preservation
- Data Sanitation
- Defamation
- Divorce & Family Law
- Email & Internet Abuse
- Employee Disputes
- Fraud
- Industrial Espionage
- Patent Infringement
- Policy Violation/Asset Misuse
- Software Code Review
- Theft of Intellectual Property
- Trade Secret Misappropriation

Computer Forensics

- Using hardware and software currently recognized and approved in the forensics field, successfully conducted methodical examination of computer systems, mobile phones, external hard drives, and other digital storage devices to recover e-mails, deleted files, graphic images and passwords. Cases include: Criminal, Civil, parents / schools, small businesses, and private parties.
- Supports companies and law firms via digital forensics and electronic discovery. This work includes the use of computer forensics, document retrieval and analysis, and data recovery usable in judicial situations.
- Forensic imaging services conducted on behalf of other companies.
- Established a Department of Defense 5220.22-M compliant program for secure and complete sanitizing of hard drives prior to proper disposal in recycling program.

Hardware and Software Programs

ICS Solo IV, Tableau Write Blockers, Tableau TX1, Paladin, Recon, MacQuisition/Digital Collector, and FTK Imager. Mobile Device Collections using Cellebrite. iCloud collections using Elcomsoft. Cloud Email extractions with Forensic Email Collector. Analysis of Evidence using EnCase v.6, EnCase v.7, Axiom, BlackLight/Digital Inspector, Intella, RAID Reconstructor, and other forensic tools.

Education

B.A. Comparative Literature	California State University, Long Beach	2006
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Certifications

Global Information Assurance Certified Forensic Examiner (GCFE)	December 15, 2020
Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO)	February 11, 2020
Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA)	February 14, 2020
CompTIA A+	July 26, 2019

Affiliations

Lethal Forensicator, SANS Institute <https://digital-forensics.sans.org/community/lethal-forensicator>

Experience

Due to Confidentiality agreements, client names are not listed.

San Bernardino County Superior Court – Appointed as Expert Witness in 2021

To protect the privacy of these cases, only generalities have been presented. I can provide further information, within the confines of any privacy issues and non-disclosure agreements, should you deem it necessary to gain further information.

San Bernardino County Public Defender's Office – 2021

- Criminal Defense: Alleged Child Pornography
- Provided testimony regarding media sanitization for computer and mobile phone internal storage

Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers Family Law – 2021

- Domestic Violence
- Review of digital photographs and establishment of timeline for when photos were taken

Digital Forensics Company – San Bernardino County – 2020

- Hired by Pro Per defendant to examine two devices

Farmers Insurance, Los Angeles County – 2020

- Forensically acquired digital video camera recordings from an apartment complex.
- Reviewed for identification of footage of alleged murder
- Extracted snapshots of recorded activities

Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers Family Law – 2020

- Civil Case: Involving spousal abuse and physical assault
- Analysis included review of chat and text messages pending ongoing investigation

Shulman Family Law Group – 2020

- Forensic collection of Mobile Phone
- Functioned as designated 3rd party Neutral Digital Forensic Examiner

The Berman Law Group – 2020

- Family Law Case: Involving Divorce and Restraining Order
- Court Declaration

Employee Law Group – 2019

- Employment Case: Email and Mobile Phone sanitation
- Court Declaration