ALBANIA GARCIA

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EDUCATION

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia PA
Ph.D. Student, Criminal Justice

Saint Joseph's University, College of Arts and Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Science in Criminal Justice,
Concentration in Criminology| GPA: 4.0 | Summa Cum Laude

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia PA
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice,
Minor in Sociology| GPA: 3.75 | Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTEREST

Community-Police Relations | Police Subculture & Organizational Culture| Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy | Immigration, Policing & Law Enforcement | Violent Crimes | Drugs & Crime | Criminal Justice Policy & Decision Making

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Saint Joseph's University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences

- Assisted with course-related instructional activities, student questions, assignments, and academic support.
- Provided constructive feedback to students while reinforcing course learning objectives and academic standards.
- Assisted with grading, evaluation, and assessment of student work using established course criteria and rubrics.
- Communicated complex criminal justice concepts in a clear and accessible manner.
- Supported faculty with course preparation, instructional materials, and student engagement.
- Applied criminal justice research and contemporary issues to academic discussions and coursework.
- Worked effectively with students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds.
- Utilized online learning and digital communication tools to support student instruction and engagement.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Employee Benefits Security Administration, Philadelphia, PA
Employee Benefits Investigator | 04/2022 – Current

- Conduct complex civil and criminal investigations involving employee benefit plans, service providers, trust departments, financial institutions, and other entities subject to ERISA.
- Analyze investigative findings, evidence, financial records, and relevant documentation to identify potential violations of ERISA and related federal laws and determine the need for additional investigative action.

- Develop comprehensive investigative reports, work papers, and analyses documenting findings, applicable laws and regulations, evidentiary support, and recommendations for agency action.
- Develop recommendations for voluntary compliance, litigation referral, case closure, and other appropriate enforcement actions.
- Secure voluntary compliance and facilitate corrective actions involving ERISA violations.
- Determine investigative scope, areas of statutory coverage, and appropriate investigative strategies for assigned cases.
- Conduct interviews with plan fiduciaries, administrators, service providers, and other relevant parties to assess compliance with ERISA and fiduciary responsibilities.
- Collect, review, and analyze financial statements, written records, audio files, and other evidence to identify potential violations and establish investigative findings.
- Establish and maintain professional relationships with federal and state agencies whose regulatory and enforcement activities affect employee pension and welfare benefit plans.

Office of the State Inspector General, Philadelphia, PA
Welfare Fraud Investigator | 08/2020 – 04/2022

- Conducted investigations involving suspected fraud, financial irregularities, and potentially fraudulent transactions.
- Prepared detailed investigative reports documenting findings, supporting evidence, and case outcomes for clients and stakeholders.
- Conducted interviews with witnesses and relevant parties using effective interpersonal, questioning, and active-listening skills.
- Completed assigned investigations ahead of established deadlines, frequently resolving referred cases within one week
- Reviewed flagged transactions, financial records, and reports to identify suspicious activity and potential fraud.
- Examined financial statements, written documentation, audio files, and other evidence to support investigative findings.
- Analyzed large volumes of data to identify fraud patterns, anomalies, and indicators of suspicious activity.
- Collaborated with investigative team members to develop strategies and approaches for detecting and preventing fraudulent activity.
- Prioritized and organized multiple investigative assignments to ensure timely completion and achievement of organizational objectives.

Forfeiture Support Associates, Ashburn, VA
Records Examiner/Analyst | 11/2014 – 03/2019

- Conducted investigations involving suspected fraud, financial irregularities, and potentially fraudulent transactions.
- Reviewed seized-asset documentation to ensure accuracy, completeness, and compliance with federal forfeiture requirements.
- Processed Standard Seizure Forms and tracked seized assets using the Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS).
- Maintained electronic and physical case files and tracked the status and disposition of forfeited assets.

- Conducted database research using law enforcement and financial intelligence systems, including FinCEN, JNET, iCRIS, NCIC, and NLETS.
- Conducted investigative research and analysis to identify subjects, associates, and co-conspirators involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, and suspected prescription drug diversion operations.
- Collaborated with DEA Special Agents, Task Force Officers, and Diversion Investigators on narcotics, financial, and prescription drug investigations targeting major drug trafficking organizations.
- Analyzed and synthesized information from multiple sources to support federal law enforcement investigations and investigative decision-making.
- Maintained strict confidentiality of sensitive investigative and law enforcement information in accordance with organizational policies and legal requirements.
- Obtained and maintained a Top-Secret security clearance.

Metropolitan Interpreters and Translators, Inc, New York, NY
Analytical Linguist| 05/2013 – 11/2014

- Monitored lawfully intercepted communications in Spanish and provided immediate verbal and written summaries of intelligence.
- Translated and summarized raw intelligence accurately and efficiently for federal law enforcement personnel.
- Prepared English-language summaries using specialized federal communications and intelligence-processing equipment and software.
- Provided real-time English-Spanish interpretation during interviews, meetings, conferences, and investigative activities.
- Interpreted statements while preserving the original meaning, intent, context, and emphasis of speakers.
- Performed quality control reviews of translations to ensure accuracy, clarity, and readability.
- Provided linguistic support to DEA Special Agents, Task Force Officers, and Diversion Investigators during interviews, meetings, and conferences.
- Analyzed information from multiple data sources and assessed its credibility, relevance, and investigative value.
- Segmented audio and video files identified foreign-language content, and extracted information for intelligence reporting.
- Analyzed and evaluated raw intelligence contributing to multiple investigative and intelligence reports.
- Assisted federal investigators in identifying locations and points of interest using mapping and tracking tools.
- Developed, organized, and maintained extensive social media research databases to support investigative activities.

Northeast Victim Services, Philadelphia, PA
Victim Advocate Intern | 08/2010 - 05/2011

- Provided crisis intervention, advocacy, emotional support, and resource access to crime victims; assessed needs/concerns, developed service plans/interventions, facilitated referrals for

housing, counseling, transportation, and legal aid, and maintained individualized caseload support and current case-status records.
- Coordinated with law enforcement, prosecutors, social-service agencies, judges, court staff, and victim-advocacy organizations; served as liaison for police-report filing and clear communication of informed-consent procedures.
- Maintained accurate victim-interaction records for emergency response/ongoing case management; reviewed violent-crime reports for trends informing prevention/response strategies; promoted victims' rights and services through presentations to community groups, schools, and partner agencies.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

FEMA EMI IS-700.b: National Incident Management System (NIMS) Introduction (2021) | Commonwealth Investigator Training Program (CITP), Certified (2020) | Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN), Certified (2020) | FEMA EMI IS-100.c: Introduction to the Incident Command System, Certified (2020) | DOJ Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS), Certified (2015) | Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Trained (2015) | Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET), Certified (2014) | Electronic Tracing System (eTrace), Trained (2014) | National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Experienced (2014) | Thomson Reuters CLEAR for Law Enforcement, Experienced (2014)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native/Fluent | Italian: Intermediate | French: Basic

REFERENCES

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