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Employment

Holmes Investigative Services

9/09 - Present

Owner/Investigator
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Primary Duties: Fire origin and cause investigations for the insurance industry. Conduct fire origin and cause investigations on residential structures, commercial buildings, vehicles, R.V.'s, and heavy equipment to determine and document area of fire origin, ignition source first fuel ignited and ignition sequence. General fraud investigations.

Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Company

9/96 – 5/09

Gainesville, Florida

Claims Division/Special Investigative Unit Manager 06/02 – 05/09

Administration and management of personnel and operations of unit involved in the investigation of all aspects of Insurance Fraud, Arson and Product Liability. Fire origin and cause investigator, general fraud investigator.

Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Company

9/96 – 06/02

Claims Division / Special Investigative Unit

Primary Duties: Fire origin and cause investigator of all fire loss claims involving a loss of \$25,000.00 or more, any fire losses, which occur under suspicious circumstances, and any fire losses which may be due to product failure to determine and document area of fire origin, ignition source, first fuel ignited and ignition sequence.. These investigations pertain to fire losses of dwellings, businesses, and vehicles. Investigate suspicious property losses as necessary.

City of Gainesville Fire Rescue Department / Police Department

Gainesville, Florida

9/93 - 9/96

Primary Duties: Fire origin and cause investigator employed by the fire department and assigned to the Detective Division/Property Crimes Unit to determine and document area of fire origin, ignition source first fuel ignited and ignition sequence.

Sworn law enforcement officer assigned to the police department criminal investigations division property crimes unit. Fire department internal affairs and pre-employment background investigator. Assist fire department division of fire safety management with fire and life safety issues of interpretation and enforcement.

Assist fire department training division by delivering all live fire training exercises for suppression personnel and delivering classroom lectures and presentations to all department employees. Acting Assistant Fire Chief during absences of the full time Assistant Fire Chief.

**City of Ocoee Fire Department
Ocoee, Florida**

6/83 - 9/93

Municipal Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Origin and Cause Investigator, Law Enforcement Officer.
Acting chief of department during absences of full time chief.
Driver / Operator - station supervisor
Fire Fighter / Emergency Medical Technician

Professional Certifications

2001- National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications –
Certified Fire Investigator # 329761

2001 - International Association Arson Investigators –
Certified Fire Investigator # 09-078

2012 - National Association of Fire Investigators-
Certified Fire Investigator # 16805-9625

2013 – National Association of Fire Investigators
Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator # 16805-9626v

State of Florida Division of State Fire Marshal –
Fire Investigator # 79519

U. S. Fire Administration - National Fire Academy
Fire/Arson Investigation

State of Florida – Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Training-
Law Enforcement Officer # 15-91-002-04

Accelerant Detection Canine Handler –
Maine State Police

State of Florida Division of State Fire Marshal –
Fire Safety Inspector # 58831

State of Florida Division of State Fire Marshal –
Fire Fighter # 41762

State of Florida Depart. Of H.R.S.-Emergency Medical Services-
Emergency Medical Technician # JT 49626

Completed all course requirements for certification as fire officer

Professional Licenses

Private Investigator # C-2900524	Fla. Dept of Agriculture
Private Investigative Agency # A – 2900261	
Independent All Lines Adjuster # A-122072	Fla. Dept Financial Services

Professional Membership

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)

Fire Investigators of Florida – Chapter of The International Association of Arson Investigators –
(Formerly served on Board of Directors)

Georgia Fire Investigators Association – Chapter of The International Association of Arson Investigators

Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP)
(Formerly served on Board of Directors and Rewards Sub-Committee)

National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII)

Former Membership while an employee of the insurance SIU industry

International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU)

North Florida Chapter – IASIU

Training

Lake County Vocational Technical Center Eustis, Florida

Law Enforcement Training	620 hours	09/1991 – 03/1992
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National Fire Academy Emmitsburg, Maryland

Fire and Arson Investigation	80 hours	08/1991
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Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Glencoe, Georgia

Advanced Arson Investigation	40 hours	03/1998
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Central Florida Fire Academy Orlando, Florida

Fire Fighter Recruit Training	280 hours	10/1985
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Engineer Training	80 hours	04/1986
Fire Ground Strategy and Tactics	40 hours	04/1987
Hazardous Materials I	40 hours	05/1987
Hazardous Materials II	40 hours	06/1987
Inspection Practices	40 hours	09/1990
Fixed Fire Protection Systems	40 hours	09/1990
Blue Print Reading/Plans Examining	40 hours	09/1990
Codes and Standards	40 hours	09/1990
Building Construction	40 hours	10/1990
Methods/Techniques of Instruction	40 hours	12/1990
Officer Leadership/Management	40 hours	01/1991

Florida State Fire College Ocala, Florida

Fire Origin and Cause Investigation	40 hours	08/1993
Chemistry for Fire Investigation	40 hours	08/1993
Latent Investigation	40 hours	04/1995
Legal Issues	40 hours	04/1995

Southern Farm Bureau Tech. Jackson, Mississippi

Fire Origin and Cause Investigation	40 hours	03/1997
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Valencia Community College Orlando, Florida

Emergency Medical Technician	180 hours	1985
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Training Seminars

NICB/ISO Insurance Fraud Management Conference		
Orlando, Florida	24 hours	04/2006

Annual Florida Arson Seminar		
Orlando, Florida	24 hours	09/1996
	24 hours	09/1997
	24 hours	10/2010

Annual Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention Seminar

Ocala, Florida	24 hours	11/1996
	24 hours	11/1997
	24 hours	11/1998
Instructor/Facilitator	24 hours	11/2000
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	24 hours	11/2004
	24 hours	11/2005
Instructor	24 hours	11/2006
	24 hours	10/2007

24 hours	10/2008
24 hours	10/2009
24 hours	10/2010
24 hours	11/2011
24 hours	10/2012

Annual Farm Bureau Fire/Fraud Seminar

Richmond, Virginia	16 hours	1997
Biloxi, Mississippi	16 hours	1998
Traverse City, Mich	16 hours	1999
Myrtle Bch, S. C.	16 hours	2000
Ashville, N. C.	16 hours	2001
Panama City, Fla.	16 hours	2002
Louisville, Kentucky	16 hours	2003
New Orleans, La.	16 hours	2004
Savannah, Georgia	16 hours	2005
Nashville, Tennessee	16 hours	2006
Oklahoma City, Okla.	16 hours	2007
Little Rock, Ark	16 hours	2008

Annual Joint Florida Department of Insurance Fraud/Florida Chapter-International Association of Special Investigation Units Seminar

Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/1999
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Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/2008
Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/2009
Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/2010
Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/2011

International Association of Special Investigative Units National Seminar

Orlando, Florida	24 hours	06/2000
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Florida Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Conference

Palm Beach, Florida	40 hours	05/2001
	40 hours	05/2002
Orlando, Florida	40 hours	06/2010
	40 hours	06/2011

CFI Trainer.Net

Arc Mapping Basics	4 hours	01/2013
NFPA 1033	2 hours	04/2013

IAAI Northwest Regional seminar – Vehicle Fires –instructor/facilitator

Gainesville, Florida	16 hours	10/2001
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Fire Marshal’s Association of America

Principles of Fire Protection Engineering Ocala, Florida	24 hours	03/1995
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Florida State Fire Marshal

Investigating Mobile Home Fires Ocala, Florida	32 hours	09/1994
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Fire Investigators of Florida

Advanced Fire Investigation	24 hours	5/2012
Advanced Vehicle Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigations Seminar Clearwater, Florida	20 hours	06/2013

Georgia Fire Investigators Association

Southeast Annual Training Conference St. Simon’s Island, Georgia	40 hours	08/2013
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International Association of Arson Investigators

2013 Fundamentals of Fire Investigations Orlando, Florida	36 hours	05/2013
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Origin and Cause Experience/Expert Testimony

Approximate number of fires personally investigated as lead investigator: ~2500

Approximate number of times origin and cause specifically determined: ~ 75 %

Approximate number of times called to give testimony concerning origin and cause: 13

Number of times certified by court as an expert witness in fire investigation/origin and cause determination: 4

Number of time disqualified/failed to qualify: 0

List of courts where qualified:

- April 1994 8th Judicial Circuit – Alachua County, Florida
Civil – 94-1748-CA
Jeffrey Huber v. Beasley and Williams, Inc. and Joseph Teague, Jr.
- January 1996 13th Judicial Circuit – Hillsborough County, Florida
Criminal – 95-16552-CFA State v. Jeffrey Hebert
- May 2005 14th Judicial Circuit – Washington County, Florida
Civil – 67-03-CA-176 Farm Bureau v. Cleon and Somsri Perkins
Attornies: Gina Smith – Butler Pappas – Insurance Defense
Ty Tyler for the plaintiff
- September 2012 8th Judicial Circuit – Levy County, Florida
Criminal p 38-2012-CF-000198-A
State v. Jermaine Lawshawn Griffin

All Testimony (Court, Deposition, Grand Jury)

- April 1994 Civil – 94-1748-CA
Jeffrey Huber v. Beasley and Williams, Inc. and Joseph Teague, Jr.
- March 1995 Criminal - 01-94-03111-CFA
State v. Mark Schwartz
Gainesville, Florida – Alachua County
- March 1995 Criminal - 01-94-01604-CFA
State v. Michael Williams
Gainesville, Florida – Alachua County
- April 1995 Civil – 94-1748 CA
Jeffrey Huber v. Beasley and Williams, Inc. and Joseph Teague
- January 1996 Criminal – 95-16552-CFA
State v. Jeffrey Hebert
Tampa, Florida – Hillsborough County
- May 1997 Civil – 97-4068
Brian Durden v. Florida Farm Bureau
Tallahassee, Florida – Leon County
- March 2000 Criminal – 99-151-CF, 99-152- CF, and 99-153-CF
State v. Cleon Perkins, and Somsri Perkins
Panama City, Florida

February 2002 Federal Civil – 5:01-cv-91-Oc-GRJ
Florida Farm Bureau v. Gateway Companies
U. S. District Court – Middle District – Ocala Division
Gainesville, Florida

June 2003 Civil – 02-437CA
Florida Farm Bureau v. Mike Hooker
Perry, Florida

September 2003 Civil – 2003-CA-006131-AF
Florida Farm Bureau v. Kathy Novick
West Palm Beach, Florida

May 2005 Civil – 67-03-CA-176
Florida Farm Bureau v. Cleon and Somsri Perkins
Jackson County, Florida

October 2005 Criminal – 6604-CF-000403-A
State v. Deborah Smith Skinner
Walton County, Florida

September 2012 Criminal - 38-2012-CF-000198-A
State v. Jermaine Lawshawn Griffin
Levy County, Florida.