

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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- Preapplication
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* 2. Type of Application:

- New
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* 3. Date Received:

09/24/2024

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

0-OJJD-2024-172259

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6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

County of Fresno

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. UEI:

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2200 Fresno Street

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* City:

Fresno

County/Parish:

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

93721-1703

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Department Name:

Division Name:

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

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* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

16.543

CFDA Title:

Missing Children's Assistance

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

O-OJJDP-2024-172259

* Title:

OJJDP FY24 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces - Invited to Apply

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Central California ICAC Task Force Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="469,594.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="469,594.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

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* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant: Prefix _____ * First Name: Laura Middle Name: _____ * Last Name: Morgan-Kessler Suffix: _____ * Street 1: 601 New Jersey Ave NW, Suite 300 Street 2: _____ * City: Washington State: DC: District of Columbia Zip: 20001		
b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) Prefix _____ * First Name: Laura Middle Name: _____ * Last Name: Morgan-Kessler Suffix: _____ * Street 1: _____ Street 2: _____ * City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		
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INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

OJJDP FY2024-2025

FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative

Access to computers and other technology-related communication devices in the United States today has increased at an immeasurable rate. Computers and Internet-accessible smartphone devices are available to children in our homes, in schools, in public libraries, in community youth centers, and in countless other public places where youth congregate. Worldwide Internet usage is at 5,385,798,406 which is a 67.9% of the total population. Children and youth are accessing the Internet at ever-increasing levels and with it come the dangers of online victimization.

According to a Pew Research Center report (January 5, 2024) on average, 95% percent of teens (ages 13 to 17 years of age) have access to a smartphone, and 46% say they are online "almost constantly." The 95% is a 22% increase from the 73% of teens who said they had access to a smartphone in 2014-2015. Smartphone ownership is nearly universal among teens of different genders, races and ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds. The study showed that teen internet users had risen from 92% in 2014-2015 to 96% today. The 46% of teens who say they are almost constantly online almost doubled from the 2014-2015 survey showing 24%. Another 47% say they go online several times a day, meaning roughly nine (9) in ten (10) teens go online at least multiple times a day.

The increase in technology has brought with it tremendous learning potential for our children and youth. Unfortunately, it has also brought with it the increased potential for online victimization of these same children and youth, including unwanted exposure to sexual material, unwanted sexual solicitations, and online harassment such as cyber bullying. According to a Pew Research Center report (December 15, 2022) a majority of teens have experienced some form of cyber bullying. In the study, 46% of teens admitted to one or more of the following: offensive name-calling, spreading of false rumors, receiving explicit images they didn't ask for, constant asking of where they are, what they're doing, who they're with, by someone other than a parent, physical threats and having explicit images of them shared without their consent.

Children and teens continue to receive unwanted sexual solicitations while online. Risks are higher for youngsters who are troubled, such as those who experienced a negative life event such as a death in the family, moved to a new home, had separated or divorced parents or had a parent who lost a job. Particularly disturbing trends in these solicitations are requests for youth to send sexual pictures of themselves. It is a crime, under federal and state laws, to take, distribute, or possess sexually explicit images of children younger than 18 years of age. Many of these images constitute child pornography. When children or teens comply with these requests, they usually do not realize the potential impact of their actions. The picture(s) could be circulated online to hundreds, thousands or more people or a perpetrator could blackmail the victim for additional images, videos, and even sex. Additionally, the victim has no control of the images or videos once they have been sent out. Unfortunately, the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is receiving more and more disturbing cases of this nature, which leads to more children being sexually exploited and victimized.

Considering these trends and studies, it is easy to see that children are inherently susceptible to the dangers of the Internet. The stages of child psychological development may facilitate on-line victimization. The lack of emotional maturity can make children more vulnerable to manipulation and/or intimidation. Children also have a strong desire for attention, validation, and affection, as well as a lack of caution or self-preservation. Children are taught to obey adult requests and demands and may be less likely to know when it is not appropriate to do so. In addition, children are naturally curious about sex and other “forbidden” topics. It is important to note that children may also be hesitant to tell a trusted adult if they are approached in an inappropriate way, because of a feeling of embarrassment or shame. Adolescents are widely considered by the psychological establishment to be prone to recklessness and risk-taking behavior, which can have long lasting consequences.

Unfortunately, parental education with respect to Internet safety is lacking. Although techniques are available to protect children from certain content, research indicates most parents aren't using them. Although parents say they employ filtering systems on their Internet connections, many children admit to hiding their online activities from parents and guardians. Many parents do not discuss these topics with their children, and most do not have passwords and access to their children's social media information, nor the knowledge of the applications their children use.

With these things in mind, Central California ICAC takes a multi-pronged approach towards dealing with the sexual exploitation of children. The Central California ICAC Task Force realizes that being able to provide enough manpower and resources to effectively protect children from

Internet predators is a nearly impossible task, so raising the awareness of Central California residents about the sexual exploitation of children and prevention education are priorities. Children who are educated in the importance of online safety are more likely to take steps to keep themselves safe online than ones who aren't educated. Learning to recognize the warning signs or risks involved with Internet usage will allow trusted adults to intervene and lessen potential negative impacts.

To promote awareness and community education, the Central California ICAC Task Force supplies task force affiliates with copies of NetSmartz Internet Safety Presentation information and literature targeting four groups: Parents and Community Groups, Middle and High School students, 3rd through 6th Grade students, and children attending Kindergarten to 2nd Grade. These age-appropriate presentations teach children, their parents and/or guardians, and educational staff how to help children avoid becoming victims. The presentations increase the safety awareness of children to prevent victimization and increase self-confidence when the children are online. Additionally, the Central California ICAC Task Force has given numerous presentations to Elementary, Middle and High School teachers and staff to assist them with identifying victims of cyberbullying and sexual abuse, as well as to educate them of the current laws and statutes related to child sexual exploitation. Educational presentations have not been limited to schools but have also been presented during outreach events and child abuse conferences. The Central California ICAC Task Force takes part in National Night Out throughout Central California as well as local events such as The Big Fresno Fair which are well attended by community members. Our outreach activities and community events have had a profound impact on the community. The dedication to community engagement was recently recognized when the

Central California ICAC Task Force received the Courage Award from The Family Healing Center at their Hope Grows Here Gala. This honor highlights the dedication and contribution to making an immense impact in the lives of our community, specifically, the lives of our children who have been victims of crime.

The Central California ICAC Task Force currently maintains the Task Force website www.centralcaliforniaicac.org, and a Facebook page, both of which publicize arrests and operations, provides Internet safety material to the community, and provides resources to the public, such as reporting and contact information for Central California ICAC Task Force affiliates.

As a result of these proactive efforts, Central California ICAC receives countless phone calls, e-mails and referrals from parents, teachers, relatives, and other agencies regarding possible online crimes committed against children and youth. The continuous stream of tips from the public, law enforcement, and social service agencies is a direct result of the well-publicized success that the Central California ICAC Task Force has achieved and continues to achieve. Central California ICAC has received numerous positive media stories, both in print, radio, and television, which have been generated as the result of high-profile investigations, arrests and prosecutions. As a result, the public, other law enforcement agencies, and social service agencies have come to recognize the Central California ICAC Task Force as the “first responder” to online child sexual exploitation investigative leads.

In addition to tips from members of the public and law enforcement agencies within our

jurisdiction, Central California ICAC also responds to a large number of tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). This allows the task force to work collaboratively with NCMEC and agencies throughout the United States to quickly respond to reports of child victimizations. Often times, crimes against children do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries and a collaborative effort is imperative towards solving these crimes.

Central California ICAC continues to see a dramatic increase in the reactive investigations within our area of responsibility, from not only NCMEC, but also local police agencies and turn overs from other jurisdictions. From January 2023 through December 2023, the Central California ICAC Task Force received 7772 CyberTips from NCMEC, an increase of approximately 18 percent from the same reporting period in 2022. For the first eight months of 2024, January 2024 through August 2024, Central California ICAC has already received 4908 CyberTips. At our current pace, Central California ICAC is projected to surpass the previous year's numbers in CyberTips.

The Central California ICAC Task Force continues to receive documented complaints regarding the manufacture, distribution, and possession of child pornography through the general public and other law enforcement agencies. Due to these documented complaints, patrol generated cases and proactive investigations; Central California ICAC conducted 8246 total investigations from January 2023 through December 2023. For the first six months of 2024, January 2024 through June 2024, Central California ICAC has already conducted 4332 investigations, an increase compared to this time in 2023.

While education and community involvement are a very important step towards reducing the

victimization of children, this alone will not fully eliminate the problem. Increasing the investigative and prosecutorial capacities of its member affiliates is crucial towards fulfilling our mission. In continuing our multi-pronged approach, the Central California ICAC Task Force provides ongoing training opportunities for investigators, forensic examiners and prosecutors involved with ICAC investigations. Member agencies can receive exclusive training for their members, generally at no cost, at locations throughout the United States. Central California ICAC Task Force presently provides training and support to seventy (70) cooperating affiliate agencies that have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) to be part of the Central California ICAC Task Force.

The Central California ICAC Task Force has provided technological equipment and inter-agency assistance to its member agencies throughout its existence. The Central California ICAC Task Force offers many other resources to enhance law enforcement's responses to Internet related crimes committed against children, including de-confliction databases, contact lists, email updates about cases, legislative updates and issues, and future training sessions. The Central California ICAC Task Force continues to provide information for templates of search warrants, court orders and other commonly used paperwork. Along with contact information for Internet Service Providers, links to other related sites, law enforcement agencies and other information useful for our members. If an agency is smaller or unfamiliar with ICAC investigations, we will even facilitate by providing investigators to assist the agency in need and help serve search warrants.

The Central California ICAC Task Force is also focusing efforts on proactively combating the manufacture and distribution of child pornography via Peer to Peer (P2P) file sharing software.

Presently, millions of persons throughout the world use Peer to Peer file sharing networks to share child pornography files amongst each other. Peer to Peer file sharing of child pornography is perpetuating the cycle of sexual abuse. In many cases, people who sexually abuse children will memorialize their abuse by documenting it through images and video. These same people will provide these images and videos via Peer-to-Peer file sharing software so other people can view it. Through the investigation of people who utilize Peer to Peer file sharing software to view and trade child pornography, law enforcement has been able to rescue and save countless victims of child sexual abuse.

The Central California ICAC Task Force currently conducts proactive Peer to Peer investigations using software tools to monitor the activity. Central California ICAC also recognizes the increase in usage of Peer-to-Peer networks such as BitTorrent. The Central California ICAC Task Force has conducted numerous proactive BitTorrent investigations this year and will continue to conduct them in an attempt to identify and arrest the child predators abusing and preying upon our children. With the primary focus being to identify those child predators who are committing hands on sexual abuse.

In the most recent grant-reporting period beginning January 2023 through December 2023, the Central California ICAC Task Force has conducted numerous Proactive and Reactive investigations. This resulted in the arrest of one hundred and thirty-five predators. However, with the increase in CyberTips and overall investigations Task Force wide, less time is left to initiate proactive Peer to Peer investigations. The Central California ICAC Task Force hopes to increase the number of proactive cases for the upcoming grant period as more affiliated agencies become

trained and take on a more active role participating in proactive investigations, rather than merely handling reactive CyberTips. The Central California ICAC Task Force fully intends to continue to sponsor trainings for affiliates and supplementing those trained affiliates with the necessary equipment needed to adequately perform child exploitation investigations.

Notably, the Central California ICAC Task Force continues to experience a significant increase in forensic examinations each year. This can likely be attributed to the increase in reactive cases as well as the increase in the training, knowledge, and ability of our current forensic examiners. The accessibility of computer media with the ability to store large amounts of data is also a factor negatively impacting the timely completion forensic examinations. The Task Force is committed to assisting investigators within affiliated agencies to become certified forensic examiners. Thus far in 2023-2024, the Central California ICAC Task Force purchased the following items and software to assist with investigations. OS Forensics for extraction of data from computers and Greykey software to assist with extracting cell phone information; Cellebrite Premium which is a forensic tool to extract data from cellphones using the latest technologies. Central California ICAC has utilized Cellebrite for numerous affiliates. This has resulted in retrieval of information which would have normally been lost or not located.

The Central California ICAC Task Force is currently housed at the HSI Fresno Office of Investigations. The Central California ICAC Task Force includes HSI Special Agents, one full time Fresno County Sheriff's Sergeant, five full-time Fresno County Sheriff's Detectives, a full time Fresno County Sheriff's Community Service Officer, a full time Fresno Police Detective and a part time Madera County Sheriff's Detective. Prior to this year the task force had only four detectives in total but was able to increase it by adding an additional full-time detective as well as

a part-time detective and funding allocations through grants. The sergeant position has been beneficial, allowing detectives more time to focus on their investigations while the sergeant handles administrative duties, assigning Cybertips, acquiring necessary equipment and technical assets, and streamlining the entire ICAC operation. With this full-time staffing, Central California ICAC is better able to serve the citizens of our community and increase our ability to protect children from sexual predators.

Since the formation of the Central California ICAC Task Force in the fall of 2007, the task force has enjoyed tremendous success in the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of child sexual predators. Additionally, the task force has rescued numerous children from active sexual abuse as a direct result of their ongoing efforts to combat the sexual exploitation of children.

Through this grant, the Central California ICAC Task Force will continue to address the following needs:

- To investigate both proactive and reactive cases involving the online victimization of children and youth.
- To assist with the effective prosecution of online child predators.
- To serve as a forensic resource throughout the ICAC Task Force's service area, providing documented evidence to assist with investigations and prosecutions.
- To educate children and youth on Internet safety practices and reporting protocols should they, or someone they know, become a victim.
- To educate parents, teachers, and other caregivers on Internet safety, filtering and monitoring software, and reporting protocols should they become aware of online victimization.

- To educate other law enforcement agencies on recognizing and investigating online crimes perpetrated against children.
- To engage other agencies as formal partners.

Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

The Central California ICAC Task Force has incorporated the goals of the National ICAC Program and their strategic plan in its current plan for fiscal year 2024. The Task Force will achieve the following goals during this 12-month period:

Objective #1:

The Task Force will serve as a resource for communities and agencies within our geographic service area.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Accept referrals and requests for information from participating agencies, citizens, teachers, NCMEC, and other related entities.
- Assess referrals and requests for appropriateness as related to the ICAC Program.
- Refer non-ICAC related referrals and requests to the appropriate agency.
- Identify information/resources needed by the requesting party.
- Provide requested information/resources to the requesting party.
- Provide other information identified by assessment to the requesting party.
- Document actions taken on a statistical reporting form.

Projected Goals

Central California ICAC will provide over 500 Technical Assists as requested for entities within the Task Force's service area between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #2:

The Task Force will conduct both proactive and reactive investigations into the computer/technology crimes perpetrated against children and youth.

Activities:

To achieve this objective for *reactive* cases, the Central California ICAC Task Force will complete the following activities:

- Conduct criminal investigations initiated from Task Force members, allied agencies (local, state, and federal), citizen complaints, teachers, CyberTips from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and other similar sources. The Task Force will strive whenever possible to integrate federal, state and local efforts as identified in the U.S. Attorney General's *Project Safe Childhood Initiative*.
- Assess initial report information.
- Identify responsible jurisdiction related to prosecution and additional investigative follow up.
- Develop suspect information.
- Develop probable cause through appropriate investigative techniques.
- Write and execute search and arrest warrants.
- Collect and process evidence.
- Coordinate case presentation with appropriate prosecutorial designee (Assistant United States Attorney, District Attorney, Deputy Attorney General, etc.).

- Complete a statistical tracking form for investigation to include information on case outcome (arrests, etc.).

Activities:

To achieve this objective for *proactive* cases, the Central California ICAC Task Force will complete the following activities:

- Conduct undercover investigations including, but not limited to, on-line chat, Peer-to-Peer, monitoring of social network sites e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, and Twitter, etc. The Central California ICAC Task Force will strive whenever possible to integrate federal, state and local efforts as stated in the *Project Safe Childhood Initiative*.
- Identify responsible jurisdiction related to prosecution and additional investigative follow up.
- Develop suspect information.
- Develop probable cause through appropriate investigative techniques.
- Write and execute search and arrest warrants.
- Collect and process evidence.
- Coordinate case presentation with appropriate prosecutorial designee (Assistant United States Attorney, District Attorney, etc.).
- Complete a statistical tracking form for investigation to include information on case outcome (arrests, etc.).

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will investigate and/or coordinate the investigations of a minimum of 50 proactive and 500 reactive cases between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #3:

The Central California Task Force will identify, locate and arrest those perpetrators who sexually exploit children via the Internet and other technological means.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Conduct undercover investigations including, but not limited to, on-line chat, Peer-to-Peer, monitoring of social network sites e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr and Twitter, etc. The Central California ICAC Task Force will strive whenever possible to integrate federal, state and local efforts as stated in the *Project Safe Childhood Initiative*.
- Conduct criminal investigations initiated from Task Force members, allied agencies (local, state, and federal), citizen complaints, teachers, CyberTips from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and other similar sources. The Task Force will strive whenever possible to integrate federal, state and local efforts as identified in the U.S. Attorney General's *Project Safe Childhood Initiative*.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will identify, locate and arrest 80 perpetrators who sexually exploit children via the Internet and other technological means between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #4:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will assist, to the extent possible, with the effective prosecution of cases at the appropriate level. The Task Force will strive to increase federal involvement in the prosecution of these cases as set forth in the *National Project Safe Childhood Initiative*.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Prepare case for prosecution based on prosecutor's standards.
- Complete statistical tracking to include the number of cases submitted for federal prosecution, the number of cases accepted for federal prosecution; the number of cases submitted for state prosecution; and the number of cases submitted for local prosecution.
- Complete statistical tracking to include case dispositions (e.g., unfounded, suspended, plea, or trial).

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will submit a minimum of 60 cases for local, state, and federal prosecution between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #5:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will serve as a forensic resource to affiliate agencies and other agencies within our Task Force's geographical area of service.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Central California ICAC Task Force will complete the following activities:

- Receive forensic requests from Task Force members, affiliate agencies, and other agencies within the Task Force's service area.
- Assess forensic requests received for appropriateness as related to the ICAC Program.
- Refer non-ICAC related referrals and requests to the appropriate agency.
- Triage forensic requests based on Task Force guidelines (based on pending court dates, crime

types, etc.).

- Coordinate forensic requests/requirements with respective prosecutor to minimize unneeded analysis.
- Assign forensic requests to the forensic examiner most skilled in the area needed.
- Examine media for the requested information.
- Prepare forensic reports based on Task Force policy.
- Complete statistical tracking form for forensic examinations completed.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will complete a minimum of 500 forensic examinations including, but not limited to: hard disc drives, cellular telephones, CDs/DVD's, thumb drives, SD cards, etc. between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025. This conservative estimate is based upon the fact that the Central California ICAC Task Force presently has nine computer forensic examiners from Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Kings County District Attorney Office of Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, Merced County Sheriff's Department, San Luis Obispo Police Department, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, Fresno County district Attorney Office of Investigations and Clovis Police Department. Approximately another nine investigators have limited forensic training, just utilizing Access Data FTK.

Objective #6:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will effectively respond to referrals from agencies (other task forces, federal partners, CyberTips, etc.).

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Accept referrals from participating agencies, citizens, teachers, NCMEC, and other related entities.
- Assess referrals for appropriateness as related to the ICAC Program.
- Refer non-ICAC related referrals and requests to the appropriate agency.
- Identify information/resources needed by requesting party.
- Provided requested information/resources to the requesting party.
- Provide other information identified by assessment to the requesting party.
- Document actions taken on statistical reporting form.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will continue to respond effectively and aggressively to referrals from agencies both within and outside of our geographical area of responsibility.

Objective #7:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will engage in law enforcement and community outreach activities including training, prevention, and education activities. In accordance with the *National Project Safe Childhood Initiative*, the Task Force recognizes the need to train federal, state, and local law enforcement. The Task Force also recognizes the need for continued awareness and public education campaigns.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Receive requests via telephone, mail or email for presenters from people representing law enforcement agencies and community groups (community groups include, but are not limited to, schools, youth organizations, community-based organizations, state and local law

enforcement associations and chapters, local businesses, business organizations, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, the media, Native American tribes, and family advocacy organizations).

- Complete the Speaker Request Form with information pertaining to the date/time of the event; the identity and contact information of the requestor; the location of the event; the number of people expected; and the topic desired.
- Search for and identify someone on the Task Force who has the skills and knowledge to make the presentation.
- After the presentation, follow-up to ascertain the number of attendees via a sign-in sheet (if applicable).
- Report the presentations on the monthly statistical reports.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will provide a minimum of 10 community outreach presentations and public events between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #8:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will formalize law enforcement partnerships through signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Contact agencies that have requested assistance, training, or information in the past year.
- Discuss with these agencies the advantages of having a signed MOU and being a formal partner with the ICAC program.

- Provide a copy of the MOU to the agency.
- Keep copies of signed MOUs on file.
- Add agency to list of formal ICAC partners.
- Keep agencies apprised for training opportunities, national-coordinated investigations, and planning meetings.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will formalize law enforcement partnerships with one (1) agency between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Objective #9:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will provide financial assistance to partner agencies through training opportunities, equipment, etc. as funding allows.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Identify potential training classes that may be applicable to partner agencies.
- Advise partner agencies of training classes and ascertain interest and availability for classes.
- Register and provide funding for partner agencies employees to attend training classes.
- Identify equipment needs for partner agencies.
- Assist partner agencies with the purchase and acquisition of needed equipment, specifically computer software and computers.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will dedicate grants funds to our partner agencies in an

effort to expand the level of training and equipment of partner agencies. The ultimate goal would be to continue to grow the level of expertise and overall involvement of our partner agencies within the Task Force. This assistance will be tracked and reported on the Task Force's six-month progress reports.

Objective #10:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will require partner agencies adopt ICAC Task Force investigative standards.

Activities:

To achieve this objective, the Task Force will:

- Include language in its MOU requiring partner agencies to adopt ICAC Task Force Investigative Standards for all ICAC-related investigations.
- Provide copy of ICAC Task Force Investigative Standards to all partner agencies.
- Require all partner agencies to sign the ICAC MOU.

Projected Goals:

One hundred percent of all Central California ICAC Task Force partner agencies conducting ICAC-related investigations will sign or have already signed the Task Force MOU requiring them to adopt ICAC Task Force Investigative Standards for all ICAC-related investigations.

Objective #11:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will fully participate in nationally coordinated investigations.

Activities:

When notification is received of nationally coordinated investigations, the Task Force will:

- Identify available resources for participation.
- Make personnel resources available for all necessary meetings as identified by investigation leader.
- Participate in investigation as directed by investigation leader.
- Report participation on six-month progress reports.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC will fully participate in all nationally coordinated investigations. Participation will be documented on six-month progress reports.

Objective #12:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will strive to develop additional procedures for the handling seized digital evidence.

Activities:

The Central California ICAC Task Force will strive to develop a more direct policy for the handling and storage of seized evidence related to child exploitation cases. Utilizing proper procedures and tactics will ensure the personal safety of the seizing officer as well as the safety of others at the electronic crime scene while maintaining the integrity of the evidence:

- Identify potential evidence and secure it in a safe manner being cognizant of legal issues.
Each piece of evidence is given a specific reference number and described. Also, to be noted is the date and time when each piece was seized. A receipt is given to the person who provided the evidence or the property owner and a copy is kept on file.

- Seal original evidence in appropriate evidence container.
- Keep an accurate inventory of the evidence seized.
- Keep written records on the handling and movement of evidence, and of the persons who have had access to it; a control sheet should be attached to each piece of evidence, and any activity should be recorded by the person in charge of the location where the evidence is stored. The control sheet should show the date and time when material was removed, the name of the person taking the material, and the reason for the removal. The record must be signed by the person in charge of the storage room and the person taking the material.
- Return evidence to the owners at the end of the process. The property owners will sign a receipt verifying what was returned. They are given a copy of the receipt and the original is kept on file.

Projected Goals:

The Central California ICAC Task Force, in partnership with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, will develop a more direct policy for the handling and storage of seized evidence related to child exploitation cases. Affiliated agencies will adopt and follow their agency specific policy for the handling and storage of seized evidence.

Project/Program Design and Implementation

The Central California ICAC Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional program consisting of investigators from various local, state, and federal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies throughout our nine-county area of responsibility. Participating agencies operate under a formal, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Task Force began receiving funding under the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force's Urban Expansion Program in October 2007.

Since that time, the Task Force has used the ICAC grant to fully fund one investigator and one Community Service Officer (Four other investigators assigned to the Task Force are partially funded by a grant from the State of California). The residual of the grant is directed towards training, travel expenses, and equipment for both full time ICAC personnel and our affiliate agencies.

The Central California ICAC Task Force will investigate internet crimes against children utilizing the protocols and national standards, as the Attorney General sets them forth, to the extent they are consistent with the law of the state of California. Central California ICAC will ensure all ICAC investigators assigned to the Task Force are adhering to the standards at all times.

Central California ICAC Task Force services will be directed at citizens within our multi-county service area. Services will be provided to children/youth, teachers, parents, other concerned citizens, and law enforcement agencies. Crimes committed by suspects residing in our service area will be investigated. Cases involving suspects residing outside of our service area/jurisdiction will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

A detailed action plan for meeting each of our objectives is outlined in the Program Narrative section this application. Law enforcement agencies at the state and local level have expressed a desire to commit personnel and resources to the Central California ICAC Task Force. A listing of those agencies seeking Task Force technical assistance, forensic assistance, or investigative assistance with ICAC-related cases will be compiled. Those agencies will be targeted and will be contacted about establishing a formal relationship with the ICAC Program. The benefits of being

part of an ICAC Task Force will be discussed and an MOU for signature will be provided to each agency, along with a copy of the ICAC Task Force Investigative Standards. These agencies will also be invited to attend meetings hosted by the Central California ICAC Task Force to discuss Task Force issues, developments, and training. With these measures, the Task Force goal is to increase the number of partner agencies by one (1) agency throughout the 12-month grant period.

On a monthly basis, Central California ICAC investigators will submit statistical reporting forms to the Sheriff's Detective Sergeant, who is also the Commander of the Central California ICAC Task Force. These statistical report forms will be submitted for investigations, forensics, technical assistance, and presentations. The Commander of Central California ICAC Task Force will compile a report showing the number of investigations completed, number of arrests, the number of forensic examinations completed, the number and type of presentations given each month, the number of people trained, the number of technical assistance provided, and the number of times the Task Force served as a resource to the community and other law enforcement agencies.

On a semi-annual basis, the Commander of Central California ICAC Task Force will prepare a report detailing the Task Force's status toward achieving the stated goals and objectives. This report will list each objective as shown in this application, each goal associated with the individual objectives, and our status to date. The report will detail what goals have been achieved, and any progress towards meeting our stated goals and objectives. Those areas where we were unable to meet our stated goals will be reviewed and resources will be reallocated to those areas to ensure our ability to meet our goals as stated in this application. The statistics that are collected are the monthly reports, quarterly reports, and semiannual progress reports. All statistical reports will be

submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) via the online Grants Management System.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office and the HSI Fresno Office will continue to provide resources to insure the successful operation of the ICAC Program. These resources include building space, office furniture, investigative tools, computer equipment, forensic equipment, forensic training, investigative staff, and support personnel.

Capabilities/Competencies

The Central California ICAC Task Force will be operated by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, who will serve as the lead agency. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement and correctional services to all residents in Fresno County. The county has a charter form of government. A five-member Board of Supervisors, elected to serve four-year terms, governs it. Other elected officials in Fresno County include the Assessor, District Attorney, and the Sheriff.

The Task Force is part of the Person's Crimes Division, which operates within the Detective Bureau of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. The day-to-day activities of the assigned Central California ICAC Detectives and Community Service Officer are supervised by a Sheriff's Detective Sergeant who is assigned to the Central California ICAC Program. By virtue of the position within the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, the Detective Sergeant is also the Central California ICAC Assistant Commander. This Detective Sergeant ensures that all investigators follow the ICAC Task Force Investigative Standards. The Detective Sergeant is responsible for case assignments, forensic assignments, and public presentation assignments. This Sergeant is

also responsible for assigning requests for technical assistance and any requests for resources. On an as-needed basis, the Detective Sergeant assists with requests for technical assistance, resources, and training by other law enforcement agencies and the community. A Sheriff's Lieutenant who is also assigned to the ICAC Program supervises the Detective Sergeant. Again, by virtue of the position within the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, the Detective Lieutenant is also the Central California ICAC Commander. This Lieutenant is the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Person's Crimes Division Commander who also oversees the ICAC Program in this area. A Sheriff's Captain who oversees all Central California ICAC Task Force activities supervises the Lieutenant. The Internet Crimes Against Children Program detectives are responsible for the investigation of online criminal activity which tends to exploit minors, including, but not limited to attempting to meet minors for sexual purposes; possessing, distributing, or manufacturing child pornography; enticing minors to engage in vice-related activities; and contributing to the delinquency of minors. Specifically, the ICAC Detectives are responsible for proactively initiating cases, investigating complaints received, interviewing witnesses, identifying and apprehending perpetrators, interrogating suspects, preparing and executing search warrants, completing crime reports, producing statistical reports, providing technical expertise, seizing digital evidence, conducting computer forensic examinations, analyzing and processing evidence, gathering intelligence, presenting thorough investigations to the prosecutor, conducting follow-up investigations as requested by the prosecutor, testifying in court, networking with other law enforcement officers, maintaining equipment, providing presentations to the public, providing interviews to the media, and training law enforcement officers.

Based on the many years of experience operating within the Task Force model, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office is uniquely qualified to provide the services required under this application.

Previous and current Task Force successes have been achieved on a national and international level. The addition of new affiliate agencies and the continued training and expansion of current task force members will enhance the current communication, cooperative effort and success that the Central California ICAC Task Force has with other ICAC task forces across the country. The personnel currently assigned to Central California ICAC from the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have over 20 combined years of experience working child exploitation cases and working within the guidelines of this grant. This is invaluable amount of experience, which is passed on to all members of the Central California ICAC Task Force and will continue to be for years to come.

Memorandum of Understanding

County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office
Central California Internet Crimes Against Children
And
AGENCY NAME

I. Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, **2024** ("Effective Date") by and between the County of Fresno, through its Sheriff's Office ("Fresno County Sheriff's Office" or "County"), and **AGENCY NAME**.

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as limiting or impeding the basic spirit of cooperation that exists between the participating agencies.

II. Background

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office is the recipient of a United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant to enforce laws regarding Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The Fresno County Sheriff's Office utilizes this grant to administer and operate the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (the "Task Force").

OJJDP has created the ICAC Task Force Program, which is a national network of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The national ICAC program assists state and local law enforcement agencies in developing an effective response to the sexual exploitation of children via the internet and other electronic means. This help encompasses investigative and forensic components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education. Due in large part to the technological aspects of these cases, the ICAC Task Force Program promotes a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency, team approach to investigating and prosecuting Internet Crimes Against Children.

III. Mission

The mission of the Task Force is to: (1) properly investigate and prosecute those who sexually exploit children through the use of the Internet and other electronic means; (2) provide training and equipment to those involved in investigating and prosecuting Internet Crimes Against Children; and (3) provide community education to further the prevention of Internet Crimes Against Children.

IV. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to delineate the responsibilities and expectations of the **AGENCY NAME** and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, and to formalize their working relationship in the Task Force. By signing this MOU, **AGENCY NAME** agrees to join the Task Force for the primary purpose of vigorously and properly investigating crimes that involve the sexual exploitation of children via the internet and/or other electronic means.

By joining the Task Force, **AGENCY NAME** will benefit from grant resources, joint operations, and extensive training opportunities. By entering into this MOU, the Task Force will benefit from **AGENCY NAME** investigative support.

V. Organizational Structure/Direction

The Task Force includes investigators, supervisors, and prosecutors from various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies who provide assistance, subject to availability.

All participants acknowledge that the Task Force is a joint operation, in which all agencies act as partners. The chain of command and supervision of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the policy and general direction of the Task Force. The Task Force Supervisor will periodically contact supervisors, investigators, and prosecutors from other participating agencies to keep them informed of training opportunities, unusual circumstances, problems, and successes of the Task Force.

Activities of the Task Force are further governed by the ICAC Task Force Program Operational and Investigative Standards (the "Standards") of the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The document describing the Operational and Investigative Standards contains confidential information and is not for public release. Member agencies must understand and comply with the Standards.

Task Force members shall follow the guidelines of the Task Force, and any personnel action(s) are the responsibility of the parent agencies. Any conflicts between the Task Force guidelines and agency policies shall be vetted out through the commanders (lieutenants) of the Task Force and parent agencies.

VI. Investigations

All Task Force investigations shall be conducted only by sworn law enforcement investigators, and in a spirit of cooperation with other Task Force members. Task Force investigations are governed by the Standards. Violation of the Standards is cause for cancellation of this MOU. This MOU is not intended to infringe on the ongoing investigations of any other agency. It is agreed that unilateral acts on the part of employees involved in Task Force investigations are not in the best interest of the Task Force. **All Task Force investigations must follow the guidelines laid out in the Standards, a copy of which will be provided to each participating agency.**

- a) Each investigator involved with undercover investigations should receive ICAC training prior to initiating proactive investigations and shall submit reports of all undercover activity to the Task Force Supervisor.
- b) Agency and Fresno County Sheriff's Office shall also conduct reactive investigations where subjects are associated within Agency's jurisdiction, including investigations of child pornography, CYBERTIP referrals from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), Internet Service Provider and law enforcement referrals, and other ICAC-related investigations. Additional case initiations may develop from subject interviews, documented public sources, direct observations of suspicious behavior, public complaints, etc.

- c) Agency shall record and document all undercover online activity. Any deviations from this policy due to unusual circumstances shall be documented in the relevant case file and reviewed by the Task Force Supervisor.
- d) Agency shall provide the Task Force with access to all ICAC investigative files including, without limitation, computer records, in order to ensure compliance with all national ICAC standards.
- e) Agency is encouraged to locate its Task Force investigators in a secured space provided by Agency with controlled access to all equipment, software, and investigative files. At a minimum, information should be maintained in locked cabinets, and under control of Agency Task Force personnel, with restricted access to authorized personnel only.

VII. Supervision

The day-to-day operational supervision of sworn personnel, and administrative control of personnel physically assigned to the Task Force at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office shall be the responsibility of the Task Force Supervisor (Sergeant).

AGENCY NAME will be responsible for the day-to-day operational supervision, administrative control, and personal/professional conduct of its personnel assigned to the Task Force (outside of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Task Force Supervisor), who are not physically present at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Task Force facility. ICAC investigations are a cooperative effort, and investigative decisions will be a joint process guided by the Standards.

VIII. Evidence

Seized evidence and any other related forfeiture shall be handled in a manner consistent with the seizing law enforcement agency's policies.

IX. Prosecution

The criteria for determining whether to prosecute a particular violation in county, state or federal court will focus on achieving the greatest overall benefit to the public. Any question arising pertaining to jurisdiction will be resolved through discussions among the investigative and prosecutorial agencies having jurisdiction in the matter. When joint jurisdiction exists, this MOU does not preclude additional prosecution(s) in other jurisdictions.

X. Media Relations and Releases

Media release information regarding joint Task Force operations will be coordinated and made jointly by all participant agencies. No unilateral press releases will be made by any participating agency without the prior notification and written approval of the Task Force. Media releases shall not include information regarding specific investigative techniques. All efforts will be made to protect undercover online identities. Member agencies will refrain from releasing the undercover online identity, age, or sex of investigators. Release of such information could jeopardize ongoing investigations where the same undercover name, age, and sex are currently in use.

XI. Funding for Equipment

Dedicated equipment purchased with grant funds may be provided to be used in the course of investigations involving Internet Crimes Against Children. Equipment purchased with grant funds will be distributed in a manner to equip law enforcement with tools that will improve their investigative response to the sexual exploitation of children. Member agencies agree to only utilize equipment purchased with ICAC funds in order to conduct investigations involving the sexual exploitation of children as required within their jurisdictions. All equipment purchased under the ICAC grant remains the property of the Task Force and must be returned to the Task Force when requested, or upon withdrawal of the participating agency from Task Force.

XII. Funding for Training

Dedicated grant funds may be provided to finance training and travel related expenses that would be useful in the course of investigations involving Internet Crimes Against Children. Grant funds for training/travel expenses will be distributed in a manner to properly equip law enforcement with training and tools that will improve their investigative response to the sexual exploitation of children. Member agencies utilizing ICAC funds for training agree to conduct investigations involving the sexual exploitation of children as required within their jurisdictions.

XIII. Joint Limitation on Liabilities and Mutual Hold Harmless

Agency Name shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend the County (including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers) against all claims, demands, injuries, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney fees and costs), fines, penalties, and liabilities of any kind to the County, **Agency Name**, or any third party that arise from or relate to the performance or failure to perform by the Contractor (or any of its officers, agents, subcontractors, or employees) under this Agreement. The County may conduct or participate in its own defense without affecting **Agency Name's** obligation to indemnify and hold harmless or defend the County.

The County shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend **Agency Name** (including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers) against all claims, demands, injuries, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney fees and costs), fines, penalties, and liabilities of any kind to the County, **Agency Name**, or any third party that arise from or relate to the performance or failure to perform by the County (or any of its officers, agents, subcontractors, or employees) under this Agreement. **Agency Name** may conduct or participate in its own defense without affecting the County's obligation to indemnify and hold harmless or defend **Agency Name**.

In the event of concurrent negligence on the part of County or any of its officers, agents, or employees, and **Agency Name** or any of its officers, agents, or employees, the liability for any and all such claims, demands, and actions in law or equity for such losses, costs, expenses, and damages shall be apportioned under the State of California's theory of comparative negligence, as presently established, or as may be modified hereafter.

The provisions of this Section XIII shall survive termination of this MOU.

XIV. Confidentiality

The parties agree that any confidential information pertaining to investigations of the Task Force will be held in the strictest confidence and shall only be shared with participating Task Force members or other law enforcement agencies where necessary, as determined by the Task Force, or as otherwise permitted by federal or state law.

XV. Duration and Termination

This MOU shall take effect on the Effective Date. Renewal of the MOU shall be automatic and shall continue until such time as the federal funding for the Grant ends, or the MOU is terminated in writing by either party. Either party may terminate the MOU for any reason, upon thirty (30) days' notice.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the Effective Date.

County of Fresno

John Zaroni, SHERIFF/CORONER/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
Fresno County Sheriff's Office

DATE: _____

AGENCY NAME

NAME, CHIEF/SHERIFF

DATE: _____

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Joseph Smith

CURRENT POSITION

Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant, Present: Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, Unit Commander over the Detective Bureau of the following: Central California Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender Registration Unit, Child Sexual Predator Program, Elder Abuse, Homicide Unit, and the Missing Persons Unit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Present Sheriff Lieutenant over the Person's Crime Unit (including ICAC)
- 2016 - 2024: Sheriff's Lieutenant. Prior assignments include Watch Commander over the uniformed patrol deputies, Area Commander at Selma Substation, FTO Commander, Human Resources, Watch Commander and Dispatch.
- 2012-2016: Sheriff's Sergeant. Prior assignments include Patrol, Court Services Unit, Homicide Unit, and Search and Rescue.
- 1999- 2012: Deputy Sheriff: Prior assignments include Patrol, School Resource Officer, Robbery/Property Detective, Internal Affairs, and Search and Rescue

EDUCATION

California State University, Fresno: Bachelor of Science Degree – Criminal Justice (1998)
California State University, Fresno: Master's Degree – Business and Public Administration (2014)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Supervisory, Advanced, Intermediate and Basic Certificate(s) - Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California.
Graduate of the Sherman Block Leadership Institute (SLI).

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Ericka Rascon

CURRENT POSITION

Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, January 2022- Present: Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office Sergeant, supervising the following: Central California Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender Registration Unit, Child Sexual Predator Program, Elder Abuse, and the Missing Persons Unit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-Current Sheriff Sergeant ICAC Unit. Also currently supervise Fresno County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force Unit.
- 2021-2024: Sheriff Sergeant Abuse Unit supervised detectives who work 290 Registrants, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, ICAC (2022-2023).
- 2018 - 2021: Sheriff's Sergeant. Prior assignments include Patrol supervisor for all areas within Fresno County, and Court Service Unit supervisor.
- 2017-2018: Internal Affairs Detective. Detective assigned to the Detective Bureau investigating cases involving accusations of misconduct with employees hire with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. Investigations included allegations of use of force, sexual assaults, officer involved shootings (OIS) investigations, investigating citizen complaints and internal complaints alleging violations of Office and County Policies and Procedures and law. Other responsibilities included investigating other agencies employees when it was turned over to our department for investigation.
- 2016-2017 Deputy Sheriff: Deputy Sheriff assigned to Area III (Southwest Field Services Uniform Patrol Division).
- 2010-2016 Deputy Sheriff K9 Handler: K9 handler assigned to all areas within Fresno County, also assigned as the handler to deploy with the Fresno County SWAT team.
- 2008-2010 Deputy Sheriff: Deputy Sheriff assigned to Area II (Unincorporated portions of Metropolitan Fresno County) and Area III (Southwest portion of unincorporated portions of Fresno County)
- 2006-2008 Deputy Sheriff II: Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Fresno County jail (eight months) guarding of inmates and assigned to the Fresno County Court Services Unit (transporting and guarding of inmates going to court). Also sent out to the

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Field training program for entry level Patrol Deputy which was successfully completed.

EDUCATION

California State University, Fresno
Bachelor of Science in Criminology, 2008

Fresno City Police Academy Class 102

Fresno City College
Associates Degree, 2004

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

California POST Sherman Block SLI Class 513, 2023

California Post Supervisory Certificate, 2022

Officer Involved Shooting/Field Supervisor, 2021

California POST Critical Incident Management, 2019

California POST Supervisory Course, 2019

California POST Academy Instructor Certification Course (AICC), 2018

Internal Affairs Investigation, 2018

Search Warrant Fundamentals, 2016

B.A.T.I, Interview and Interrogation, 2015

Advanced, Intermediate and Basic Certificate, Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California.

Academy Instructor Certification Course (AICC)

June Mayeda

CURRENT POSITION

Principal Accountant; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

EXPERIENCE

November 2023 to present: Principal Accountant , County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

December 2013 to November 2023: Supervising Accountant; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

January 2008 to December 2013: Senior Accountant; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

June 2006 to January 2008: Accountant II; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

December 2004 to June 2006: Accountant I; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

May 2002 to December 2004: Account Clerk III; County of Fresno; Sheriff's Office

October 2001 to May 2002: Account Clerk II; County of Fresno; Sheriff's Office

October 2000 to October 2001: Office Assistant III; County of Fresno; General Services

September 1996 to October 2000: Account Clerk: Michael Automotive; Fresno, CA

August 1993 to September 1996: Marketing Admin.; Denham Resources; Fresno, CA

June 1992 to August 1993: Administrative Asst.; Arne & Associates; Laguna Niguel, CA

EDUCATION

California State University, Fresno

Bachelor of Science (BS) degree: Business, Finance Option, 1992

CERTIFICATES:

County of Fresno, Ascent: The Challenge Continues Training: March 14, 2024

County of Fresno, Ascent: The Leadership Challenge: November 14, 2023

Lexipol Webinar Grant Funding for Body-Worn Cameras, March 17, 2022

Test for California Justice Information Services Security Level 2, March 10, 2022

U.S. Department of Justice Grants Financial Management Training: Online, June 8, 2021

CA Narcotic Officers Assoc. Asset Seizure & Forfeiture Training, Sep. 12, 2019, 8 hours

National HIDTA Assistance Center Financial Management of HIDTA Funds for Fiduciaries, August 22-23, 2018, 13 Hours

County of Fresno Internal Controls, February 10, 2016

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Recovery Act Training, Apr. 2010

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Cameron Rossi

CURRENT POSITION

Accountant Trainee; County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

EXPERIENCE

July 2024 to present: Accountant Trainee, County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

August 2023 to July 2024: Account Clerk, County of Fresno, Sheriff's Office

EDUCATION

California State University, Fresno

Bachelor of Science (BS) degree: Business, Finance Option, 2022

University of Phoenix

Graduate Accounting Certificate, 2024

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Jose Omar Leon

CURRENT POSITION

Deputy IV / Sheriff's Detective: Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

EXPERIENCE

October 2023 – Present: Sheriff's Detective, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. As a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, my role involves investigating online exploitation and abuse of minors. I am responsible for conducting digital forensic analysis, gathering and scrutinizing evidence, and coordinating with various law enforcement agencies. My duties include executing proactive undercover operations, supporting victims and their families, and participating in public education initiatives on internet safety. Additionally, I contribute to the development of prevention strategies to combat online child exploitation.

October 2020 – Present: Sheriff's Detective, Abuse Unit (Sex Crimes / Child Abuse), Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. I conducted a comprehensive examination of a diverse range of criminal cases pertaining to sexual assault, encompassing incidents such as rape, sexual abuse of minors, a physical child abuse. These investigations entailed the execution of interview with individual from various social and demographic backgrounds, interrogating suspects, and drafting search and arrest warrants. Collaborative efforts were made with both state and federal agencies, including prosecutorial bodies spanning multiple jurisdictions. Additionally, I diligently maintained a proficiency in the realm of mobile phone and digital evidence.

June 2019 – October 2020: Sheriff's Deputy assigned to Patrol Division, Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office.

September 2015 – February 2019: Special Agent, assigned to the Special Victim's Unit, US Army Criminal Investigation Division, Fort Polk, LA. As a Special Agent, I was tasked with conducting felony level investigations wherein the US Army had an interest, whether the offense occurred on an installation or involved Army personnel. My specialized area of focus was sexual assault and processing crime scenes for trace evidence. As part of my duties, I worked in partnership with federal and local agencies, as well as Military and Federal Prosecutor's to ensure a successful resolution to cases.

TRAINING

- 2024 – National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, ICAC Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 - CA POST Academy Instructor Certification Course
- 2022– 34th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference, Dallas, TX
- 2022– ICI Sexual Assault Basic / Advanced Course
- 2021– Electronic Surveillance (DOJ Wiretap)

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- 2020 – Search Warrant Fundamentals
- 2017 – Child Abuse Prevention and Interviewing Techniques
- 2017 – National Institute of Child and Human Development: Structured Child Interviewing
- 2017- Domestic Violence and Intervention Training
- 2016 – Special Victims Investigator's Course
- 2015 - Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy
- 2015 – Cellebrite: Mobile Device Collection and Triage Training

EDUCATION

State Center Regional Training Facility (Fresno City College) Police Academy, 2019

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice - Colorado State University, Global Campus, 2018

Master's in Leadership and Organizational Studies – Fresno Pacific University, (Presently Enrolled)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Intermediate, and Basic Certificate, Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California.

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Fernando Maldonado

CURRENT POSITION

Detective: Central California (ICAC) Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

EXPERIENCE

2024 - Present: Detective, ICAC Task Force.

2022 -2024: Deputy Sheriff: Field Training Officer (FTO) assigned to Patrol Division.

2012-2022: Deputy Sheriff: Assigned to the Patrol Division.

2012-2014: SWAT

2012-2012 Dive team

2008-2012: Deputy Sheriff: Assigned to Court Services Unit.

2005-2008: Correctional Officer: Assigned to Detention Bureau.

TRAINING

- ICAC Investigative Techniques
- 2024 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation

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- 2024 Crimes Against Children Conference
- Robert Presley ICI Investigators Core Course
- Cellebrite Certified Operator
- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst
- Behavioral Analysis Training Institute: Interview and Interrogation
- Field Training Officer Certification

EDUCATION

High School Diploma.

Some college.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certificate, Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California.

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Jovan Tamayo

CURRENT POSITION

Sheriff's Detective: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

EXPERIENCE

2016: Deputy Sheriff: Deputy assigned to the Patrol Division. Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

2017: Deputy Sheriff: Deputy assigned the Homicide Task Force.

2017-2024: Deputy Sheriff K9: Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Patrol Division K9 Unit

2024-Current: ICAC Detective

TRAINING

- ICAC Investigative Techniques
- Robert Presley ICI Investigators Core Course
- Cellebrite Certified Operator
- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst
- Cellebrite Pathfinder
- Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference
- Search Warrant Execution
- Electronic Surveillance Wiretap
- BATI

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High School Diploma

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Juliana Castano

CURRENT POSITION

Sheriff's Detective: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

EXPERIENCE

2017: Deputy Sheriff: Deputy assigned to the Patrol Division. Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

2022-Current: Deputy Sheriff: Deputy assigned to the Patrol Division. Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

Effective October 14th: Detective with Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

TRAINING

- POST mandated yearly skills training.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in criminology, California State University, Fresno.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Advanced Certificate, Peace Officer Standards and Training, State of California.

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OJJDP FY2024-2025
FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Karen Rosas

CURRENT POSITON

Community Service Officer: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

EXPERIENCE

May 2024 – Present	Community Service Officer: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Fresno County Sheriff's Office
April 2022 - May 2024	Community Service Officer: Court Services Unit, Fresno County Sheriff's Office

TRAINING

- Crimes Against Children Conference, Dallas – August 2024
- National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation – June 2024
- ICAC 101 – May 2024
- Policing Violent Extremism – June 2023

EDUCATION

California State University, Fresno – B.S. – Criminology - Forensic Behavioral Science

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