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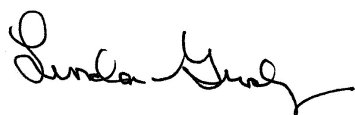# 2021 RCFL Annual Report

RCFL

Foreword

This report documents the accomplishments and progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) Program during Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

While the effects and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continued in FY21, it certainly did not slow the work performed within the RCFL Program. In fact, the RCFL Program provided a 26 percent increase in their digital forensics' expertise and services during FY21. With the rise in service requests came the rise in Task Force Officers (TFOs) assigned to the RCFLs as well. Despite attrition, retirements, and recalls back to their departments, the number of TFOs increased by six percent, an average of 8.5 additional TFOs from FY20. This demonstrates a commitment from the law enforcement community to the services provided by the RCFLs.

The FBI's Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Headquarters passed the first audit after their reconstruction accreditation and received ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation for all the RCFLs and Quantico under one "umbrella" accreditation. The RCFL National Program Office (NPO) provided additional Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) licenses to enhance the RCFL capabilities and assist with reducing the backlog in regards to locked mobile devices. The RCFLs began their transition to the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0, which uses a combination of commercial cloud, FBI on-premise systems, and the public internet. This transition will increase efficiency and bring the data to law enforcement at expediential rates.

To summarize FY21 in a word, it would be progress. Progress towards providing the highest quality digital forensic services, improving our capabilities through technological advancements, and leveraging an increased commitment from our law enforcement community. Together with continued progress, we will make a difference!

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Introduction

Digital forensics is the application of science and engineering to the recovery of digital evidence in a legally acceptable method. Digital Forensics Examiners use tested and validated tools, techniques, and procedures to locate and analyze potential legal evidence in a variety of electronic devices, software programs, operating systems, removable media, and other digital technologies capable of storing data.

This report chronicles the progress and accomplishments of the RCFL Program during FY21, which covers October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.

RCFL National Program Office

The RCFL National Program Office (NPO) supports the RCFL Program—a national network of FBI-sponsored accredited digital forensics laboratories and training centers devoted to the examination of digital evidence in support of all investigations ranging from criminal to counterterrorism.

There are 17 fully operational RCFLs. RCFLs provide coverage to 23 states throughout the country. RCFLs are located in the following cities: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Buffalo, New York; Centennial, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas and Houston, Texas; Hamilton, New Jersey; Huntsville, Alabama; Kansas City, Missouri; Los Angeles, Menlo Park and San Diego, California; Louisville, Kentucky; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Portland, Oregon; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Chelsea, Massachusetts.

The RCFL Program seeks accreditation through the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB)—formerly American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD); currently all 17 RCFLs hold international accreditation under the CART Headquarters accreditation. Collectively, the program is providing expert digital forensics services and training available to approximately 4,800 law enforcement agencies. We estimate that a third of the law enforcement agencies in the United States have participated in RCFL training.

RCFL Locations by State

Alabama
Huntsville, TVRCFL

California
Los Angeles, OCRCFL
Menlo Park, SVRCFL
San Diego, SDRCFL

Colorado
Centennial, RMRCFL

Illinois
Chicago, CGRCFL

Kentucky
Louisville, KRCFL

Massachusetts
Chelsea, NERCFL

Missouri
Kansas City, HARCFL

New Jersey
Hamilton, NJRCFL

New Mexico
Albuquerque, NMRCFL

New York
Buffalo, WNYRCFL

Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PHRCFL

Oregon
*Portland, NWRCFL*

Texas
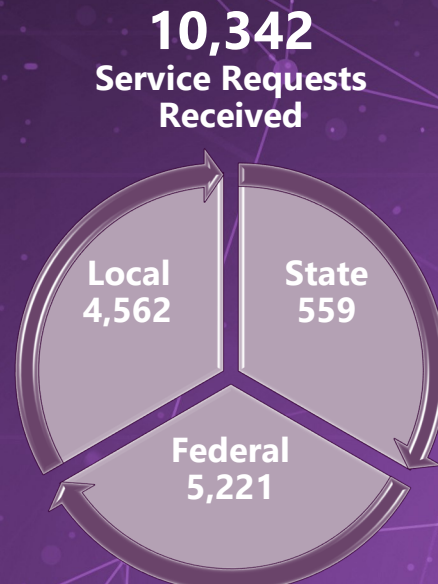*Dallas, NTRCFL*
Houston, GHRCFL

Utah
Salt Lake City, IWRCFL

Program Accomplishments

During FY21, the RCFL Program provided the following services to the local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies they support. The following statistics reflect work completed by the RCFLs.

702
Agencies Requesting Assistance

Local 572

State 37

Federal 93
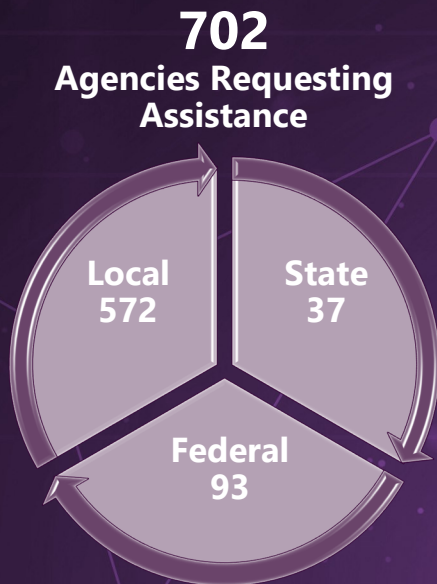
Number of agencies that requested RCFL assistance.

10,342
Service Requests Received

Local 4,562

State 559

Federal 5,221

Number of requests for assistance received by all RCFLs.

Digital Forensics Services

Searches

626
Number of requests for assistance where lab personnel conducted a search on-site.

Free RCFL Program Training *

2,595
Number of law enforcement personnel who received training in digital forensic tools and/or techniques at the RCFLs.

Examiner Court Testimony *

50
Number of times RCFL examiners testified in court and/or at hearings.
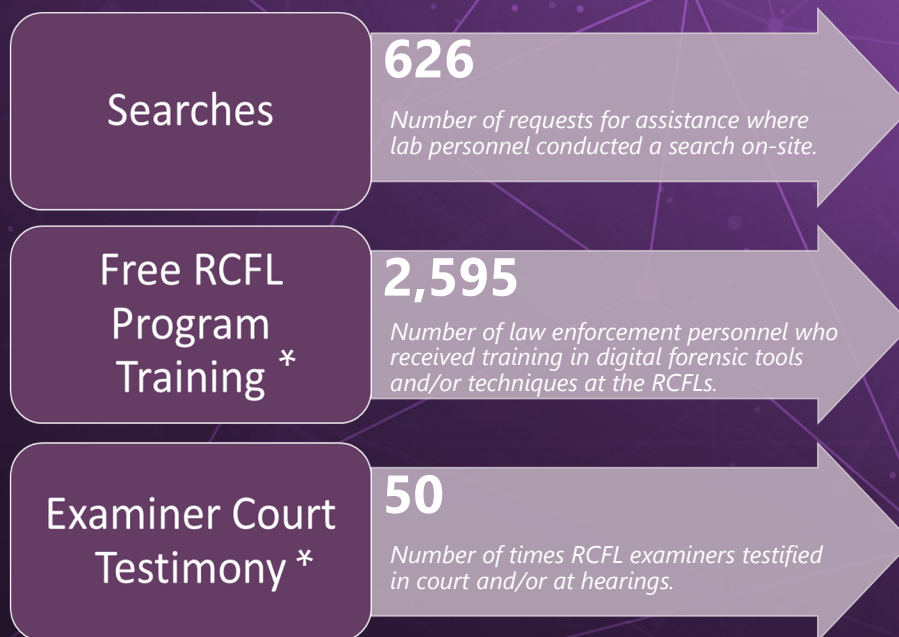
*Training and examiner testimony statistics are maintained locally by each RCFL.

Laboratory Achievements

Kentucky RCFL (KRCFL)

- **Award:** Operational Support Technician (OST) Dawn Cobb was awarded the Exceptional Performance Award by FBI Louisville Field Office for reducing the administrative burden on the Forensic Examiners (FEs). OST Cobb improved the intake process, initiated a project to return over 3,000 pieces of derivative evidence to the originating agencies, and improved the customer experience of the Laboratory by adding structure, organization, and defining expectations.

Orange County RCFL (OCRCFL)

- **Award:** Task Force Officer (TFO) Mark Anderson received the Investigator of the Year Award from the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office for his work at the OCRCFL.

Philadelphia RCFL (PHRCFL)

- **Technical:** The PHRCFL obtained a second Mobile Device Unlock Service (MDUS) software to enhance the laboratory's cellular telephone unlocking capabilities.
- **Case Related:** The PHRCFL provided technical and expert assistance to the Quakertown Borough Police Department with the investigation involving false reports and terroristic threats through the Safe2Say Something application. FEs processed digital and video evidence which assisted in the application of criminal charges.

Rocky Mountain RCFL (RMRCFL)

- **Award:** Information Technology Specialist - Forensic Examiner (ITS-FE) James N. Schneider was given an On-The-Spot Award for his work in support of the Boulder King Soopers shooting incident on March 22, 2021. ITS-FE Schneider spent nearly 20 hours at the crime scene, including remaining on-scene overnight in order to image in-store surveillance camera hard drives to expedite subsequent processing.

Silicon Valley RCFL (SVRCFL)

- **Award:** Special Agent FE (SA/FE) Amanda Chung, TFO Brian Rodriquez (San Francisco Police Department), and the SVRCFL Acting Lab Director SSA Michael Mansuy were awarded the 2021 Counterintelligence Investigations Award from the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center for their work in support of a multi-agency investigative and mitigation effort.

Western NY RCFL (WNYRCFL)

- **Case Related:** WNYRCFL performed a vehicle forensic extraction and analysis using Berla software, related to a hit and run case for Cheektowaga Police Department (CPD). The extraction obtained the route, rate of speed the vehicle traveled, and location the incident occurred. The FEs analysis corroborated witness statements. CPD presented the FEs with an award for their technical expertise.
- **Case Related:** FEs assisted in the execution of multiple search warrants. Examination of digital media including, but not limited to, mobile devices, desktops, laptops, external media, and a server rebuild of evidence related to the Capitol Riot case.

> " Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement achievement, and success have no meaning.
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> - Benjamin Franklin
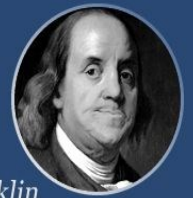
Partnership

Welcome

The first RCFL was established in San Diego, California, in 1999 and began as a cooperative effort between the FBI and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to address digital evidence.

The most significant resource RCFLs possess is their talented staff of Digital Forensic Examiners. This year, the RCFL was fortunate enough to have 136 law enforcement partners from state, local, and federal agencies, including the following new participating agencies.

New Participating Agencies:

Heart of America RCFL (HARCFL)
- *Missouri State Highway Patrol*

New England RCFL (NERCFL)
- *U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Massachusetts*

North Texas RCFL (NTRCFL)
- *Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)*

Orange County RCFL (OCRCFL)
- *Corona Police Department*

San Diego RCFL (SDRCFL)
- *Drug Enforcement Administration*

RCFL Benefits of Participation

An RCFL is a partnership between the FBI and other law enforcement agencies operating within a geographic region. Organizations that enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the FBI become participating agencies in the RCFL. In this capacity, participating agencies detail personnel to staff the laboratory, and in return, they and their personnel receive the following benefits of participation:

- *Participating agencies receive priority service for analysis.*
- *Detailees from state and local agencies receive the same sophisticated technical training that is provided to FBI's certified digital forensics examiners.*
- *Detailees from state/local agencies have the potential to receive compensation for overtime worked and the use of a government-leased automobile while on official duty.*
- *Detailees from state and local agencies are provided with state-of-the-art forensic equipment for use at the RCFLs. The FBI invests significant funds on computer examination workstations and advanced software for all certified and forensic examiners in training.*
- *Participating agencies receive access to mobile device unlocking services and other advanced forensic techniques.*
- *Participating agencies receive immediate access to expert analysis and advance technology—not only the examiners at that particular RCFL, but nationwide due to the forensic network.*
- *Participating agencies receive a stake in the management of the RCFL.*

Asset Forfeiture Program

Program Overview

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Asset Forfeiture Program's (AFP) mission is to use asset forfeiture as a tool to deter, disrupt, and dismantle criminal enterprises by depriving criminals of the instruments of illicit activity. The AFP touches federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the country. The AFP's primary goals are:

- *To punish and deter criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used in or acquired through illegal activities*
- *To promote and enhance cooperation among federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement agencies*
- *To recover assets that may be used to compensate victims when authorized under federal law.*
- *To ensure the AFP is administered professionally, lawfully, and in a manner consistent with sound public policy*

To achieve these goals, DOJ uses asset forfeiture to the fullest extent possible to investigate, identify, seize, and forfeit the assets of criminals and their organizations, while ensuring that due process rights of all property owners are protected. Asset forfeiture plays a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring the property to victims. The effective use of both criminal and civil asset forfeiture is an essential component of the Department's efforts to combat the most sophisticated criminal actors and organizations—including terrorist financiers, cyber criminals, fraudsters, human traffickers, and transnational drug cartels.

Since 1994, DOJ has made funding available from the Asset Forfeiture Fund (AFF) for the payment of various costs incurred by sworn state and local law enforcement officers participating in joint law enforcement operations with federal agencies.

The FBI is partnered with DOJ in the AFF Program. This partnership allows the RCFL Program to support reimbursement of overtime and training as well as provide leased vehicles to sworn officers assigned to the laboratories. The RCFL Program has benefited from its ongoing partnership with AFF each year since 2006.

How The Program Works

Each year, the RCFL National Program Office (NPO), as part of the annual request for allocation of resources from the AFF, submits a proposal for funding to allow the FBI to support the offsetting of costs to sworn state and local law enforcement officers.

Because AFF resources are awarded to the FBI on an annual basis, there is no guarantee that these benefits will be available one year to the next.

Assuring Quality Services

The RCFL Program is deeply committed to providing the highest quality digital forensics services to the law enforcement community and is recognized by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The accreditation is a formal demonstration of competence, reliability, and trusted results. Conforming to the international forensic community standards further enhances and strengthens public confidence in the laboratories. Recognizing the objective of the quality program to continuously improve, the accreditation is reviewed on a four-year cycle.

The ANAB/American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) program is a voluntary initiative in which any crime laboratory can participate to demonstrate its management, operations, personnel, procedures, and safety protocols meet established standards.

In April of 2016, ASCLD/LAB merged into the ANAB organization. The RCFLs began transitioning to the ANAB accreditation program beginning in FY18. The RCFL Program is now fully transitioned to the ANAB banner under the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards.

Benefits of Accreditation

Although RCFLs follow strict FBI protocols and quality assurance/quality control procedures, additional benefits of earning ANAB accreditation include:

- *Improves Quality—Accreditation heightens the quality of RCFLs services because an independent, impartial, and objective team of experts review the laboratory's findings and operations. Accredited laboratories must follow appropriate quality controls and quality assurance procedures*

- *Strengthens Operations—Accreditation ensures an RCFL is abiding by criteria that are designed to assess performance, while also strengthening operations*

- *Promotes Standards—The general public and RCFL customers are assured that the laboratory is following established and widely accepted standards*

- *Guarantees Examiner Qualifications—ANAB requires that laboratories have certified Examiners on staff. All RCFL Examiners undergo the FBI's Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) certification process and cannot perform examinations independently without successfully completing this process. The certification implies that an examiner has a certain body of knowledge and counters a recent trend where an investigator takes a short course in computer forensics and is deemed an "expert"*

- *Protects Evidence—Accreditation will reinforce the program's already stringent handling procedures*

- *Ensures Accurate Results—Accreditation can enhance forensic results by requiring sufficient written protocols that serve as an empirical basis for the most basic and complex procedures*

On the Horizon for FY22

Digital Forensics Specialist

The Operational Technology Division (OTD), Digital Evidence Staffing Education and Development Unit (DESEDU) is seeking approval for the creation of the Digital Forensics Specialist (DFS) position. The DFS will serve a crucial role during the initial steps of an investigation by identifying and preserving digital evidence associated with any criminal offense, even when the media is damaged by the forces of nature or by perpetrators attempting to prevent data from being recovered.

The DFS will identify, inventory, and preserve digital evidence without altering original data, as well as forensically collect digital evidence from crime scenes for examination. They will provide digital forensics support on scene to FBI Special Agents (SAs) and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Upon returning to their laboratories, the DFS will process and analyze digital evidence to identify artifacts of interest to the investigative team. Whether they are collecting evidence, preserving data, or processing evidence, the work of a DFS will be essential to the FBI mission.

FTK Lab

The most recent version of Forensic Toolkit (FTK) Lab, 7.5.2, brings significantly faster processing with additional file signature analysis and artifact parsing across various operating systems. Release notes document that "...thumbnail creation process for videos has been significantly optimized, with 70 - 80% improvement." We also expect future versions of FTK Lab to parse mobile device artifacts and support extractions from Mobile Device Unlock Service (MDUS) software.

DCAP 2.0

In FY22, the RCFLs will fully migrate to the upgraded Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0. Forensic Examiners (FEs) on this platform will process, analyze, and review data using automated tools, such as Analog, Pegasus, Fractal, and Triage Toolkit, for forensic analysis and review.

DCAP is an unclassified, secure, evidence environment built by the FBI for all levels of law enforcement. Accessible via the internet for a distributed, remote workforce, DCAP provides a secure platform that facilitates collaborative evidence review at all stages of the investigative process.

Forensic Imaging Device

The RCFL National Program Office (NPO) provides an equipment refresh for the Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) FEs on a three-year rotational basis. In the first year of the cycle, each CART FE receives a forensic workstation. In the second year of the cycle, an forensic examiner laptop is refreshed for each FE. Finally, in the third year of the cycle, a forensic imaging device is refreshed for each FE. The cycle repeats after that. For FY22, the forensic imaging device will be refreshed for the FEs.

PART TWO

PART II: RCFL Profiles

Chicago RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Berwyn Police Department
- Carol Stream Police Department
- Chicago Police Department
- Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- FBI—Chicago Division
- Joliet Police Department
- Lombard Police Department
- Oak Park Police Department
- Rockford Police Department
- Romeoville Police Department
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Will County Sheriff's Office

Notable News

Kidnapping and Impersonation

Three men have been indicted on federal kidnapping charges for allegedly abducting multiple victims at gunpoint while posing as police officers. All three were charged with kidnapping conspiracy. In addition to the conspiracy count, the defendants are also charged with individual kidnapping, attempted kidnapping counts, and one count of illegal firearm and ammunition possession.

CGRCFL examiners have provided critical evidence recovered from digital media that supported these charges. All three defendants are facing life in prison.

Public Corruption

Former Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) executives, including the former Chief Executive Officer, conspired with outside consultants to corruptly influence and reward a high-level official for the State of Illinois to assist with the passage of legislation favorable to the electric utility company. The indictment charges four individuals with bribery conspiracy, bribery, and willfully falsifying ComEd books and records.

CGRCFL examiners processed dozens of pieces of digital media that assisted with charges being filed against ComEd Executives for bribery of several State of Illinois Officials.

Personal Protective Equipment Fraud

Dennis W. Haggerty, Jr., President of Illinois based At Diagnostics, Inc., has been charged with one count of wire fraud. He allegedly swindled more than $2.6 million from hospitals that paid for scarce personal protective equipment (PPE) amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

CGRCFL examiners conducted a search of At Diagnostics, Inc. and processed several dozen pieces of digital media that assisted with charges being filed against Dennis W. Haggerty, Jr..

PPE Price Gouging

Krikor Topouzian, the owner of a suburban Chicago medical supply company, was charged with one count of violating the Defense Production Act of 1950. He illegally price gouged customers seeking to purchase scarce N-95 masks amid the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the charges, Topouzian accumulated approximately 79,160 respirator masks, including N-95 masks, for approximately $5.08 per mask. Topouzian later sold the masks to customers for prices as high as $19.95 per mask, a markup from the purchase price of approximately 185% to 367% per mask. Topouzian engaged in the alleged criminal conduct despite repeated warnings, including from law enforcement, about the illegal nature of his conduct.

CGRCFL examiners processed multiple pieces of digital evidence and recovered information supporting the charges against Topouzian for illegally price gouging customers purchasing N-95 masks.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

113	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 103 Local, 3 State, 7 Federal	34	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
1,657	Number of service requests received: 1,027 Local, 38 State, 592 Federal	6	Number of times personnel testified in court
41	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Assault
2	Obscenity	5	Sexual Assault
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✅ **Expansion:** The Rockford Satellite Office was staffed in mid-December 2020 and has received more than 30 cases from several law enforcement agencies.

✅ **Internal Audit:** Internal audit was completed in the fourth quarter, and the results were provided to the DEL Quality Assurance Program Manager (QAPM).

✅ **Examiners:** Four examiners attained full certification as CART Forensic Examiners (FEs).

✅ **Staff:** The Lombard Police Department has transitioned back to a full-time participant. An additional commitment was attained from the Chicago Police Department to add six additional examiners.

Goals for FY22

1	**Staffing:** Increase staffing at the CGRCFL from current levels.
2	**Accreditation:** Maintain requirements for ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.
3	**Examiners:** Increase the number of fully certified examiners at the CGRCFL.
4	**Training:** Enhance training opportunities for examiners and trainees through online and in-person courses and certifications.
5	**Transition:** Successfully transition to Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0 allowing the remote review of evidence to the agencies we serve.

✅ Accomplished   🔄 In Progress   🚫 Not Accomplished

Greater Houston RCFL

Participating Agencies

- FBI—Houston Division
- Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
- Harris County Sheriff's Office

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Notable News

Health Care Fraud

Yolanda Hamilton, M.D., the physician-owner and operator of HMS Health and Wellness Center, PLLC, was sentenced to five years in prison for her role in a multi-million-dollar Medicare fraud scheme. Hamilton was also ordered to pay $9.5 million in restitution. Hamilton was convicted by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to solicit and receive health care kickbacks, and two counts of false statements relating to health care matters. According to the evidence presented at trial, Hamilton conspired with others to defraud Medicare by signing false and fraudulent home healthcare paperwork that was used to submit fraudulent claims to Medicare. The scheme resulted in approximately millions in false and fraudulent claims for home health services to Medicare and in Hamilton receiving over $300,000 in kickbacks.

The GHRCFL imaged and processed over 25 evidence items including computers, thumb drives, and a digital video recorder (DVR) for this case.

Money Laundering

Kenenty Kim, also known as Myung Kim, has been ordered to federal prison after he admitted to conspiring to commit money laundering for his role in a complex email fraud scheme. Kim was handed a 108-month sentence to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution of $745,540.70. Kim engaged in a business email compromise scheme using "spoof" email addresses, which have similar names to legitimate email accounts he hacked.

Kim would then use the addresses to create fictitious transactions or to hijack legitimate transactions to convince a victim company or individual to send funds to a bank account Kim controlled. Kim also engaged in the same conduct against the parent company of several major appliance companies. Kim had 36 different credit cards in a variety of names, four different Social Security numbers, two dates of birth, 11 different overlapping addresses, and a prior real estate license suspension for engaging in fraud.

The GHRCFL conducted a forensic examination on a desktop, laptop, and cell phone for this case.

Heroin Distribution

Betty Jean Molina, a former Deputy Constable, and her husband have been ordered to federal prison, after admitting to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin. Betty and Henry Molina were ordered to serve 87 and 80 months in federal prison, respectively. Each was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release, following their imprisonment, and must pay a $29,000 fine. At the hearing, the court heard how they used their experience, resources, and Betty Molina's law enforcement credentials as a Deputy Constable to help traffic drugs and money from the sale of those drugs for what they believed to be a large-scale drug trafficking organization. The couple admitted to transporting what they believed to be approximately a half-million dollars in drug trafficking proceeds on multiple occasions and two kilograms of heroin.

The GHRCFL performed examinations on the submitted cell phones.

Map of GHRCFL Service Area
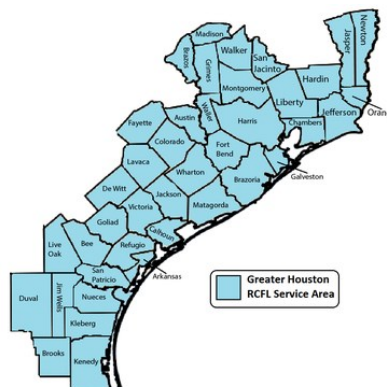
Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

50	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 42 Local, 3 State, 5 Federal	39	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
474	Number of service requests received: 178 Local, 42 State, 254 Federal	1	Number of times personnel testified in court
24	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Immigration (2-way tie)
2	Smuggling Aliens	5	Aggravated Assault, Sexual Assault (2-way tie)
3	Dangerous Drugs (2-way tie)		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Strengthen Examiner Capabilities:** GHRCFL provided continuing education opportunities to multiple examiners for training in SANS, DExT, SQLite, Windows Forensics Tools and Analysis, and Digital Forensic Examiner - Incident Response, Acquisition, and Analysis (IRAA).

✓ **Enhance Laboratory Capabilities:** GHRCFL acquired Mobile Device Unlocking Services (MDUS) licenses through Operational Technology Division (OTD). Also, GHRCFL upgraded to AccessData (AD) Lab 7.4, acquired hardware, implemented a backup solution using NAS (Network Attached Storage), and implemented Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0.

✓ **Maintain ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation:** GHRCFL successfully completed an ANAB audit in the first quarter and an internal audit in the fourth quarter. All GHRCFL personnel successfully completed their annual proficiency testing requirement.

✓ **Provide Training:** GHRCFL provided Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR), Cell Phone Extraction, and Digital Video Retrieval Training (DIVRT).

Goals for FY22

1	**Enhance Training:** Enhance training opportunities for examiners and trainees through online and in-person courses and certifications.
2	**Enhance Laboratory Capabilities:** Enhance laboratory capabilities and practices through the acquisition of additional technology and hardware.
3	**Maintain ANAB accreditation:** Adhere to high quality standards on work performed by the GHRCFL as well as maintain ANAB accreditation.
4	**Provide Training:** Provide or host CAIR training and other digital forensics related trainings to investigators from federal, state, and local agencies.
5	**Foster Partnerships:** Provide mobile device unlock and repair services to agencies within the Houston Area of Responsibility and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Provide forensic support to other FBI Field Offices and Headquarters through examinations and Temporary Duty assignments (TDYs).

✓ Accomplished 🔥 In Progress ⊘ Not Accomplished

Heart of America RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Clay County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Kansas City Division
- Gladstone, Missouri, Police Department
- Independence, Missouri, Police Department
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department
- Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
- Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department
- Lee's Summit, Missouri, Police Department

- Missouri State Highway Patrol **NEW**
- North Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
- Olathe, Kansas, Police Department
- Overland Park, Kansas, Police Department
- Platte County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office
- Shawnee County, Kansas, Sheriff's Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Kansas
- U.S. Attorney's Office—Western District of Missouri

Notable News

Welcome

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Cattle Fraud and Murder Cover-up

Garland Nelson, a Missouri man, is charged with two counts of first degree murder and mail fraud in a cattle fraud scheme. Federal prosecutor states that Nelson entered into a business relationship with two brothers, 24-year-old Justin Diemel and 35-year-old Nicholas Diemel, of Shawano County, Wisconsin, to care for their cattle. Nelson allegedly sold, traded, or killed some of the cattle without paying the brothers any proceeds and continued to bill them for the cattle. When the brothers became suspicious of the scheme, they pressed Nelson for payment and traveled to Missouri to retrieve their money. It was during this trip that Nelson allegedly killed the brothers and attempted to dispose of their bodies.

HARCFL examiners provided support in examining a car infotainment system and several other devices related to this case. This case is ongoing.

Life Sentence for Murdering Son

Aushena Warren, a Kansas City woman, plead guilty to second-degree murder of one son and first degree assault of her second son. Warren admitted to attempting to kill her six-year-old son by suffocation and for drowning her eight-year-old son in a bathtub of her Kansas City home. After Warren killed her son, she drove to a bridge and jumped off in an attempt to commit suicide. The Kansas City Fire Department was conducting water rescue nearby and rescued Warren. Warren was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of her eight-year-old son and 15 years in prison for the assault of her six-year-old son.

HARCFL examiners provided support in examining a cellphone for this case, which determined Warren searched information about drownings and suffocating someone.

Ties to Chinese Government

Feng "Franklin" Tao was convicted on three counts of wire fraud and one count of false statements after deliberately concealing his employment with People's Republic of China, while a professor working on a United States government funded research project at the University of Kansas. Tao concealed and failed to notify the university of any outside employment. Tao did not seek permission from the University of Kansas, before entering into an agreement with Fuzhou University in China, and lied to conceal the employment.

HARCFL examiners provided support in processing dozens of computers and other digital evidence relating to this case.

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51	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 45 Local, 2 State, 4 Federal	**250**	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
645	Number of service requests received: 403 Local, 17 State, 225 Federal	**11**	Number of times personnel testified in court
25	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	**4**	Exploitation/Enticement
2	Dangerous Drugs	**5**	Sexual Assault
3	Assault		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

Staffing: A Clay County Task Force Officer (TFO) passed security background and will be onboarding in quarter one of FY 2022 (FY22). Belton Police Department identified a TFO and will begin process of background in quarter one of FY22.

Exam Results: HARCFL implemented USB results and trained examiners. USB results have been provided and rigorous testing of Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0 shareable results to provide remote accessible results for at least 50 percent of exams, specifically for Mobile Device Unlock Service (MDUS) items in preparing for an operation in quarter one of FY22.

Promote Outreach and Training: HARCFL teamed with National Domestic Communications Assistance Center (NDCAC) to provide web-based training. HARCFL also hosted both web-based and in-person trainings, Capstone training, and Cellebrite training in coordination with the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) Digital Working Group.

Goals for FY22

1 **Staffing:** Increase Staffing.

2 **Accreditation:** Maintain ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation.

3 **DCAP 2.0:** Increase knowledge and understanding of DCAP 2.0 to determine workflow of implementation and use.

⊘ Accomplished   ↻ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Intermountain West RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Ada County, Idaho, Sheriff's Office
- Billings, Montana, Police Department
- Boise City, Idaho, Police Department
- Davis County, Utah, Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Salt Lake City Division

- Salt Lake City, Utah, Police Department
- Sandy City, Utah, Police Department
- Utah Attorney General's Office
- Utah Department of Public Safety

Notable News

Sex Crimes Against Children

Derek Taylor has been charged with three counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, a first-degree felony; 11 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, a second-degree felony; and lewdness involving a child, a class A misdemeanor. The investigation began in November 2020, when the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received a tip that one of its subscribers had uploaded hundreds of files of child pornography to an electronic service provider (ESP). The ESP provided the suspected files of child pornography to officials, which contained images of children as young as six months old. Some of the files allegedly contained images of forced bestiality, bondage, and torture.

During the execution of the search warrant, IWRCFL was able to locate on the subject's cell phone and hard drive found at his property numerous files of child pornography, similar to those found on the ESP account. After being taken into custody, the subject admitted to owning the ESP account and possessing both the cell phone and hard drive with the numerous child pornography items located on them.

Murder and Cover-up

William Richard O'Reilly, of South Jordan, is charged in Third District Court with murder and discharge of a firearm causing serious injury, both first-degree felonies; and obstructing justice, a second-degree felony. O'Reilly shot and stabbed a victim multiple times and dumped her body near the Jordan River in an area that is completely uninhabited, secluded, and covered in vegetation that made it extremely difficult to locate her body. Cadaver dogs were used to find the victim's body.

O'Reilly had turned off the victim's phone and removed a GPS tracking device from her vehicle and placed it in his own car. When police searched the trunk of O'Reilly's car, they found the GPS device, the victim's purse, and one of her shoes.

The IWRCFL reviewed and processed numerous items of digital evidence, which proved to be invaluable during the investigation.

Gas Skimming Scheme

A grand jury indicted six individuals with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, one count of bank fraud, and one count of aggravated identity theft. The defendants executed the conspiracy by using Bluetooth-enabled skimming equipment they installed on the motherboard of the internal computer that controls the gas pumps at various gas stations.

The skimming equipment contained a Bluetooth card reader/recorder that recorded information, such as customers' credit card numbers and the name and zip code associated with the card, from the magnetic strip off the customers' cards once inserted into the gas pumps. The defendants only needed to be within range of the Bluetooth skimming device to initiate a wireless connection to the device. The defendants then downloaded the digital credit card or debit card information that was captured and stored in their skimming devices. They then used the captured data to create duplicate "cloned" cards encoded with the same data as the customers' authentic credit or debit card. Using the cloned credit or debit cards, the defendants obtained at least $200,000 in funds from multiple financial institutions.

The IWRCFL reviewed and processed numerous items of digital evidence, which was instrumental in the investigation.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

104	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 88 Local, 8 State, 8 Federal	35	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
612	Number of service requests received: 406 Local, 50 State, 156 Federal	2	Number of times personnel testified in court
69	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Exploitation/Enticement	4	Sexual Assault
2	Homicide	5	Fraud
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

⊘	**Enhance Staffing:** Due to staffing issues, IWRCFL was unable to recruit additional Forensic Examiners (FEs).
✓	**Advanced Certification:** IWRCFL FEs have received advanced online training courses in Python, X-Ways, Cellebrite Certified Operator, Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA), SANS 508, SANS 560, and Axiom.
✓	**Minimize Backlog:** At the IWRCFL, the backlog was reduced from 59 to 23 by the end of Fiscal Year 2021.
✓	**Maintain ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Certification:** The Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Program underwent an ANAB reaccreditation, and the IWRCFL was recertified until March 31, 2025.

Goals for FY22

1	**Enhance Staffing.**
2	**Advanced Certification:** Maintain/increase examiner advanced certification.
3	**Minimize Backlog:** Continue efforts to decrease or maintain minimal backlog.
4	**Accreditation:** Maintain requirements for ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.

✓ Accomplished   🗘 In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Kentucky RCFL

Participating Agencies

- FBI—Louisville Division
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Kentucky State Police
- Louisville Metro Police Department
- University of Louisville

Notable News

Social Media Predator

On September 20, 2018, the FBI tip line received information regarding the production of child pornography by Dale Allen Fraley. The caller implied Fraley had been coercing minors into self-production of child pornography using Facebook messenger and the live chat application Skype. An in-depth interview of several victims revealed that Fraley had been using sextortion to manipulate minors into sharing sexually explicit content online. The FBI and Eastern Kentucky University Police Department executed a search warrant for Fraley's residence where they recovered various digital devices. The devices were processed by a KRCFL Forensic Examiner (FE). The FE testified that Fraley had been using several online "personas" to communicate with minors. The FBI confirmed that the "personas" were used to lure, persuade, and blackmail minors into providing sexually explicit material. Furthermore, Fraley used his "personas" to persuade at least 2 minors to come to his house for "sexual experiences". While at his home, Fraley recorded their sexual activity with his smartphone.

Dale Allen Fraley was sentenced to 57 years in federal prison for 11 counts of production, receipt, distribution, and possession of child pornography. The charges in the case involved two minor victims although there was evidence that Fraley extorted at least 12 minors while executing his scheme.

The KRCFL FE was a major contributor to the guilty conviction of Fraley on 11 counts of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). The examiner and the Assistant United States Attorney worked together to highlight the results of the digital examination and subpoenaed information for the jury. The examiner was able to corroborate most of the victims' testimony from his examination of Fraley's devices and Microsoft Skype account information. The defense attorney provided the examiner with positive feedback about his testimony.

International Money Laundering

A Nigerian National, Ismaila Fafunmi, pleaded guilty in federal court to money laundering charges related to a romance fraud and grant fraud scheme. Fafunmi admitted that he worked in conjunction with others, who communicated through online chats, to defraud U.S. citizens through a romance scheme. Fafunmi and his co-conspirators set up fake profiles on dating websites purporting to be American men, often military members. Fafunmi's co-conspirators would engage in conversations with victims, typically women older than 50, through the dating website, making the victims believe they were in a romantic relationship with the individual in the fictitious profile.

Fafunmi and his co-conspirators would then convince these unsuspecting women to send money for various reasons. One victim of the scheme lived in Kentucky and sent more than $200,000 to a person she believed to be her boyfriend. In another scheme, Fafunmi received funds from another female over 50, who believed she was being awarded a large grant and had to pay fees up-front to receive her award. In either scam, if the victims sent money by bank deposit, the conspirators created bank accounts in various names to retrieve the fraudulent funds. Fafunmi and others retained a portion of the victim funds and then converted the remainder to wire transfers to be sent back to co-conspirators in Nigeria. Victims also sent money in the form of postal money orders to addresses belonging to Fafunmi and his co-conspirators. Fafunmi and his co-conspirators had to convert those funds to wires to be sent back to co-conspirators in Nigeria as well.

The KRCFL processed 27 pieces of evidence, a majority of which were cell phones. Because of the work of the KRCFL FEs, Fafunmi was sentenced to 51 months incarceration and ordered to pay more than $547,000 in restitution to 13 different victims.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

33	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 26 Local, 1 State, 6 Federal	259	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
434	Number of service requests received: 109 Local, 59 State, 266 Federal	1	Number of times personnel testified in court
9	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Exploitation/Enticement	4	Sexual Assault
2	Homicide	5	Assault
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

Increase Participation: The KRCFL is in the process of recruiting two new partner agencies.

Maintain Staffing: The KRCFL increased the number of certified Forensic Examiners (FEs) by one. The KRCFL maintained the Task Force Officer (TFO) staffing levels and have two Forensic Examiners in Training (FETs) nearing the end of their certification process. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) submitted a candidate for the FE training program for review.

Provide Training: Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the KRCFL was able to provide smaller trainings to squads, Emergency Response Team (ERT), and Operational Support Technicians (OSTs) as well as an overview of the National Program Office (NPO) to the Louisville Citizen's Academy. The KRCFL also coordinated with partners to develop a guide for obtaining and exploiting digital evidence for the United States Attorney's Office.

Efficiency: The KRCFL closed 236 service requests in FY21, which averages 47 requests per FE.

Education: The KRCFL provided a virtual presentation on digital evidence handling with a focus on packaging and shipping considerations. KRCFL FEs continue to provide training to case agents on the Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR). KRCFL Laboratory Director provided a briefing at the Louisville (LS) Field Office Town Hall regarding digital evidence procedures.

Goals for FY22

1	**Increase Participation:** The KRCFL will attempt to add another participating partner agency from the agencies that have submitted evidence to the KRCFL.
2	**Maintain Staffing:** The KRCFL will increase the number of certified FEs and add at least one additional certified FE to the current staffing level.
3	**Provide training:** The KRCFL will provide and host training for state and local agencies ranging from the seizure and handling of digital evidence to specific topics, such as advanced vehicle forensics.
4	**Efficiency:** The KRCFL will close 35 requests per FE.
5	**Communication:** The KRCFL will increase communication with state and local stakeholders to promote services, updates, and trainings.

✓ Accomplished   ↻ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

New England RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Boston Police Department
- Brookline Police Department
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- FBI—Boston Division
- Framingham Police Department

- Massachusetts State Police
- Middlesex Sheriff's Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Massachusetts **NEW**
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Notable News

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U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Massachusetts

Online Romance Scams

A Ghanaian national, Kofi Osei, was indicted on seven counts of making false statements to a bank, six counts of wire fraud, and two counts of money laundering. According to the indictment, Osei opened bank accounts in the greater Boston area using fake identity documents. Those bank accounts were used to receive fraudulently obtained funds, from several victims of romance scams, in which perpetrators created fictitious online personas to develop online romantic relationships with individuals in the United States. Next, they leveraged those relationships to obtain money and/or property. Once the fraudulently obtained funds reached the accounts, it is alleged that Osei generally withdrew the money in cash, used the funds to purchase cashier's checks, or spent the money on personal purchases. Altogether, the fraudulent accounts received $1.7 million.

The NERCFL provided on-site support related to the execution of search warrants. The NERCFL also performed technical assistance and examinations, including unlocking multiple mobile devices and recovering passwords. Information found on those devices was used to recover passwords used to unlock laptops. The devices were processed and analyzed, with the results being made available to investigators for review.

Cyber Attacks

Subject Christopher Cantwell, nicknamed "The Crying Nazi", was sentenced to 41 months in prison for one count of threatening to injure property or reputation to identify the leader of a competing neo-Nazi group called "The Bowl Patrol." The subject sent a series of threatening messages over the internet to instill fear and emotional damage to the leader of "The Bowl Patrol," because he believed members had been harassing him. He followed through on his warnings by "doxing" the leader's information on the internet and by making a report to child protective services on the individual.

The NERCFL provided on-site support related to the execution of a search warrant of the subject's residence, extracted and processed dozens of digital devices and media, bypassed encryption on some of those devices, and coordinated with the Operational Technology Division (OTD) to unlock other devices. The NERCFL processed and made available for review relevant communications and other files.

U.S. Capitol Rioter

For their alleged roles in the January 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol, Mark Sahady, Vice President of Super Happy Fun America, and Suzanne Ianni were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and entering or remaining in the U.S. Capitol building unlawfully, as Congress met to certify President-elect Joe Biden's election.

The NERCFL accessed and preserved relevant communications made via the subjects' mobile devices using the Signal application. The NERCFL extracted and processed other relevant data from multiple devices including laptops and smartphones, search warrant returns from internet service providers, and provided support for privilege review.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

30	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 24 Local, 2 State, 4 Federal	15	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
685	Number of service requests received: 107 Local, 4 State, 574 Federal	3	Number of times personnel testified in court
58	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Weapon Offense	4	Dangerous Drugs (2-way tie)
2	Exploitation/Enticement	5	Suspicious Circumstance (2-way tie)
3	Homicide		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Outreach:** Chelsea Police Department (CPD) was recruited and accepted as a participating agency. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection and CPD have assigned Task Force Officers (TFOs) to the NERCFL and have begun their training. NERCRFL is now at full capacity for TFOs.

✓ **Quality Assurance and Efficiency:** NERCFL closed over 350 exams by the end of the fiscal year.

✓ **Certification:** One Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Forensic Examiner (FE) and one TFO-FE completed their certifications.

Goals for FY22

1	**Increase Efficiency:** Increase output by closing at least 550 requests.
2	**Certification:** Add at least one more certified examiner to the NERCFL.
3	**Installation:** Work with the Operational Technology Division (OTD) units to complete the deployment of the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0.
4	**Training:** Increase training assuming pandemic restrictions are eased. Offer at least two sections of courses to non-FBI personnel.

✓ Accomplished   ↻ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

New Jersey RCFL

Participating Agencies

- FBI—Newark Division
- Hudson County Prosecutor's Office
- Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
- Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
- New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
- New Jersey State Police

Notable News

Theft of Prescription Medication

Wagner Checonolasco, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, was charged with conspiracy to steal government property, specifically Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) medication. Checonolasco conspired with another person to steal prescription HIV medication from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in East Orange, New Jersey. The conspirator, who was employed as a pharmacy procurement technician at the VAMC pharmacy, placed large orders of HIV medication, purportedly on behalf of VAMC. After the medication was delivered, the conspirator would steal it. Checonolasco and the conspirator would then meet so that Checonolasco could purchase the stolen HIV medication, which he then sold. The co-conspirators stole approximately $8.2 million worth of HIV medication.

The NJRCFL analyzed two (2) iPhones that required unlocking using Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) software. Both cellphones were examined, and data was extracted and processed.

Fraud Against the Government

Jeanmarie Zahore, of Rahway, New Jersey, was charged with one count of making corrupt payments to an agent of a local government receiving federal funds, two counts of wire fraud, and one count of violating the Travel Act to carry on bribery. Zahore was the sole owner of JZ Nettech, a computer consulting business that he operated out of his residence. Zahore engaged in a scheme to offer and give corrupt cash payments to an Orange Township public official. These payments were to influence and reward such public official for influencing Orange City Council to award JZ Nettech the contract, without competitive bidding. The public official told Zahore that he had taken care of Zahore and that Zahore should consider that and do something. Zahore understood those comments by the public official to be solicitations and demanded that Zahore

pay or reward him for his assistance in connection with the Municipal Complex Project.

The NJRCFL assisted FBI Newark Division with the search warrant execution at the subject's residence. One computer was imaged on-site, and the image was provided to the Case Agent on-scene for further investigation.

Money Laundering

Lawrence Espaillat, of Clifton, New Jersey, was sentenced to 60 months in prison, three years supervised release, ordered to pay restitution of $1.7 million, and forfeit $12,000 for the charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Espaillat and conspirators participated in a scheme to steal more than $1 million dollars from individual and corporate victims. The scheme involved recruiting "mules" to provide their personal identifying information to incorporate sham businesses under the "mules" names, and eventually open bank accounts in the names of the sham corporations.

A cyberattack aspect of the scheme involved creating email addresses mimicking, but differing slightly, from legitimate email addresses of supervisory employees at various companies, vendors that did business with those victim companies, mortgage lenders that dealt with individuals in connection with real estate purchases, and brokerage firms and accountants who provided financial services. The conspirators used these deceptive email addresses to send emails that appeared to be requests for payment of legitimate invoices or debts owed by the victims. The victims were deceived into transferring funds by wire into the bogus bank accounts opened by the money mules and controlled by the conspirators.

The NJRCFL forensically examined eight (8) evidence items related to the investigation. All items were imaged and made available for case agent review.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

35	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 30 Local, 2 State, 3 Federal	388	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
687	Number of service requests received: 202 Local, 177 State, 308 Federal	0	Number of times personnel testified in court
60	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Burglary
2	Exploitation/Enticement	5	Fraud
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✅ **Enhance Laboratory Capabilities:** Mobile Device Unlock Service (MDUS) software licenses were increased at the laboratory. A classroom technology refresh was also performed. One Task Force Officer (TFO) became fully certified.

✅ **Promote Outreach and Training by NJRCFL Personnel:** NJRCFL hosted six sessions of NDCAC Collection/Seizure of Mobile Devices for Investigators and a Digital Video Retrieval Training (DIVRT) for the Newark Division Crisis Response Team. NJRCFL had New Jersey State Police (NJSP) interns and FBI professional support personnel tour the facility.

✅ **Maintain Minimal Backlog:** NJRCFL has been able to maintain a minimal backlog with only five cases backlogged at the end of fiscal year.

✅ **Increase Participation:** NJRCFL added TFOs from the NJSP and Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. The NJSP replaced the retired Deputy Director. The FBI sent two Special Agents (SAs) and two Information Technology Specialists (ITS) - Forensic Examiners (FEs) to replace retired personnel.

🔄 **Implement Review Platform:** Equipment for the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0 has been installed but work continues on the functionality of DCAP 2.0.

Goals for FY22

1	**Enhance Laboratory Capabilities:** Increase certifications by current examiners and/or bring in a new technology previous unavailable to the NJRCFL.
2	**Promote Outreach and Training by NJRCFL Personnel.**
3	**Minimize Backlog:** Continue efforts to decrease or maintain minimal backlog.
4	**Installation:** Work with the Operational Technology Division (OTD) units to complete the deployment of the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0.

✅ Accomplished 🔄 In Progress 🚫 Not Accomplished

New Mexico RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Albuquerque Police Department
- Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Albuquerque Division
- Homeland Security Investigations
- New Mexico State Police Department
- Rio Rancho Police Department
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement
- University of New Mexico

Notable News

Child Obscenity Website

Thomas Alan Arthur, of Terlingua, Texas, was convicted of three counts of trafficking in obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of a child; five counts of trafficking in obscene text stories about the sexual abuse of children; and one count of engaging in the business of selling obscene matters involving the sexual abuse of children. Arthur began operating a website to publish writings that detail the sexual abuse of children. Evidence at trial showed that the website was Arthur's sole source of income for more than 20 years.

NMRCFL provided testimony in court and a lion-share of digital evidence for the prosecution, after pulling data out of a server containing multiple hard drives in two separate Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) configurations. NMRCFL also poured through terabytes of data bookmarking items, imaging, and processing it.

Veterans Affairs Beneficiary Fraud

Subjects Susan K. Harris and William S. Harris, both of Albuquerque, were sentenced to 47 years and 15 years, respectively, followed by three years of supervised release for conspiracy to defraud the United States and other financial crimes committed in connection with the operation of Ayudando Guardians, Inc. Ayudando Guardians was a non-profit corporation that previously provided guardianship, conservatorship, and financial management to hundreds of people with special needs.

Other subjects convicted in this case were Sharon Moore, 20 years imprisonment, and Susan Harris' son, Craig M. Young, five years 11 months' imprisonment, followed by three years supervised release for both. Subjects will be required to pay varying amounts, most paying the entire amount of stolen funds as restitution to the victims. The subjects engaged in a pattern of criminal conduct that included unlawfully transferring money from client accounts to a comingled account without any client-based justification. They wrote and endorsed numerous checks, often of more than $10,000, from these comingled accounts to themselves, family members, cash, and other parties where payment would benefit their families.

NMRCFL assisted with the search operation, seizing six computers, two data tapes, an iPad, an iPhone, two additional hard drives, and a Dell PowerEdge server. Numerous call logs, chats, contacts, SMS/MMS messages, documents, link files, Windows Registry artifacts, Apple configuration file artifacts, QuickBooks files and entries, email messages, deleted files, and other data were identified, bookmarked, and extracted from the submitted devices. The evidential data located on the digital evidence devices was key in building the investigative case and resulting in a successful prosecution.

Drug Distribution by an Officer

Daniel Capehart, former New Mexico State Police Officer, was convicted by a federal jury of three counts of distribution of marijuana and methamphetamine, two of which occurred within 1,000 feet of a school and playground, in Farmington, New Mexico. Capehart faces up to 40 years in prison on the methamphetamine count.

NMRCFL performed the digital forensic examination on this case. The examination found incriminating evidence instrumental in the investigation. NMRCFL testified to finding pictures with geographical information pinpointing the subject's location in proximity to the school. The testimony provided by the NMRCFL Forensic Examiner (FE) was critical to achieving the unanimous guilty verdict.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

41	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 26 Local, 6 State, 9 Federal	103	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
370	Number of service requests received: 145 Local, 49 State, 176 Federal	2	Number of times personnel testified in court
52	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Exploitation/Enticement	4	Assault
2	Homicide	5	Family Offense, Fraud (2-way tie)
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Maintain High Customer Satisfaction:** NMRCFL received several positive feedback forms and one negative feedback form this fiscal year. The negative feedback form was for a customer requesting the ability to submit service requests via email, not just fax. NMRCFL is working with the RCFL email to obtain a service request shared email account.

✓ **Certifications:** One Forensic Examiner in Training (FET) became a fully certified FE. One FET completed Capstone class and examination with next step being fully certified. A new Task Force Officer (TFO) onboarded as an FET.

✓ **Staffing:** One vacancy is being filled by a candidate in the background security process. A current TFO was provided conditional employment and currently in the background process.

✓ **Maintain and Foster Partnerships:** NMRCFL met with the new Albuquerque Police Department management team, southern New Mexico area law enforcement partners, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. NMRCFL provided a lab presentation and tour to University of New Mexico graduate students and met with all partner agency Points of Contact (POCs) at the Local Executive Board (LEB) meetings.

✓ **Maintain Minimal Backlog:** NMRCFL continued to address high priorities immediately or within a narrow time period. NMRCFL continued to maintain a zero-based backlog.

✓ **Accreditation:** NMRCFL joined the new unified Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) Quality Program. All requirements for ANAB accreditation were met for the fiscal year.

Goals for FY22

1	**Maintain High Customer Satisfaction:** Ensure 100 percent of any negative feedback is addressed.
2	**Certifications:** Ensure all FETs are certified within 18 months of full-time onboarding.
3	**Staffing:** Fill vacant Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - FE position.
4	**Maintain and Foster Partnerships.**
5	**Accreditation:** Maintain requirements for ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.

✓ Accomplished   In Progress   Not Accomplished

North Texas RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Dallas Police Department
- FBI—Dallas Division
- Frisco Police Department

- Naval Criminal Investigative Service **NEW**
- Plano Police Department
- Richardson Police Department

Notable News

Welcome

NCIS Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)

Harboring a Fugitive

Subject Islam Yaser-Abdel Said, the 32-year-old son of FBI's "10 Most Wanted" suspect Yaser Said, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to conceal a person from arrest, one count of concealing a person from arrest, and one count of conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding. Said's father, Yaser Said, had been a fugitive from justice since New Year's Day 2008 when he allegedly murdered his teenage daughters. Said harbored his father, Yaser, inside an apartment in Bedford, Texas, where a maintenance worker spotted Yaser.

After the maintenance worker reported the sighting to the FBI, an agent was dispatched to interview Islam, but he refused to cooperate. He later harbored his father inside a home in Justin, Texas, that belonged to his cousin. FBI agents observed Mr. Said and his uncle deliver grocery bags to the residence, then followed the men to a shopping center 20 miles away, where they dumped trash retrieved from the home. Said's uncle, Yassein Abdulfatah Said (Yaser's brother), was convicted of conspiring with Islam to conceal Yaser from arrest, among other crimes.

NTRCFL personnel conducted several search warrants seizing computers, over 30 mobile devices, and loose media and conducted examinations on each. An NTRCFL examiner testified at the trial resulting in a conviction of Said, who received a sentence of 12 years in federal prison.

Plot to Blow Up an Amazon Data Center

A Texas man, Seth Aaron Pendley, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for plotting to blow up a data center in Virginia. Pendley admitted that he disclosed his plan to blow up an Amazon data center to a confidential source. He sent the source a list of potential targets and said he hoped a successful attack could "kill off about 70% of the internet." When the source offered to help him obtain C4 explosives to use in the attack, Pendley responded enthusiastically. He later showed the source a hand-drawn map of his chosen data center and described how he planned to disguise his car to evade detection by law enforcement. The confidential source then introduced Pendley to an individual who he claimed was his explosives supplier but was an undercover FBI employee. In recorded conversations, Pendley allegedly told the employee he planned to attack web servers that he believed provided services to the FBI, CIA, and other federal agencies.

During that same conversation, Pendley claimed to have been present at the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. He stated that although he did not enter the building, he came prepared with a sawed-off AR rifle, which he left in his car. Pendley again met with the undercover FBI employee to pick up what he believed to be explosive devices. (In actuality, the undercover gave Pendley inert devices.) After the employee showed Pendley how to arm and detonate the devices, the defendant loaded them into his car. He was then arrested. A subsequent search of his residence in Wichita Falls turned up an AR-15 receiver with a sawed-off barrel, a pistol painted to look like a toy gun, masks, wigs, notes, and flashcards related to the planned attack.

NTRCFL examined several phones and computers. The examinations found evidence germane to the bombing plot. Based largely on evidence found on the mobile devices, the subject pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

15	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 13 Local, 0 State, 2 Federal	84	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
482	Number of service requests received: 246 Local, 0 State, 236 Federal	4	Number of times personnel testified in court
20	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Sexual Assault
2	Assault	5	Robbery
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

New Facility: NTRCFL moved into the facility in the first quarter and officially opened and began accepting evidence in the second quarter of FY21.

Maintain Staffing: NTRCFL hired and replaced two retiring Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Forensic Examiners (FEs). NTRCFL hired an ITS - Forensic Examiner in Training (FET) to replace another FE who had left as well as brought on one Task Force Officer (TFO) to replace a retiring TFO.

Promote Outreach: The Naval Criminal Investigative Service joined the NTRCFL and signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). NTRCFL Lab Director met with the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Dallas Police Department (PD), Carrolton PD, and Irving PD regarding joining the NTRCFL.

Support Partnerships: NTRCFL worked with the Dallas District Attorney's Office on prosecuting a former Dallas Police Officer. NTRCFL personnel testified in federal court obtaining a conviction in child pornography.

Advanced Capabilities: NTRCFL received Cellebrite Premium licenses to allow additional processing of mobile devices. NTRCFL and Dallas executive management sought and received preliminary approval to have the NTRCFL receive a new Mobile Laboratory. Mobile Laboratory funding has been delayed until FY23.

Goals for FY22

1	**Maintain Staffing:** Replace retiring/department examiners.
2	**Promote Outreach:** Increase participating agencies at the NTRCFL.
3	**Support Partnerships:** NTRCFL will work with the Assistant U.S. Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, and customers to better meet their needs.
4	**Advanced Capabilities:** Update the NTRCFL capabilities with a new CART Mobile Laboratory.

✅ Accomplished   🔄 In Progress   🚫 Not Accomplished

Northwest RCFL

Participating Agencies

- FBI—Portland Division
- Gresham Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Multnomah County Department of Community Justice

- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Oregon State Police
- Portland Police Bureau

Notable News

Federal Hate Crime

Levi Nolan Strauss was at a Pilot Travel Center in Ontario, Oregon, when he saw a black man walk into the adjoining Arby's Restaurant. Strauss did not know the man and had never seen him before, but he decided he wanted to kill the man because he was black. The man was at the Arby's to provide documentation for a pending job application. He sat in a booth by himself and waited to meet with the restaurant manager when Strauss entered the building and approached the man from behind. Suddenly, unprovoked and without warning, Strauss stabbed the man twice in the neck, cutting his jugular vein and causing blood to rush out of the man's neck. The man struggled to wrestle the knife from Strauss, certain that he would die if he was stabbed again. A maintenance worker approached Strauss and directed him to drop the knife several times. Finally, the stabbing victim broke free from Strauss's grip and ran to the other side of the restaurant where he collapsed on the floor, his clothes soaked with blood. The victim survived the stabbing. While they waited, the worker asked Strauss why he stabbed the man. Strauss replied, "because he was black, and I don't like black people." Strauss was arrested at the scene and eventually sentenced to 16 years in prison.

The NWRCFL examined the subject's iPhone and laptop, helping to solidify the hate crime enhancement.

Homicide

Matthew Hester's ex-wife, Annastasia Hester, was brutally murdered by his current wife, Angela McCraw-Hester. McCraw-Hester stabbed the victim over 60 times and disposed of the articles of clothing she was wearing. The case stalled until a bag of clothing was found.

The NWRCFL examined over 10 Terabytes of data from all the suspect's digital media. The NWRCFL was able to match images of clothing the suspect wore from the media to the clothes found abandoned. The NWRCFL confirmed the suspect was on-scene during the murder.

Rapist

Mitchell Beckwith kidnapped, raped, sexually abused, and performed other sexual acts unlawfully against an adult female victim. During the alleged criminal conduct, Beckwith strangled the victim and used force to have her engage in the conduct. Beckwith is charged with two counts of first-degree kidnapping, one count of first-degree sexual abuse, one count of strangulation, three counts of first-degree sodomy, two counts of first-degree rape, two counts of promoting prostitution, and one count of compelling prostitution. After the exploitation of his cell phone, several more victims were revealed, and a superseding indictment was added.

When the subject was arrested, he refused to provide the password of his iPhone to Gresham Police Officers. The NWRCFL was able to get into the phone using a Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) software where audio and video files of the sexual assault were found.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

31	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 23 Local, 2 State, 6 Federal	260	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
301	Number of service requests received: 123 Local, 17 State, 161 Federal	0	Number of times personnel testified in court
19	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Weapon Offense
2	Exploitation/Enticement	5	Sexual Assault, Assault (2-way tie)
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

Increase Participation: NWRCFL met with two potential agencies to bring on as participating agencies. Oregon State Police hired another examiner to work at the NWRCFL.

Increase Training: NWRCFL completed Cellebrite 101 trainings at the RCFL for agents in Resident Agencies (RAs) and for Task Force Officers (TFOs).

Promote Outreach and Training: NWRCFL conducted virtual training with PD (Pure Data) Open Source Team as it pertains to forensics at the RCFL to over 250 local and state participants. NWRCFL presented to World Oregon and Department of State international participants overviewing the RCFL. NWRCFL also presented to the FBI National Academy Association (FBINAA) Oregon chapter. NWRCFL participated in community outreach events with Portland Field Office and with Cyber Academy to local high school students.

Maintain Backlog: NWRCFL decreased their backlog once access to the licenses for the Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) was received.

Goals for FY22

1	**Maintain High Customer Satisfaction:** NWRCFL will address 100 percent of any negative feedback.
2	**Increase Participation:** NWRCFL will add one new participating agency in FY22.
3	**Provide Training:** NWRCFL will provide RCFL training and familiarization to police departments to include Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR) training.
4	**Certification:** NWRCFL will obtain Field Audio Video Program (FAVP) certification for examiners.

Accomplished   In Progress   Not Accomplished

Orange County RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Corona Police Department **NEW**
- FBI—Los Angeles Division
- Fontana Police Department
- Irvine Police Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Murrieta Police Department
- Newport Beach Police Department

- Ontario Police Department
- Orange County District Attorney's Office
- Palm Springs Police Department
- Riverside County District Attorney's Office
- Riverside Police Department
- San Bernardino District Attorney's Office
- Santa Ana Police Department

Notable News

Welcome

Corona Police Department

Capitol Riots

Matthew Thomas Purse was arrested on federal charges of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly conduct in a Capitol building; and parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building.

Purse was captured on U.S. Capitol security camera footage inside the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6, 2021. Purse appeared to wear a body camera, a Press patch on his tactical vest, Press letters on his helmet, a Press pass lanyard, and carried a Go-Pro, while inside the U.S. Capitol Building. There is no evidence that Purse has legitimate Press credentials or is affiliated with any news organization. Purse was identified by a confidential source who saw him on a livestream video.

OCRCFL imaged and processed submitted media for further review by the Case Agents.

Grand Theft

Edwin Ivan Duran was arrested for grand theft resulting from a scooter theft ring investigation. The rideshare company, Lyft Inc., suffered a financial loss of nearly $450,000.00 due to numerous scooter thefts in and around Southern California.

Subsequent investigations by Lyft and Rampart Detectives identified Duran as one of several suspects responsible. Search and Ramey Warrants were approved and executed. Duran was located and arrested at his residence accordingly. His cell phone was recovered and booked as evidence. The case was submitted to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for filing consideration.

Detectives requested assistance with forensic examination of digital evidence that would assist further in a successful prosecution. OCRCFL extracted a file system extraction of a submitted mobile device using the Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS).

Multiple Murders

Aminadab Gaxiola Gonzalez, of Fullerton, California, was arrested for murdering four victims and wounding another. Gonzalez drove a rental car to his place of business and then used bicycle-type locks to secure the gates on the north and south ends of the complex's courtyard, before carrying out the shooting. Gonzalez was charged with four counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted murder, and two counts of attempted murder of a police officer. The charges make Gonzalez eligible for the death penalty.

OCRCFL found two cellular devices associated with Gonzalez. Video of the shooting showed Gonzalez accessing one device afterward. OCRCFL extracted a locked Android device accessed by the subject after the murders. Extraction parsed and provided to investigators for further investigation.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

29	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 26 Local, 0 State, 3 Federal	173	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
1,023	Number of service requests received: 631 Local, 0 State, 392 Federal	7	Number of times personnel testified in court
62	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Dangerous Drugs
2	Fraud	5	Exploitation/Enticement
3	Sexual Assault		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Community Outreach:** OCRCFL provided digital forensic services to multiple federal, state, and local agencies. OCRCFL hosted Digital Video Retrieval Training (DIVRT) sessions and provided Digital Extraction Technician (DExT) training to Los Angeles, San Diego, and Honolulu FBI personnel.

✓ **Increase Participation:** OCRCFL added a new participating agency, Corona Police Department.

✓ **Technology Improvements:** OCRCFL installed DCAP 2.0 equipment in the laboratory. OCRCFL also installed new classroom systems to the latest forensic software. OCRCFL obtained funding from the Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO) for additional Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) licenses for the Ontario Satellite Office.

Goals for FY22

1	**Community Outreach:** Continue to reach out to other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to provide assistance and training.
2	**Increase Participation**: Bring one additional participating agency on board by the end of the fourth quarter.
3	**Technology Improvements:** To deploy additional technologies within the laboratory environment.

✓ Accomplished   ⟳ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Philadelphia RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Bucks County District Attorney's Office
- Chester County District Attorney's Office
- Delaware County District Attorney's Office
- FBI—Philadelphia Division

- Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
- Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
- Philadelphia Police Department

Notable News

Murderer Still at Large

PHRCFL assisted the Phoenixville Police Department with an investigation into the murder of a 73-year-old male victim inside his residence. Friends of the victim arrived at the victim's home to find the back door unlocked. They immediately contacted the police. When police arrived and entered the home, they found two (2) nine-millimeter spent shell casings along with a miniature baseball bat next to the victim's body. Police also recovered the victim's cellular telephone.

The PHRCFL was requested to assist with the computer forensic processing of this homicide investigation to determine if a subject of interest was present at the location at the time of the homicide.

Extortion and Conspiracy

John Dougherty, the Business Manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 98 ("Local 98"), and a Philadelphia City Councilmember were convicted of multiple crimes involving public corruption. Dougherty was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit honest services fraud (Count One) and seven counts of honest services wire fraud (Counts Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, and Ten). Dougherty bribed the Councilmember on numerous occasions with a $70,000 salary and benefits for a no-show union job. The bribe also included nearly $20,000 worth of tickets to Philadelphia Eagles games and other sporting events. In return, the Councilmember served as a retainer to Dougherty, helping him attack his rivals in other unions and pressure large employers to hire union electricians.

Dougherty was indicted after the execution of several search warrants with the assistance of the PHRCFL. Since the indictment, the PHRCFL has been involved with the processing and exploitation of multiple electronic devices.

Terroristic Threats through Safe2Say

A juvenile has been charged with five counts each of making terroristic threats, false reports to law enforcement authorities, and disorderly conduct and false reports in the Safe2Say Something application (app). "Safe2Say Something" is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. Using a phone app, Safe2Say is used in all schools throughout the state, so students can anonymously submit reports of unsafe activities or threats.

The juvenile's terroristic threats were targeting three juveniles and claiming they were going to harm themselves or others. This prompted the Quakertown School District to have virtual classes at certain schools on those days. Because the threats mentioned violence and explosives, the Quakertown Police Department used an explosives detection dog to search the schools. The threats are categorized as third-degree felonies.

PHRCFL assisted the Quakertown Borough Police Department with the investigation involving false reports and terroristic threats through the Safe2Say Something application. Forensic examiners processed digital and video evidence, which assisted in the application of criminal charges.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

38	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 34 Local, 2 State, 2 Federal	327	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
748	Number of service requests received: 349 Local, 54 State, 345 Federal	1	Number of times personnel testified in court
22	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Assault	4	Homicide
2	Dangerous Drugs	5	Robbery
3	Exploitation/Enticement		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Complete Casework with No Backlog:** PHRCFL has completed cases with no backlog within an average of 30 days.

✓ **Maintain or Increase Staffing:** PHRCFL added one additional Task Force Officer (TFO) from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. PHRCFL continues to work with Montgomery and Delaware County to staff an examiner at the PHRCFL.

✓ **Training:** PHRCFL hosted a Digital Video Retrieval Training (DIVRT), Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST), and Cellebrite trainings. The Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office conducted training using the PHRCFL training classroom.

Goals for FY22

1 **Complete Casework with No Backlog:** Cases should be completed within 40 days (unless under case agent review or other extenuating circumstances that prevent the completion).

2 **Maintain or Increase Staffing:** The PHRCFL will work with partnering agencies (Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester County District Attorney's Offices) to staff positions again. The PHRCFL will work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to become a partnering agency and provide an examiner.

3 **Training:** The PHRCFL will provide training for the Philadelphia Division and agency partners in Digital Video Retrieval Training (DIVRT), cellphone exploitation, and other subject matter areas.

⊘ Accomplished   In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Rocky Mountain RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Adams County Sheriff's Office
- Castle Rock Police Department *****
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation
- Denver Police Department
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office

- FBI—Denver Division
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Littleton Police Department
- Lone Tree Police Department *****

* Non-Voting Participant

Notable News

Possession of Pipe Bombs

Bradley Bunn pleaded guilty to one count of making destructive devices and four counts of possessing destructive devices in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861. Upon execution of two search warrants at Bunn's home, four explosive devices were recovered, each consisting of galvanized steel pipe with end caps, a fuse, and filled with explosive materials.

Agents recovered additional bomb-making components in the house, including more steel pipes, end caps, primers, fuses, and bottles of smokeless powder. Bunn had not registered the devices in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR) and had not complied with any regulations concerning the making of destructive devices. Bunn planned on using the devices on law enforcement if they were to raid his residence.

The RMRCFL examined several items of digital evidence, including laptops and cellular devices.

Plot to Blow Up Synagogue

Richard Holzer was sentenced to over 19 years in prison, followed by 15 years of supervised release, for plotting to blow up a synagogue. Holzer plead guilty to intentionally attempting to obstruct persons in the enjoyment of their free exercise of religious beliefs, through force; to attempting use of explosives and fire in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 247; and to attempting to maliciously damage and destroy, by means of fire and explosives, a building used in interstate commerce.

Holzer, who self-identifies as a Neo-Nazi and white supremacist, admitted that he planned to destroy Temple Emanuel, a synagogue in Pueblo, Colorado, which is listed on the National Register of Historic

Places. The planned bombing, which Holzer declared was "a move for our race," was born from years of Holzer consuming and promoting white supremacist ideology. Holzer regularly used social media to glorify violence and advocate for white supremacy. After an undercover FBI employee contacted Holzer, he sent pictures of himself holding automatic weapons and said he was "getting ready for RAHOWA," shorthand for a racial holy war.

The RMRCFL examined two cell phones belonging to the suspect to assist in the successful prosecution of the subject.

STEM School Shooting

Devon Erickson, 18, and Alec McKinney, 16, were arrested for murder in the shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch. Both had snorted cocaine the morning of the shootings and used a crowbar and ax to break into the gun safe at Erickson's parent's house to steal a gun. Erickson and McKinney then proceeded to STEM School Highlands Ranch and opened fire, killing a classmate and injuring eight other students.

McKinney plead guilty to multiple charges, including first-degree murder, and was sentenced to life in prison, with eligibility for parole after 40 years, and an additional 38 years. Erickson was convicted on 46 counts, including first-degree murder in the shooting death of his classmate. The judge added 1,280 years to Erickson's mandatory life sentence after hearing lengthy and emotional testimony from survivors.

A Forensic Examiner (FE) from the RMRCFL testified as an expert witness to cell phone data located on the suspects' phones.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

16	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 13 Local, 2 State, 1 Federal	103	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
288	Number of service requests received: 106 Local, 22 State, 160 Federal	3	Number of times personnel testified in court
9	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Sexual Assault
2	Exploitation/Enticement	5	Fraud
3	Missing Person		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Promote Outreach and Training:** RMRCFL provided training to Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Douglas County Sheriff's Office Academy cadets on handling of digital evidence. RMRCFL held Cellebrite and Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis (CASA) training sessions.

✓ **Maintain Low Backlog:** RMRCFL did not have a backlog during FY21.

✓ **Staffing:** The Denver Field Office provided a temporary evidence technician to assist RMRCFL and will hire and assign one or two evidence technicians to the laboratory. RMRCFL replaced retiring Lab Director—FE with a Task Force Officer (TFO) - Forensic Examiner in Training (FET) from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

✓ **Archival:** RMRCFL used DocLab to scan and digitalize all old paper reports through 2019, when the lab moved to using DEMS.

Goals for FY22

1. **Customer satisfaction:** RMRCFL aims to provide a timely, valued added service. Any reported negative experiences will be reviewed and rectified for continuous improvement.

2. **Staffing:** Maintain authorized staffing levels of Information Technology Specialist (ITS)—FEs, TFO FEs, and Evidence Technicians to ensure effective and efficient operations.

3. **Partnerships:** Maintain current and work toward developing potential new partnerships to preserve and improve RMRCFL relevancy and capability in our area of responsibility.

4. **Accreditation:** Maintain ANAB accreditation, and perform all required audits and training.

5. **Education/Training:** Assist in educating investigators on best practices for recovering digital evidence in the field and how best to make use of the RMRCFL. Ensure assigned FEs are increasing their skill set through the FBI and outside training.

✓ Accomplished   ⟳ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

San Diego RCFL

Participating Agencies

- California Highway Patrol
- Carlsbad Police Department
- Chula Vista Police Department
- Coronado Police Department
- Drug Enforcement Administration **NEW**
- El Cajon Police Department
- Escondido Police Department
- FBI—San Diego Division
- Homeland Security Investigations

- La Mesa Police Department
- National City Police Department
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- San Diego Harbor Police Department
- San Diego Police Department
- San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of California

Notable News

Welcome

Drug Enforcement Administration

Web of Deceit

Former Honolulu Deputy Prosecutor Katherine Kealoha and former Police Chief Louis Kealoha were sentenced, during separate hearings, to 13 years and seven years in prison, respectively, following several convictions. The Kealohas were convicted for conspiracy and attempted obstruction of justice. The Kealohas also plead guilty to bank fraud. The Kealohas falsely claimed assets that belonged to others, falsely inflated their monthly income, and falsely denied derogatory information on their credit. The Kealohas submitted a forged police report with loan applications, wherein Katherine had forged a police officer's signature. For the forged signature, Katherine plead guilty to identity theft. The couple leveraged their roles in law enforcement to cover up an array of schemes that fueled a lavish lifestyle at the expense of their victims.

The SDRCFL provided computer forensic support in the form of computer processing, taint review, and expert testimony.

Sexual Predator

Brian Jeffrey Raymond pleaded guilty to sexual abuse and admitted to the abusive sexual contact of numerous women, as well as photographing and recording dozens of nude and partially nude women without their consent during his career as a U.S.

government employee at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Raymond departed Mexico after an adult woman was observed nude and screaming for help from his balcony. The woman reported she had no memory of events after consuming drinks and food provided by Raymond. Law enforcement agents recovered hundreds of photographs and videos depicting more than 20 unconscious and nude or partially nude women from Raymond's cell phones, iCloud account, and other electronic devices. The women experienced memory loss during their time with Raymond and had no knowledge of the photographs, videos, or physical contact. Internet history recovered from Raymond's devices revealed searches for unconscious women, as well as searches for the side effects of prescription drugs combined with alcohol.

The SDRCFL worked with case agents to process the subject's cell phone immediately following his arrest.

Computer Hacker

Depanshu Kher was an IT contractor sentenced to two years for shutting down a Carlsbad business for days by deleting the bulk of the company's Microsoft (MS) user accounts. Kher was released from the company in January 2018. Several months later, after he returned to Dehli, India, he retaliated by hacking into the company and deleting 1200 of the company's 1500 MS Office 365 user accounts.

An SDRCFL examiner reviewed the hacked computers and analyzed the script that the hacker used to attack the victim.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

19	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 14 Local, 1 State, 4 Federal	130	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
796	Number of service requests received: 60 Local, 4 State, 732 Federal	1	Number of times personnel testified in court
31	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Dangerous Drugs
2	Exploitation/Enticement	5	Fraud
3	Sex Offense		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Productivity:** The SDRCFL closed 791 requests during this period.

✓ **Training:** The SDRCFL developed online training and provided training to several partner agencies. SDRCFL provided a Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR) training and began restructuring the basic cell phone class.

✓ **Certification:** The SDRCFL had four Forensic Examiners in Training (FETs) attend and pass their capstone. Several other FETs continued to work toward their certification.

Goals for FY22

1	**Productivity:** Continue to maintain the forensic services of the laboratory, timeliness, and productivity of the forensic examination process.
2	**Training:** Further develop the SDRCFL as an instructional center for computer forensics and law enforcement training facility.
3	**Certification:** Certify additional examiners to better support member agencies.

✓ Accomplished   ⟳ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Silicon Valley RCFL

Participating Agencies

- FBI—San Francisco Division
- Fremont Police Department
- Newark Police Department
- Palo Alto Police Department *****
- San Francisco Police Department

*Non-Voting Participant

Notable News

Sex Trafficking of a Minor

Kealeon Dyer-Hogan was convicted of possessing child pornography. Trial evidence revealed that Dyer-Hogan befriended a 16-year-old female and began picking her up after school in his SUV. One day, the 16-year-old girl entered Dyer-Hogan's vehicle after school and saw a minor boy who she did not know sitting in the back, and once in the back, the boy pulled down his pants. Dyer-Hogan filmed the incident on his cell phone, ignoring the 16-year-old girl's request to stop recording. Later that day, Dyer-Hogan asked the girl to work for him as a prostitute, which she rejected. The 16-year-old eventually found one of the videos, which Dyer-Hogan had assured her were deleted, posted on social media.

After Dyer-Hogan's arrest, police found on his phone five of his video clips depicting sexual activity involving minors. Nine days after his conviction, Dyer-Hogan, while awaiting further court proceedings, was arrested again. This time police found a 15-year-old girl in his car. The government charged Dyer-Hogan with sex trafficking of the 15-year-old minor. The investigation of Dyer-Hogan revealed he had three females working for him as commercial sex workers. At least two of the females were minors.

The SVRCFL was sought out by the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) in the Northern District of California (NDCA) to provide expert testimony for the above investigation that went to trial in July 2021. Defense counsel hired its own digital forensics expert to challenge the evidence. The Forensic Examiner (FE) from the SVRCFL performed an in-depth examination and analysis of the evidence and provided testimony over two days at trial. The defendant was found guilty.

ATM Skimming

On August 12, 2021, the Fremont Police Department arrested two subjects for multiple felonies related to rigging Bank of America ATM machines with skimming devices. On short notice, a search warrant was executed at a residence where gift cards and over $20,000 in cash were seized.

The SVRCFL dispatched three FEs to support the search warrant operation by providing on-site triage and imaging at the residence. A second search warrant was executed on a vehicle. The SVRCFL dispatched three FEs to extract data from the vehicle's onboard computer systems. The disassembly and reassembly of the vehicle took approximately six hours. Analysis of digital evidence revealed the subjects' pattern of movement and generated additional leads for a follow-up investigation.

Sex Trafficking Conspiracy

Between September 2014 and January 2016, Ariel Guizar-Cuellar and three co-defendants collaborated to sell the sexual services of adult women and minor girls throughout the South San Francisco Bay Area. All four defendants were indicted in April 2016. Numerous mobile devices were seized during the investigation. At the time, law enforcement did not have the tools to access the locked mobile devices.

With approximately 30 days remaining until the trial in 2021, ten locked mobile devices were brought to the SVRCFL for assistance. The SVRCFL was able to access all ten devices. With the assistance of the SVRCFL, all four defendants were found guilty.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

9	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 7 Local, 0 State, 2 Federal	35	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
308	Number of service requests received: 120 Local, 0 State, 188 Federal	2	Number of times personnel testified in court
43	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Burglary
2	Sex Offense	5	Assault
3	Robbery		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

✓ **Reduce Backlog:** A multi-pronged strategy was implemented by the SVRCFL in late April 2021 to address the backlog. The new strategy resulted in a 69% backlog reduction reducing the volume of backlogged cases from 70 to 22.

✓ **Community Outreach:** The SVRCFL hosted two in-classroom instructional courses to a total of 34 students on the topic of Cellebrite usage.

↻ **Maintain and/or Increase Staffing Level:** The SVRCFL began the fiscal year with a total of 15 FEs consisting of eight certified examiners and seven trainees. As a result of transfers, retirements, and local economic factors, the SVRCFL ended the fiscal year with a total of 11 FE consisting of seven certified and four trainees. The SVRCFL made significant investments in hiring and recruiting efforts that will hopefully pay dividends during FY22.

↻ **Deploy Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0 at the SVRCFL:** Approximately 50% of the DCAP 2.0 rollout was completed by the end of FY21. The ongoing impacts of supply chain disruptions have delayed the remainder of the rollout until FY22.

⊘ **Increase Agency Participation:** Despite the SVRCFL's recruiting efforts, agencies in the greater San Francisco Bay Area are still recovering from the economic and political impacts of COVID-19 and civil unrest. The SVRCFL will continue recruitment efforts throughout FY22.

Goals for FY22

1 **Minimize Backlog:** Continue efforts to decrease or maintain minimal backlog.

2 **Community Outreach:** Continue to reach out to other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to provide assistance, training, and to recruit new participating agencies.

3 **Staffing:** Maintain authorized staffing levels of Information Technology Specialist (ITS)—FEs, TFO FEs, and Evidence Technicians to ensure effective and efficient operations.

4 **Installation:** Work with the Operational Technology Division (OTD) units to complete the deployment of the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0.

5 **Increase Agency Participation:** Bring one additional participating agency on board by the end of the fourth quarter.

✓ Accomplished   ↻ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Tennessee Valley RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Alabama Counterdrug Program—National Guard
- City of Madison Police Department
- Etowah County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Birmingham Division
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Huntsville Police Department
- Lincoln County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department
- Madison County Sheriff's Office
- The U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Alabama

Notable News

Child Pornography

Seth Thompson, a Childersburg man, was sentenced to 168 months in prison followed by 240 months of supervised release. Law enforcement received Cyber-Tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that images of child pornography had been uploaded to certain Facebook and Google accounts registered to Thompson. Thompson was located and arrested by Childersburg Police on unrelated charges, and a federal search warrant was obtained for Thompson's cell phones.

Thompson had uploaded over one hundred images and videos of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) to Facebook. Thompson admitted he had seen images of child pornography and that he had received certain images and videos in a Kik group.

The TVRCFL assisted in the investigation by reviewing Thompson's cell phones where a total of 153 images and 69 videos of children being sexually exploited were identified.

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Elaborate Health Care Fraud Scheme

Multiple employees of Northside Pharmacy, based in Haleyville and doing business as Global Compounding Pharmacy, were charged with taking part in a multi-faceted, multi-million-dollar scheme to defraud multiple insurance plans and their third-party pharmacy benefit managers. They would bill for fraudulent, often high-dollar prescriptions that Global would fill and bill for reimbursement. To maximize proceeds, Global engaged in additional fraudulent practices including automatically refilling and billing for prescriptions, regardless of patient need, and routinely waiving co-pays to incentivize patients to accept unnecessary medications and refills. More than two dozen defendants pleaded guilty to charges, and two additional defendants went to trial.

The scheme resulted in pharmacy benefit managers paying Global nearly $50 million in claims in just a two-year period. Global received more than $13 million from prescriptions written by prescribers who were either paid cash to write them or whose spouses worked as Global sales reps. One nurse practitioner who wrote prescriptions was paid kickbacks in paper bags filled with thousands of dollars in cash and left in her car. Global also received over $8.4 million for prescriptions Global employees got for themselves—including from doctors they had never seen as patients. In some cases, Global was paid as much as $30,000 or more for a single tube of compounded cream.

Multiple federal convictions were obtained in this case. The TVRCFL completed work on 26 service requests and over 30 devices in this complex healthcare scheme.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

43	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 20 Local, 1 State, 22 Federal	320	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
361	Number of service requests received: 143 Local, 21 State, 197 Federal	5	Number of times personnel testified in court
11	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Child Exploitation	4	Domestic Terrorism
2	Homicide	5	Healthcare Fraud
3	Drug Trafficking		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

Reduce Backlog: TVRCFL made significant progress in reducing backlog due to the use of Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) software which allowed for the rapid in-house unlocking of multiple cell phones.

Community Outreach: Members of the TVRCFL continued to reach out and collaborate with other state, local and federal partners throughout FY21. TVRCFL taught Linux to 20 local police department students and developed and taught an online (due to Covid) SQL Lite course. This course is ongoing and continues to be taught to FBI and TFO students. TVRCFL provided a one-day training on "Cyber/Forensic Boot Camp" to members of the Madison County Sheriff's Office; Lincoln County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office; Huntsville Police Department; and Madison Police Department. TVRCFL assisted the local FBI office in hosting and instructing a two-day Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST) Basic Course. The TVRCFL provided Mobile Device training to School Resource Officers. Additionally, TVRCFL continued to provide training to the public.

Maintain ANAB accreditation: With the addition of a new Quality Manager, the TVRCFL conducted an internal audit of all pending and closed cases during FY21. Following the internal audit, the TVRCFL successfully maintained accreditation by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The TVRCFL will continue to prepare for an ANAB on-site audit in the Fall of 2022.

Goals for FY22

1	**Certification:** Enhance training opportunities for examiners and trainees through both online and in-person courses. Additionally, encourage completion of associated certifications when offered.
2	**Maintain Staffing:** Advertise, recruit, and fill vacant Special Agent FE (SA/FE) position within the TVRCFL.
3	**Provide Training:** The TVRCFL will provide and host training for state and local agencies regarding the proper ways to seize and handle digital evidence.
4	**Installation:** Work with the Operational Technology Division (OTD) units to complete the deployment of the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) 2.0.

✓ Accomplished   ⟳ In Progress   ⊘ Not Accomplished

Western New York RCFL

Participating Agencies

- Buffalo Police Department
- Erie County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Buffalo Division
- Monroe County Department of Public Safety
- Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Notable News

Sexual Assault Against a Child

Tariq Nawaz, a 50-year-old East Amherst man, was convicted of one count of predatory sexual assault against a child (Class "A-II" felony) and one count of endangering the welfare of a child (Class "A" misdemeanor). Nawaz has been sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of 18 years to life in prison.

The defendant had engaged in two or more acts of sexual conduct against a child for no less than a three-month timeframe. The defendant knowingly acted in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, or moral welfare of the same child victim. An order of protection was issued for the child victim until 2120.

WNYRCFL examined evidence from this case, resulting in the conviction and sentence of 18 years to life in prison for sexually assaulting a child.

Production of Child Pornography

Robert Chapline, a 61-year-old man from Hamburg, New York, who was convicted of the production of child pornography, was sentenced to serve 30 years in prison.

Chapline coerced a minor (victim) to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions. Chapline also took photographs of the victim getting out of a shower and then posing in a bedroom. The defendant engaged in sexual contact with the victim on several occasions.

WNYRCFL examined multiple pieces of evidence in this case, resulting in the conviction and sentence of 30 years in prison for producing child pornography.

Tax Fraud

Richard C. Giza, a 65-year-old Lancaster man, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second-degree, forgery in the second-degree, insurance fraud in the third-degree, falsifying business records in the first-degree, and scheme to defraud in the first-degree. Giza has been sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of three-to-six years in prison as a second felony offender.

Giaz admitted that, while operating KPS CARRS in Buffalo and Premier Motocar in Williamsville, he accepted payments for vehicles and never transferred the titles or filed the proper paperwork to the purchasers. The defendant further admitted that he falsified Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) forms by failing to indicate that he sold vehicles to avoid detection by the DMV. Additionally, the defendant admitted to filing false insurance applications that overstated business assets and forged documents such as lien releases from various creditors.

Evidence in support of this case was submitted and examined by the WNYRCFL, resulting in the conviction and sentence of three–to-six years for illegally operating two used car dealerships.

Progress Report

The RCFL's Progress and Accomplishments for FY21

45	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 38 Local, 2 State, 5 Federal	40	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
471	Number of service requests received: 207 Local, 5 State, 259 Federal	1	Number of times personnel testified in court
71	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		

Top 5 Crimes

1	Homicide	4	Sex Offense
2	Assault	5	Overdose
3	Dangerous Drugs		

Pulse Check: Status of FY21 Goals

Receive ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Accreditation: The WNYRCFL completed the ANAB inspection and received accreditation certificates.

Increase Staffing: The WNYRCFL is in the process of recruiting two new partner agencies.

Decrease Backlog: The WNYRCFL workload has increased due to COVID-19, holidays, and trainings for Forensic Examiners in Training (FETs), causing the backlog to increase.

Training: The WNYRCFL conducted quality training during regular squad meetings. Attendees presented and discussed issues and updates of current technology. Quality Manager discussed case notes, how to use the updated technical review form, internal audit findings, and how the WNYRCFL can improve.

Goals for FY22

1	**Staffing:** Maintain authorized staffing levels of Information Technology Specialist (ITS)—FEs, TFO FEs, and Evidence Technicians to ensure effective and efficient operations.
2	**Minimize Backlog:** Continue efforts to decrease or maintain minimal backlog.
3	**Accreditation:** Maintain requirements for ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.
4	**Training:** Continue internal quality training provided by the WNYRCFL management to all examiners to maintain consistency across the board.

✔ Accomplished ↻ In Progress ⊘ Not Accomplished

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- Huntsville Police Department
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Orange County RCFL
- Corona Police Department **NEW**
- FBI—Los Angeles Division
- Fontana Police Department
- Irvine Police Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Murrieta Police Department
- Newport Beach Police Department
- Ontario Police Department
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- Palm Springs Police Department
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- Riverside Police Department
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- Santa Ana Police Department

San Diego RCFL
- California Highway Patrol
- Carlsbad Police Department
- Chula Vista Police Department
- Coronado Police Department
- Drug Enforcement Agency **NEW**
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- Escondido Police Department
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- La Mesa Police Department
- National City Police Department
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- San Diego Harbor Police Department
- San Diego Police Department
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- Newark Police Department
- Palo Alto Police Department
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Colorado

Rocky Mountain RCFL
- Adams County Sheriff's Office
- Castle Rock Police Department
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation

- Denver Police Department
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Denver Division
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- Littleton Police Department
- Lone Tree Police Department

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- Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office
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- Oak Park Police Department
- Rockford Police Department
- Romeoville Police Department
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Will County Sheriff's Office

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Heart of America RCFL
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department
- Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department
- Olathe, Kansas, Police Department

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- Shawnee County, Kansas, Sheriff's Office
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Kentucky RCFL
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- New Jersey State Police

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- Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Albuquerque Division
- Homeland Security Investigations
- New Mexico State Police Department
- Rio Rancho Police Department
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement
- University of New Mexico

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- Monroe County Department of Public Safety
- Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Oregon

Northwest RCFL
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- Gresham Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Oregon State Police
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- Delaware County District Attorney's Office
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- Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
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- Philadelphia Police Department

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Tennessee Valley RCFL
- Lincoln County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department

Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory

Texas

Greater Houston RCFL

- FBI—Houston Division
- Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection

North Texas RCFL

- Dallas Police Department
- FBI—Dallas Division
- Frisco Police Department
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service **NEW**
- Plano Police Department
- Richardson Police Department

Utah

Intermountain West RCFL

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- FBI—Salt Lake City Division
- Salt Lake City, Utah, Police Department
- Sandy City, Utah, Police Department
- Utah Attorney General's Office
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