

2023 RCFL Annual Report







An RCFL provides law enforcement access to digital forensic experts.

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About OTD



For more than 20 years now, the Operational Technology Division (OTD) has been creating and delivering technology-based solutions that enable FBI special agents, fellow law enforcement officers, and foreign counterparts to do their jobs successfully.

OTD provides innovative technical support and training to FBI field personnel across our counterterrorism, counterintelligence, cyber, and criminal programs. The FBI maintains its technological edge through the application of applied science and engineering resources by OTD's electronic surveillance experts, communications specialists, and technical staff. Our personnel are of the greatest technological capability. They identify, research, and innovate to develop tangible solutions to the most difficult digital challenges facing law enforcement and national security investigations – and they do so with the technologist, investigator, analyst, threat actor, and victim in mind. They are technology focused and human centered.

Since the resilience of law enforcement can be measured by its response to the challenges of new and emerging technologies, OTD also engages in collaboration with federal, local, state, and international partners. The FBI's Regional Computer Forensics Laboratories are a stellar example of the type of collaboration OTD pursues. Helping to train state and local digital forensic examiners only makes all of law enforcement more resilient.

As technology evolves, our approach to technical problem-solving and collaboration must keep pace. OTD is proud to support the successful execution of the FBI mission and to do our part in helping create our nation's next generation of solutions to technological challenges facing law enforcement.



WHAT WE DO

OTD deploys advanced technology to support the FBI's most significant and high-profile investigations and national security operations. Innovative tools and techniques are developed at OTD in four major categories—surveillance, cyber, digital forensics, and technical and tactical operations—and implemented at field offices across the country. OTD counters threats through technology.



WHO WE ARE

OTD is staffed with approximately 1,600 skilled professionals in an array of fields, including engineering, electronics, forensics, computer science, and analytics. Their research and development provide the FBI with critical technology-based solutions for U.S. intelligence, national security, and law enforcement operations. OTD also works extensively with local, state, national, and international partners.



SCOPE OF WORK

OTD is part of the Science and Technology Branch (STB) of the FBI. Though not typically in the news, OTD's work is evident when a child pornography ring is busted, a computer hacker is exposed, a terrorist plot is averted, and a corrupt official is prosecuted. From surveilling and recording clandestine meetings to unlocking an attacker's cell phone to collecting intelligence using covert methods, OTD works quietly behind the scenes moving investigations forward with technology.





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From the Assistant Director



Assistant Director
Operational Technology Division

As the Assistant Director of the FBI's Operational Technology Division, I am pleased to once again this year present the 2023 Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) Annual Report.

During the course of my tenure leading the FBI's applied technology efforts, I have witnessed the decline of ready lawful intercept and access for digital evidence and communications critical to public safety and law enforcement efforts. In this environment, the RCFLs continue to serve as a key resource for federal, state, and local investigators and prosecutors holding criminals, foreign intelligence officers, and terrorists accountable for their crimes. Although other digital experts provide forensic services across the country, many are unable to match the collaborative networking, workload balancing, and uniform accreditation standards upheld across all RCFLs.

Serving formerly as the Special Agent in Charge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during difficult times for the law enforcement community, I saw firsthand the necessity and power of collaboration to address pressing public safety challenges and countering the latest threats to our national security. Working across three states and judicial districts, law enforcement agencies relied on each other and found creative ways to share resources and solutions. The 17 established RCFLs form a network of digital capabilities and examiners that have become irreplaceable in identifying, securing, and presenting digital evidence. They similarly work independently in their areas of responsibility and also together in aggregate to surge resources and share unique solutions to accessing, triaging, and preserving important evidence.

Today's RCFLs are also training new examiners, developing new forensic best practices, and working hard to keep pace with rapidly evolving communications and data technologies. Looking forward, I anticipate the RCFL network will become even more pivotal in defending the admissible recovery and authentication of stored data, as new and novel legal challenges to digital techniques and disciplines emerge. I know the laboratories and examiners are up for the challenges, and I look forward to the sustained successes and continued collaboration throughout FY24.



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About the RCFL

Digital forensics is the application of science and engineering to the recovery of digital evidence in a legally acceptable method. Digital Forensic Examiners (DFEs) 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.

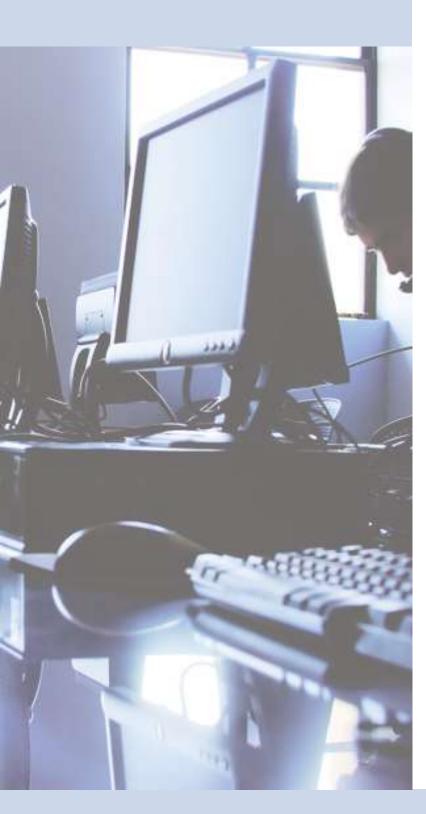
This report chronicles the progress and accomplishments of the RCFL program during FY23, which covers October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

RCFL National Program Office (NPO)

The RCFL NPO supports the RCFL program—a national network of FBIsponsored accredited digital forensic laboratories and training centers devoted to the examination of digital evidence in support of all investigations ranging from criminal to counterterrorism.

The RCFL program seeks accreditation through the ANSI 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 forensic services and training available to approximately 4,800 law enforcement agencies. We estimate that a third of law enforcement agencies in the United States have participated in RCFL training.





What is an RCFL

With the proliferation of digital devices, today's criminal investigations often rely on evidence stored on computers, smart phones, and other connected tools. Performing digital forensic examinations on that evidence is the specialty of the RCFL program.

Created in 2000, the RCFL program is a partnership between the FBI and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies operating a regional, digital forensic task force. The laboratories provide forensic services and expertise to support law enforcement agencies in collecting and examining digital evidence for a wide range of investigations, including child pornography, terrorism, violent crime, and fraud.

As with all evidence gathering and analysis, it takes a trained and skilled hand to gather digital evidence correctly and legally while preserving the integrity of the data and files. RCFLs provide law enforcement access to digital forensic experts and also allow state and local personnel to train on cutting-edge evidence gathering techniques.

RCFL Service Offerings

- Pre-seizure consultation, search, and on-site seizure
- Duplication, storage, and preservation of computers and other digital evidence
- Prompt, accurate, and impartial forensic examinations of digitally stored media
- Consultation on digital forensic matters
- Courtroom testimony



RCFL Locations





Chicago RCFL Illinois

Greater Houston RCFL

Texas

Heart of America RCFL

Kansas Missouri

Intermountain West RCFL

Idaho Montana Utah

Kentucky RCFL

Kentucky

New England RCFL

Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island

New Jersey RCFL

New Jersey

New Mexico RCFL

New Mexico

North Texas RCFL

Texas

Northwest RCFL

Oregon Washington

Orange County RCFL California

Philadelphia RCFL

Pennsylvania

Rocky Mountain RCFL

Colorado Wyoming

San Diego RCFL

California

Silicon Valley RCFL

California

Tennessee Valley RCFL

Alabama Tennessee

Western New York RCFL

New York

Program Accomplishments

During FY23, the RCFL program provided the following services to the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies they support. The following statistics reflect work completed by the RCFLs.



Training

The trend is moving upward as our RCFLs are rebounding post-Covid to once again train our law enforcement partners on various digital tools, techniques, and capabilities. In FY23, the total number of law enforcement personnel trained increased by 18% over FY22.

Agencies Requesting Assistance



Service Requests Received





Training and examiner testimony statistics are maintained locally by each RCFL.

Lab Achievements



Laboratories within the RCFL program have played a key role in many high-profile investigations, including terrorism, child exploitation, and criminal investigations to name a few. Certified RCFL Digital Forensic Examiners (DFEs) conduct examinations on various electronic devices, such as computers, mobile devices, and other digital media, in the controlled setting of the laboratory. The examiners counsel law enforcement on the proper techniques associated with seizing and handling sensitive electronic equipment and assist with on-site seizure of the same.

Although much of the work performed by the RCFL personnel on a day-to-day basis goes unnoted in major news outlets, it is often the most critical part of an investigation. In addition to the RCFL pages, this page recognizes those employees or RCFLs who have made noteworthy accomplishments or contributions.

The categories for recognition of an achievement include the following:

- RCFL staff member award
- Technical achievement in research and development
- Case related achievement
- Milestone for the RCFL
- Space enhancement to the RCFL

Examiners are capable of locating deleted, encrypted, or damaged files and data that may serve as evidence in a criminal or national security investigation.



Chicago RCFL (CGRCFL)

AWARD

The CGRCFL received the Cook County Crimestoppers Award for Forensic Services highlighting the labs contribution to area law enforcement in providing forensic services to more than 100 agencies in 2023, assisting in more than 300 homicide investigations, and a myriad of other crimes.



Heart of America RCFL (HARCFL)

20TH ANNIVERSARY

 The HARCFL celebrated its 20-year anniversary in FY23. The HARCFL, which officially opened on July 9, 2003, was the fourth of 17 FBI-sponsored digital forensic and training centers in the United States, devoted entirely to the scientific examination of digital evidence. Today, the HARCFL has 17 participating agencies with more than 20 full-time examiners.



Kentucky RCFL (KRCFL)

→ AWARD

Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE) Erik Vokoun received the Medal of Excellence on July 19, 2023, for the FBI Louisville Division.



Rocky Mountain RCFL (RMRCFL)

→ OTHER ←

• In March 2023, RMRCFL hosted a delegation from Nepal, including Nepal's Attorney General, representatives of Nepal's Supreme Court, and Nepal's National Police for a discussion of digital forensics and the operations of a digital forensics laboratory. The visit was intended to increase awareness of the role of digital evidence in overcoming investigative and prosecutorial challenges, and to specifically address Nepal's ongoing challenges with transnational crime, organized crime, and cyber crime.



Rocky Mountain RCFL (RMRCFL)

→ OTHER ←

 In March 2023, RMRCFL hosted representatives of 15 media outlets for a presentation on digital forensics, the significant role digital forensics play in law enforcement investigations, and how the RMRCFL supports federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The event resulted in news stories in the local media including newspaper, television, and radio broadcast news.



San Diego RCFL (SDRCFL)

→ AWARD ←

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program was impressed that the SDRCFL increased our basic cell phone training class to 14 trainings and trained 235 case agents and officers. HIDTA awarded the SDRCFL with an additional unfunded \$50,000 to update the SDRCFL training room.

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 140 law enforcement partners from state, local, and federal agencies, including the following new participating agencies:

New Participating Agencies Chicago RCFL (CGRCFL)



Plainfield, Illinois, Police Department

New England RCFL (NERCFL)



Everett Police Department



Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department



New Hampshire State Police

Orange County RCFL (OCRCFL)



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Philadelphia RCFL (PHRCFL)



Radnor, Pennsylvania, Police Department

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 the FBI's certified digital forensic examiners.
- Detailees from state/local agencies have the potential to receive compensation for overtime worked and the use of a government-leased vehicle while on official duty.
- Detailees from state and local agencies are provided 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 digital forensic personnel assigned to the RCFLs.
- 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 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 from one year to the next.

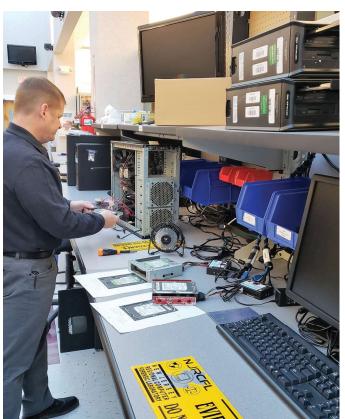


Assuring Quality Services

The RCFL program is deeply committed to providing the highest quality digital forensic services to the law enforcement community and is recognized by the ANSI 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 digital 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 FY24



Video Communications Specialist

The Video Forensic Analysis Unit (VFAU), OTD, will be establishing the position of the Video Communications Specialist (VCS) for the Body Worn Camera Program. VFAU plans to establish 17 positions with each RCFL receiving one position. The training the VCS position would receive would be the same as a DFS. Details will be coming in FY24 on the exact duties of the VCS and how they can assist the RCFLs.



Digital Forensic Specialist

In FY24, the RCFLs can begin converting vacant positions into the newly established position of the Digital Forensic Specialist (DFS). 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 provide digital forensics support on-scene to FBI Special Agents and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Whether they are collecting evidence, preserving data, or conducting analysis, the work of a DFS is essential to the FBI mission.



Kinetic Cyber Range at Redstone

Opening in FY24, the FBI's Kinetic Cyber Range (KCR) will be the premier immersive training experience for law enforcement. Featuring over 11 unique training vignettes to include a courthouse, hospital, hotel, gas station, data center, and fully furnished houses. The KCR is a 22,000 square foot climate-controlled facility located inside the Innovation Center at Redstone. It will provide world-class training for all forensic examiners while utilizing the latest technology to include virtual and augmented reality.



Part II: RCFL Profiles



Partnership is at the core of the RCFL program. Each RCFL is managed and led by a Local Executive Board (LEB), consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations known as participating agencies.

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Director John T. Dziedzic

Cook County Sheriff's Office





Notable News

\$1 Billion Fraud Scheme

Three former executives of Outcome Health, a Chicagobased health technology start-up company, were convicted for their roles in a fraud scheme that targeted the company's clients, lenders, and investors and involved approximately \$1 billion in fraudulently obtained funds. Rishi Shah, cofounder and former CEO, was convicted of five counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of wire fraud, two counts of bank fraud, and two counts of money laundering. Shradha Agarwal, former President, was convicted of five counts of mail fraud, eight counts of wire fraud, and two counts of bank fraud. Brad Purdy, former Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, was convicted on five counts of mail fraud, five counts of wire fraud, two counts of bank fraud, and one count of false statements to a financial institution. The executives sold advertising space the company did not have to Outcome Health's clients and then under delivered.

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

\$2.7 Million Fraud Scheme

Quamdeen Amuwo was convicted of fraudulently obtaining more than \$2.7 million in small business loans and grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The defendant participated in a scheme to defraud the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. The EIDL program was intended to provide loan assistance and grants to cover working capital and other operating expenses for legitimate businesses suffering the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of the scheme, Amuwo submitted numerous applications for loans on behalf of businesses that he and others purportedly owned. The applications contained false statements and misrepresentations concerning the purported entities' owners, employees, revenues, costs, and dates of establishment. In an attempt to support his applications, Amuwo provided false business registration forms and bogus personal identifying information of the purported owners.

CGRCFL examiners processed media associated with the case.

Top Five Crimes		
1.	Homicide	
2.	Stolen Vehicle	
3.	Obscenity	
4.	Dangerous Drugs	
5.	Robbery	

	Participating Agencies		
	1.	Berwyn Police Department	
•	2.	Carol Stream Police Department	
	3.	Chicago Police Department	
•	4.	Cook County Sheriff's Office	
	5.	Cook County State's Attorney's Office	
	6.	FBI—Chicago Division	
	7.	Joliet Police Department	
	8.	Lombard Police Department	
	9.	Oak Park Police Department	
V	EW	Plainfield Police Department	
	11.	Rockford Police Department	
•	12.	Romeoville Police Department	
	13.	U.S. Customs and Border Protection	
•	14.	Will County Sheriff's Office	



of Agencies in area: 364
Service Area: Northern
Illinois



Since: 2009

Progress Report		
96	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 85 Local, 5 State, 6 Federal	
1,482	Number of service requests received: 972 Local, 55 State, 455 Federal	
31	Number of cases supported by on-site operations	
165	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques	
9	Number of times personnel testified in court	

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals Staffing: The CGRCFL added full-time

- Staffing: The CGRCFL added full-time examiners from the Plainfield Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.
- Accreditation: The CGRCFL met and submitted all requirements for ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation as required.
- Certification: The CGRCFL added four additional certified Digital Forensic Examiners (DFEs) this fiscal year.
- **Expansion:** The CGRCFL proudly opened their Romeoville Satellite Office with seating for five examiners.



- 1. Staffing: Increase staffing at the CGRCFL from current levels.
- Accreditation: Maintain requirements for ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.
- **3.** Certification: Increase the number of fully certified examiners at the CGRCFL.
- 4. Foster Partnerships: Provide mobile device unlock and repair services to agencies within the CGRCFL area of responsibility.



CGRCFL Satellite Office Romeoville Police Department









SSA Scott Ma

FBI Houston Division

GREATER HOUSTON



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Notable News

Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Chancese Chevenne Brown was convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Brown would take the victim to his trailer and show the child anime pornography and other sexually explicit material. He also posed as a "sex instructor" to groom and later sexually abuse the victim. After the child moved from Brown's property, she saw a Kid Chat poster at school that included the phone number 1-888-Kid Chat (543-2428) and reported the abuse to officials. Kid Chat is a way to provide students, parents, and personnel with a confidential avenue for reporting concerns for children's safety. Law enforcement executed a search warrant at Brown's property. Detectives said they found numerous items within his trailer, including sex toys and electronic evidence that corroborated what the victim told law enforcement. During sentencing, prosecutors also presented evidence of Brown's prior conviction for assault family violence. Brown was sentenced to life in prison and will not be eligible for parole.

Members of the GHRCFL conducted forensic examinations on over 30 digital media items, which contained thousands of sexually explicit graphics and videos including anime pornography and bestiality.

Capital Murder

Robert Solis, the man convicted of murdering beloved Harris County Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal during a traffic stop in 2019, has been sentenced to death. Deputy Dhaliwal was the first Sikh Deputy in Harris County. He was a trailblazer who changed local regulations to allow other law enforcement officers to display articles of faith while on duty. He leaves behind a wife and three children. Jurors deliberated for just 35 minutes before recommending the death penalty. Jurors saw multiple angles of the shooting and heard from 65 prosecution witnesses, who testified about a criminal history that goes back more than 30 years. Solis fired his attorneys and represented himself in the trial. He did not present any witnesses.

The GHRCFL examiners conducted a computer examination for this request that was instrumental for this investigation.

Top Five Crimes		
1.	Homicide	
2.	Immigration	
3.	Smuggling Aliens	
4.	Exploitation/Enticement	
5.	Sexual Exploitation/Enticement of Minor	

Participating Agencies		
1.	FBI—Houston Division	
2.	Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office	
3.	Harris County Sheriff's Office	
4.	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	
5.	Texas Department of Public Safety	
6.	U.S. Customs and Border Protection	





Service Area: Southern



Since: 2009





Certification: Enhance examiners' skills 1. and knowledge through online and in-person courses and certifications. Enhancements: Enhance lab capabilities 2. and practices through the acquisition of additional technology and hardware. Accreditation: Adhere to high quality 3. standards on work performed by the GHRCFL and maintain ANAB accreditation. **Training:** Provide or host CAIR and other 4. forensic/technology related trainings to federal, state, and local investigators. Foster Partnerships: Provide mobile 5. device unlock and repair services to agencies within the Houston AOR and CBP.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Certification: Three Digital Forensic Examiners in Training (DFETs) completed Moot Court. DFETs completed the following trainings: Capstone, Mobile Device Forensics, DFE2, and Live Response Acquisition Analysis (LRAA) certification trainings.

Enhancements: The GHRCFL received an additional Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) license and purchased equipment for mobile device repair. The GHRCFL created scripts for automatic backup using our Network Attached Storage (NAS) system and created a distributed processing brick for the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP).

Accreditation: The GHRCFL conducted administrative reviews. The GHRCFL successfully completed an ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) audit and internal audit.

Training: The GHRCFL hosted an Investigative Genealogy course and a certification class. The GHRCFL provided Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR) training and hosted a National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) Financial Records training.

Foster Partnerships: The GHRCFL processed over 250 MDUS requests for various agencies and performed cell phone repairs for several local agencies.

> Support: The GHRCFL conducted MDUS and cell phone extractions for the New York Field Office. The GHRCFL provided assistance to the Shooting Incident Review Team (SIRT) by converting 130 video files obtained from a motel into a viewable format. The GHRCFL provided assistance to the Anchorage Field Office.









SSA Andrew Knutson (during FY23, SSA Zachary Jury) FBI Kansas City Division

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Notable News

FBI Intelligence Analyst

Kendra Kingsbury, of Garden City, Kansas, pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawfully retaining documents related to the national defense and sentenced to 46 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. Kingsbury was an Intelligence Analyst for the FBI, where she held a Top Secret/SCI security clearance and had access to national defense and classified information. Kingsbury had improperly removed and unlawfully and willfully retained approximately 386 classified documents in her personal residence. Some of the documents contained extremely sensitive national defense information, which put national security at risk by retaining these documents in her home. Kingsbury admitted that she retained and destroyed other documents over the years that could have contained classified and/or national defense information.

Investigators reviewed Kingsbury's telephone records, which revealed a number of suspicious calls. Kingsbury contacted phone numbers associated with subjects of counterterrorism investigations, and these individuals also made telephone calls to Kingsbury.

The HARCFL examiners provided support in processing digital evidence relating to this investigation.

Heroic Child Victim

Michael Hendricks and Maggie Ybarra were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus decades more for the murder of Kensie Aubry. After a child victim came forward about the sexual abuse she endured from Hendricks, she stated to authorities Hendricks and Ybarra boasted about mutilating Aubry's body. They also provided photographic proof of the violence against Aubry to the child victim. Her testimony led authorities to discover Aubry's body on Hendricks' property in Grain Valley, Missouri. The couple will spend the rest of their lives in prison for killing Aubry to fulfill a sex horror fantasy of Hendricks before dismembering her body with a chainsaw, storing the remains in a freezer, and later burying the remains on his property in Missouri.

HARCFL examiners provided support in processing over 100 digital evidence items submitted during this investigation.

Top Five Crimes		
1.	Homicide	
2.	Assault	
3.	Exploitation/Enticement	
4.	Dangerous Drugs	
5.	Stolen Vehicle	

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P	articipating Agencies	
1.	Belton, Missouri, Police Department	
2.	Clay County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office	
3.	FBI—Kansas City Division	
4.	Gladstone, Missouri, Police Department	
5.	Independence, Missouri, Police Department	
6.	Kansas Bureau of Investigation	
7.	Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department	
8.	Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department	
9.	Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department	
10.	Lee's Summit, Missouri, Police Department	
11.	Missouri State Highway Patrol	
12.	North Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department	
13.	Olathe, Kansas, Police Department	
14.	Overland Park, Kansas, Police Department	
15.	Platte County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office	
16.	U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Kansas	
17.	U.S. Attorney's Office—Western District of Missouri	



of Agencies in area: 867

Service Area: Kansas and Western two-thirds of Missouri



Since: 2007



GOALS agurable **Goals for FY24**

- Reduce Backlog: Alleviate the HARCFL examination backlog through addressing 1. priority mission needs and ensuring proper workload among task force members.
- Training: Ensure new Task Force Officers (TFOs)/Task Force Members (TFMs) receive 2. the necessary baseline skills and continuing education development to retain top class digital exploitation capabilities.
- Accreditation: Maintain high level of quality standards to continue to adhere to and meet 3. ANAB accreditation requirements.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Reduce Backlog: The HARCFL decreased their backlog by 30 percent from 256 to 179.

Training: The HARCFL Director, Deputy Director, and two team leaders participated in a panel discussion with



Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) on a broad range of topics to include HARCFL case submission process, legal authority, and capabilities. The HARCFL provided in-service training to detectives regarding digital evidence collection procedures and HARCFL processes and procedures.



Accreditation: The HARCFL Quality Manager successfully conducted an ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) audit and demonstrated adherence via audit results. High quality standards were maintained by the HARCFL.









SSA Ben Barron (during FY23, SSA Randy Kim)

> **FBI Salt Lake City** Division

TERMOUNTAIN WEST



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Notable News

Murdered Her Husband

Cynthia Vincent was sentenced to a term of one to 15 years in prison for the death of her husband, Michael Vincent. The Unified Police Department was called to Vincent's House of GoJu, after the defendant called 911 to report that she had shot her husband. Mr. Vincent was found deceased just inside the entrance of the business where the couple also lived. When interviewed by police, the defendant stated that she and Mr. Vincent had been fighting all weekend. The defendant told detectives that she had called a friend to pick her up and then told her husband that a friend was on the way. That is when she said Mr. Vincent lunged at her, and she fired a shot.

Detectives reviewed security video from the house which showed Vincent and her husband "doing chores and interacting normally" the day before. Even as late as two hours before the shooting, Mr. Vincent is seen on video kissing his wife. The IWRCFL assisted with the retrieval of the video for this investigation.

Retrieval of Cell Phone Data

James Brenner, 59, was charged with aggravated murder, a first-degree felony, and a third-degree felony of abuse or desecration of a dead body, Dylan Rounds. The victim had been reported missing, and his phone records were obtained. The phone records showed movement on the day of his disappearance on a remote property in Lucin, where Brenner was squatting. Data showed that the last signal from the victim's phone was at the Lucin Pond. A search of the pond led to the discovery of the victim's phone.

The victim's phone was submitted to the IWRCFL for an extraction, and because the phone was under water for almost a month, it did not power on. The IWRCFL removed the logic board from the damaged phone and successfully installed into a donor phone. The IWRCFL was then able to successfully acquire an extraction from the phone and discovered a time-lapse video with a time stamp at the time of Rounds' disappearance. The video showed Brenner with blood stains on his arms and shirt as he was cleaning a gun. This digital evidence proved to be invaluable for this investigation.

	Top Five Crimes	
1.	Exploitation/Enticement	
2.	Dangerous Drugs	
3.	Homicide	
4.	Sexual Assault	
5.	Sexual Exploitation/Enticement of Minor	

Participating Agencies		
1.	Ada County, Idaho, Sheriff's Office	
2.	Billings, Montana, Police Department	
3.	Boise City, Idaho, Police Department	
4.	Davis County, Utah, Sheriff's Office	
5.	FBI—Salt Lake City Division	
6.	Salt Lake City, Utah, Police Department	
7.	Sandy City, Utah, Police Department	
8.	Utah Attorney General's Office	
9.	Utah Department of Public Safety	



of Agencies in area: 432

Service Area: Utah, Idaho, and Montana



Since: 2008

Progress Report			
100	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 78 Local, 12 State, 10 Federal		
633	Number of service requests received: 404 Local, 66 State, 163 Federal		
82	Number of cases supported by on-site operations		
334	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques		
11	Number of times personnel testified in court		



Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Staffing: The Lab Director held meetings with a myriad of Chiefs and Sheriffs throughout the year, but none were able to provide resources. The Lab Director will continue to work toward recruiting more Digital Forensic Examiners (DFEs) to work in the IWRCFL

Advanced Certification: All examiners completed both commercial and FBI provided training this year. Four DFEs obtained certifications to complete Forensic Audio and Video Program (FAVP) related cases.

Minimize Backlog: The IWRCFL continued to work toward minimizing the backlog and at times had the backlog at zero. The IWRCFL will continue to diligently work all cases keeping the backlog to a minimum.

Accreditation: All internal audits and quality assurance measures were completed at the IWRCFL as expected. A plan of action was created to address improving the quality of technical reviews conducted at the end of an examination. Progress will be monitored by the IWRCFL leadership.









SSA Andrew Burden FBI Louisville Division



Notable News

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CART Mobile Lab Assist

On April 10, 2023, Connor Sturgeon (deceased) entered the Old National Bank of Louisville, Kentucky, with a semi-automatic rifle and opened fire. There were five deceased victims and several others wounded, including two responding Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) Officers during the shooting. The KRCFL first learned of the gravity of the incident through information received by a KRCFL partner agency LMPD Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE). The KRCFL Director, in coordination with the FBI Louisville Field Office, deployed all available DFE resources to the scene. The KRCFL DFEs arrived at the mass shooting incident with their new CART Mobile Lab received from the Operational Technology Division (OTD) on January 19, 2023. The CART Mobile Lab was a valuable resource to facilitate the immediate collection and triage of digital evidence, which included CCTV and cellular telephones.

The CART Mobile Lab is a self-contained digital forensic laboratory housed within a modified cargo-van chassis. It provides RCFL DFEs the ability to acquire, process, and analyze digital evidence on-scene or on the move. The CART Mobile lab was designed to support this exact scenario and proven to be an invaluable KRCFL resource.

Murder of Grandparents

Deputies responded to a murder scene where they discovered Larry Howell deceased in the garage and Deborah Howell deceased in the residence. The victims' grandson, Joshua Wright, had been raised by his grandparents and was living with them but was missing along with the Howell's 2013 Chevy truck. When Deputies located Wright and the missing vehicle, he was wearing a bloody shirt and socks, which was confiscated along with his cell phone.

KRCFL examiner was able to bypass the encryption on the cell phone, identify the passcode, and extract a full file system used to identify location, communications, photos, and videos, which the cellular location data placed Wright at the scene. Deputies also matched the blood on Wright's clothing to the victims. Wright was charged, convicted, and sentenced to life in prison on two charges of murder, firstdegree robbery, and tampering with physical evidence.

Top	Five	Crimes

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2. **Dangerous Drugs**

3. Exploitation/Enticement

4. Sexual Exploitation/Enticement of Minor

5. Sexual Assault

Participating Agencies

- 1. FBI—Louisville Division
- 2. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- 3. Kentucky State Police
- 4. Louisville Metro Police Department
- University of Louisville 5.



CART Mobile Laboratory



of Agencies in area: 420

Service Area: State of Kentucky



Since: 2009



services, updates, and trainings.

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agencies.

Increase Participation: The KRCFL will

attempt to add another partner agency to

Provide Training: The KRCFL will provide

Maintain Staffing: The KRCFL will ensure

Enhancement: The KRCFL will complete the KRCFL satellite buildout and seek

Efficiency: The KRCFL will average

examiner by the end of FY24.

certification in FY24.

80 service request status changes per

two DFE Trainees (DFETs) attain their

grants for funding via the University of Kentucky Police Department (UKPD).

and host various trainings for state and local

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Communication: The KRCFL Director and Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), Louisville Division, met with the Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) regarding increasing cooperation with the FBI and the KRCFL. The KRCFL also hosted tours for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Prisons, and Indiana State Police. The KRCFL also participated in an Engineering Information Session at the University of Louisville and career fairs at two universities promoting the job of a Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE).

Increase Participation: A DFE from HSI shadowed for a week at the KRCFL. The KRCFL Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was provided to the local HSI executive management for consideration of becoming a participating agency. The LMPD currently has a vacent postion at the KRCFL and will possibly fill it in FY24.

- Provide Training: The KRCFL Lab Director provided an overview and capabilities of the KRCFL to the Louisville FBI Citizen's Academy. The KRCFL hosted a regional Field Audio Video Program (FAVP) Basic Training Course.
- Efficiency: For FY23, the average service request status changes per examiner was 93.
- Maintain Staffing: An LMPD Task Force Officer (TFO) completed moot court and all requirements to be a certified DFE.
- Completed





SSA Bruce Hartung

FBI Boston Division





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Notable News

Wire Fraud and Money Laundering

Dana McIntyre pleaded guilty to four counts of wire fraud and three counts of money laundering and was sentenced to two years in prison and three years of supervised release. McIntyre was also ordered to pay \$679,156 in restitution and forfeiture.

McIntyre submitted two fraudulent applications to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for Economic Injury Disaster Loans for companies that did not exist. McIntyre submitted a third application and weekly certifications to receive Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits, falsely claiming he was not working or receiving income while still operating his restaurant and paying himself income. McIntyre also applied for a Paycheck Protection Program loan of over \$660,000 through an SBA-approved lender, where he inflated information about his employees and payroll expenses and falsified an official tax form to qualify for a larger loan amount. After receiving the loan, McIntyre sold his restaurant.

The NERCFL examiners extracted and processed digital evidence, which proved to be beneficial to the investigation.

Firearms Trafficking

An ongoing investigation has revealed that a subject, an admitted straw purchaser, has continued to purchase firearms for a convicted felon and admitted gang affiliate. The subject purchased at least six (6) firearms for the felon, three (3) of which have been recovered and one (1) used in a shooting. The subject has also purchased at least 46 firearms since 2020. Evidence recovered has revealed that the subject and others are attempting to obliterate the firearms' serial numbers before selling them. Both the subject and his associate have been federally charged with violations of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act for firearms trafficking and straw purchasing.

The NERCFL processed mobile devices pursuant to a search warrant related to this investigation. The NERCFL extracted, processed, and located communications between the alleged purchaser and the person the weapons were delivered to. This evidence helped lead to arrest warrants.

Top Five Crimes		
1.	Weapon Offense	
2.	Dangerous Drugs	
3.	Homicide	
4.	Intelligence	
5.	Obscenity/Obscene Material	

	Participating Agencies				
	1.	Boston Police Department			
	2.	Brookline Police Department			
	3.	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives			
N	EW	Everett Police Department			
	5.	FBI—Boston Division			
	6.	Framingham Police Department			
N	EW	Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department			
	8.	Massachusetts State Police			
N	EW	New Hampshire State Police			
	10.	U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Massachusetts			
	11.	U.S. Customs and Border Protection			



of Agencies in area: 759

Service Area: States of Maine, Massachusetts, **New Hampshire, and** Rhode Island



Since: 2021



GOALS

Goals for FY24

- **Training:** Foster the career development of 1. NERCFL personnel.
- Efficiency: Increase the total number of 2. submitted digital evidence items completed compared to the previous fiscal year.
- Minimize Backlog: Reduce the NERCFL 3. backlog by completing more submitted digital evidence items that are taken in.
- Certification: Certify at least on more ITS-4. DFE.
- Enhancement: Continue to progress the 5. Bedford RA buildout.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Enhancement: The NERCFL identified an Information Technology Specialist - Digital Forensic Examiner (ITS-DFE) to transfer to the Bedford Resident Agency (RA) location. Construction has been completed at the Bedford RA, furniture and HVAC has been installed, and equipment has been identified. The NERCFL added two Task Force Officers (TFOs) from two new participating agencies and selected an employee for the Digital Forensic Specialist (DFS) position. The NERCFL Lab Director presented and received funding from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) executive board to purchase Mobile Device Unlocking Service (MDUS) license and network equipment.



Efficiency: In FY23, the NERCFL received 1,443 devices for digital examination and completed 1,529 devices.



Certification: Two TFO Digital Forensic Examiner Trainees (DFETs) successfully completed moot court and are now certified DFEs.



Training: The NERCFL provided training on software for processing, sorting, and analyzing large volumes of digital images and videos as well as mobile device unlocking service training.









SSA Shaun Rodman FBI Newark Division



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Notable News

Conspiracy to Defraud

Carmelo G. Garcia, a former Newark official, and Frank Valvano Jr. and Irwin Sablosky, co-owners of a New Jerseybased pawnbroker and jewelry business, are charged with: one count of conspiracy to defraud the city of Newark and the Newark Community Economic Development Corporation (NCEDC) of Garcia's honest services facilitated by the use of interstate wire transmissions; 17 counts of honest services wire fraud; and four counts of use of interstate facilities to promote and facilitate bribery in violation of the Travel Act. Garcia is additionally charged with three counts of receiving bribes in connection with the business of a federally funded local government and organization. Valvano and Sablosky are additionally charged with three counts of offering those bribes.

Phone records and text messages obtained by law enforcement show extensive communication between Garcia, Valvano, Sablosky, and others. The NJRCFL examiners provided support in processing digital evidence, which proved to be invaluable during the investigation.

Child Sexual Abuse Materials

Christopher Cox, 33, was charged with eight counts of second-degree endangering the welfare of a child, nine counts of third-degree possession of child sexual abuse materials (CSAM), nine counts of third-degree invasion of privacy, two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact, and a single count of fourth-degree possession of a largecapacity gun magazine. Cox was seen entering a store and began following female shoppers around the store. He used his cell phone in a manner indicating that he was taking photos of them from behind. He then left the store in a Dodge Durango. A week later Cox was pulled over by an officer, reentered his SUV, and sped away from the scene, with the officer releasing his grip to avoid getting dragged by the vehicle. Cox was taken into custody shortly thereafter.

Once in custody, the investigation led to the discovery of several digital video files of women and girls being filmed from below by Cox. The NJRCFL forensically examined digital evidence that was instrumental to this investigation.

Top Five Crimes

- 1. Exploitation/Enticement
- 2. **Dangerous Drugs**
- 3. Homicide
- 4. Robbery
- 5. Burglary, Weapon Offense (two-way tie)

Participating Agencies

- 1. FBI—Newark Division
- 2. **Hudson County Prosecutor's Office**
- 3. Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
- 4. Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
- 5. New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
- 6. New Jersey State Police



of Agencies in area: 526

Service Area: State of New Jersey



Since: 2006





Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Advanced Certification: Each NJRCFL certified examiner received at least one advanced certification. Two Digital Forensic Examiner Trainees (DFETs) became fully certified as DFEs.

Outreach: The NJRCFL participated in the Newark all employees conference to discuss RCFL's role, capabilities, and



advancements. The NJRCFL conducted private sector outreach to ADP, Johnson & Johnson, and Kenvue by providing information sessions on the role of the RCFL and best practices in digital forensics.



Backlog: The backlog at the end of FY23 for the NJRCFL was 93 cases.

Staffing: The NJRCFL will be receiving a new Task Force Officer (TFO) from Mercer County Prosecutor's Office to replace a retiring TFO. The NJRCFL Director and Deputy Director met with



members of the Port Authority Office of the Inspector General, New Jersey State Parole, and Department of Homeland Security to discuss becoming participating agencies.









SSA Clayton Phelps

FBI Albuquerque Division



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Notable News

Pediatric Surgeon

Guy Rosenschein, Pediatric Surgeon, pleaded guilty to seven counts of distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and one count of possession of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Rosenschein was sentenced to over 17 years in prison. Upon his release from prison, Rosenschein will be subject to 10 years of supervised release and must register as a sex offender.

From two Cyber Tipline Reports from the chat provider Chatstep, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) learned that the posts on Chatstep were made from the residence of Rosenschein, a pediatric urologist and surgeon. BCSO detectives obtained a search warrant for Rosenschein's residence. The search revealed numerous electronic devices which contained Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM). After BCSO conducted their search, the FBI learned about a hidden room, containing a safe, located inside Rosenschein's residence behind a false wall inside a closet underneath the stairs. The FBI obtained a second search warrant to re-enter the residence, where they located two safes inside the hidden room containing additional CSAM.

Law enforcement located approximately 19,116 images and 2,092 videos depicting CSAM on the devices seized from Rosenschein. The NMRCFL examiners provided support by processing this digital evidence.

Child Sexual Abuse Material

Pablo Griego was convicted on 30 counts of manufacturing and possessing CSAM and was sentenced to 34 years in prison, followed by five to 20 years of indeterminate supervised sex offender probation. Law enforcement found that Griego was manufacturing CSAM between three different devices and possessed over a thousand images depicting the sexual abuse of children. Detectives also located a journal under the mattress that documented the images and ages of children found in the files as well as Griego's expressed desire to have a romantic relationship with the depicted young girls.

The NMRCFL examiners provided support by processing digital evidence relating to this investigation.

Top Five Crimes			
1.	Homicide		
2.	Exploitation/Enticement		
3.	Dangerous Drugs (two-way tie)		
4.	Assault (two-way tie)		
5.	Burglary		

Participating Agencies		
1.	Albuquerque Police Department	
2.	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office	
3.	FBI—Albuquerque Division	
4.	New Mexico State Police	
5.	Rio Rancho Police Department	
6.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement	
7.	University of New Mexico	



of Agencies in area: 135

Service Area: State of **New Mexico**



Since: 2014

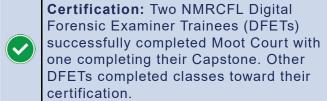




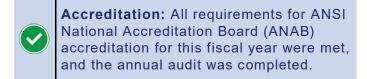
Goals for FY24

- Increase Participation: Increase 1. participating agencies at the NMRCFL.
- Staffing: Increase staffing with existing 2. agencies and FBI employees in preparation for departures.
- Reduce Backlog: Continue efforts to 3. minimize backlog.
- Accreditation: Maintain requirements for 4. ANAB accreditation, and complete annual audits and training.
- Mitigation: Ensure NMRCFL is on the list to receive a new uninterruptible power supply 5. (UPS) in FY25. In FY24, mitigate effect of power outages until new UPS is in place.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals







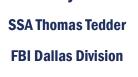
Reduce Backlog: The NMRCFL reduced the backlog from 83 cases unassigned down to 15 cases unassigned by the end of FY23.













NORTH TEXAS

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Notable News

Felon in Possession of Firearm

Henry Dwight Williams, of Dallas, Texas, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 95 months in federal prison. FBI Dallas was notified of an active standoff/hostage incident at the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. Williams, a felon previously convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and attempted possession of a controlled substance, sold the shooter a semi-automatic Taurus G2C pistol which was recovered at the synagogue. Williams admitted to possession of that firearm despite his prior conviction.

The NTRCFL examiners and personnel from the Operational Technology Division, Electronic Device Analysis Unit (EDAU), repaired and analyzed two phones that sustained bullet holes which identified Williams as who sold the shooter the gun he used in the standoff. A Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE) from the NTRCFL also processed and analyzed several other electronic devices from the subject and family members.

Capitol Rioter

David Lee Judd, of Carrollton, Texas, was found guilty of obstruction of an official proceeding and assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers, both felonies. The defendant was sentenced to 32 months in prison, ordered to 24 months of supervised release, and to pay a fine of \$5,691. Judd was part of a group of people who illegally entered the Capitol Building. Judd joined the crowd at the West Front of the Capitol Grounds, on the Lower West Terrace, and at the mouth of the tunnel, waving other rioters into the tunnel. Judd stood directly outside the tunnel, receiving police riot shields from rioters inside the tunnel, and passing them back to other rioters. Judd also lit an object that appeared to be a firecracker and threw it at the police line.

Judd had saved around 300 images to his phone before his trip to Washington, D.C., for the "Stop the Steal Rally." NTRCFL DFEs processed cell phones, laptops, and loose media to obtain images saved to Judd's phone and also images saved during the confrontation with officers. These images were used at Judd's trial.

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Homicide		
Dangerous Drugs		
Assault		

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Robbery (two-way tie)

Participating Agencies 1. Dallas Police Department 2. FBI—Dallas Division 3. Frisco Police Department 4. Plano Police Department 5. Richardson Police Department



of Agencies in area: 573
Service Area: All of North
Texas, including
Dallas-Forth Worth



Since: 2004



Specific GOALS Measurable GOALS

Goals for FY24

- **Maintain Staffing:** Replace retiring or departing examiners.
- 2. Promote Outreach: Increase participating agencies at the NTRCFL.
- Training: Develop training for new agentsand any other investigators that will offer an overview on how to use examiner tools.
- Enhance Capabilities: Enhance laboratory capabilities and practices through the acquisition of additional technology and hardware.
- **Minimize Backlog:** Continue efforts to decrease or maintain minimal backlog.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Maintain Staffing: The NTRCFL hired three DFEs and a Special Agent-DFE Trainee (SA-DFET). NTRCFL is at full staffing level.



Promote Outreach: The NTRCFL Lab Director received a commitment from the Dallas Police Department (DPD) to place two non-sworn employees at the NTRCFL and to hire three-to-five DPD employees to further staff the NTRCFL next fiscal year.



Support Partnerships: The NTRCFL provided space for the Assistant United States Attorney to review and discuss cases without having to travel to FBI Dallas. The NTRCFL assisted Oklahoma City FBI Field Office by examining over 60 mobile devices.



Enhance Capabilities: The NTRCFL received a new CART Mobile Laboratory for conducting on-site searches. The NTRCFL received a second mobile device unlocking service (MDUS) license.



Minimize Backlog: The NTRCFL reduced the backlog from 140+ requests down to under 15. This was due in part to the additional examiners added in FY23, allowing NTRCFL to resume accepting non-member agency requests from within the Dallas-Fort Worth area.









SSA Betsy Bartko

FBI Portland Division



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Notable News

An Equestrian Coach

Richard Fellers, former Olympic equestrian who in retirement became a world-class equestrian coach, pleaded guilty to one count of traveling across state lines to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor after receiving a plea agreement. Fellers was sentenced to 50 months in federal prison and five-years supervised release as part of the plea. Fellers will also be placed on both federal and state sex offender lists. Fellers has also pleaded guilty in a state case to two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree with the same minor female. He was sentenced to a total of 30 months in prison, where he will serve concurrently with the federal prison term imposed.

Fellers maintained an intimate sexual relationship with a minor female equestrian student who he had been coaching since the student was 14 years old. When she was 16, Mr. Fellers told her he loved her and coerced her into a sexual relationship. He abused the victim multiple times in Washington County, Oregon, and in other states while traveling for equestrian competitions. The abuse came to light after a family friend and the defendant's wife witnessed the abuse firsthand.

The NWRCFL was instrumental in locating digital evidence to support prosecution for this investigation.

Second-Degree Murder

Jason Velazquez Nolazco pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the killing of 27-year-old Carlos Arellano-Garcia. He shot and killed Arellano-Garcia and sexually assaulted two teenage girls in a separate case, all before he turned 18 years old. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole in 15 years. The victim was cycling home about 4:00 a.m. when his chain slipped, and he started walking his bike. The defendant emerged and shot the victim, then stood over him and fired again to execute him. The defendant then fled on foot and tried to dispose of the gun and clothing he wore during the shooting. There was no indication the two had ever met before.

The NWRCFL examiner removed a bullet from the phone's battery and was able to remove/replace the motherboard into an exemplar phone, getting a full extraction.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Homicide
2.	Exploitation/Enticement
3.	Sexual Assault
4.	Assault
5.	Weapon Offense

Participating Agencies		
1.	Clark County Sheriff's Office	
2.	FBI—Portland Division	
3.	Gresham Police Department	
4.	Hillsboro Police Department	
5.	Multnomah County Sheriff's Office	
6.	Oregon State Police	
7.	Portland Police Bureau	



of Agencies in area: 109

Service Area: Oregon and Southwest Washington



Since: 2008

Progress Report	
43	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 39 Local, 1 State, 3 Federal
357	Number of service requests received: 191 Local, 18 State, 148 Federal
22	Number of cases supported by on-site operations
92	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
2	Number of times personnel testified in court



Provide Training: Seek vendor-led training to bring to the NWRCFL and offer training to

accreditation and perform all required audits

Accreditation: Maintain ANAB

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and training.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

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Increase Participation: The NWRCFL will be adding an additional examiner, provided by the Oregon State Police.

Provide Training: The NWRCFL conducted Case Agent Investigative Review (CAIR) training to FBI Portland new agents. In addition, the NWRCFL provided training to the Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) regarding RCFL

processes and assistance.



Accreditation: The NWRCFL completed its required annual internal audit successfully for ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation.

Training: The NWRCFL provided digital media platform vendor-led training to FBI and outside agencies. Other free vendor led trainings were made available to all examiners, and the Operational Technology Division (OTD) provided funding for certification training for



examiners.









SSA Glenford Gillett

FBI Los Angeles Division

ORANGE COUNTY



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Notable News

Ransomware

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department was the victim of ransomware, perpetrated by the Royal Ransomware Group. A hacker uploaded malware to the Sheriff's Department's computer system. Department officials immediately secured the network and were working with their Information Technology (IT) staff and FBI Cleveland to investigate.

The OCRCFL examiners provided imaging, processing, and analysis of the victim servers and computers.

Suspension of Medical License

A medical doctor, Dr. Arian Mowlavi, received a decision from the Medical Board of California of a 3-month suspension of his medical license and prevention of performing Vaser liposuction and Brazilian Butt Lift surgeries. As part of a settlement agreement, Dr. Mowlavi agreed to discipline and to have his practice monitored by another doctor. The defendant performed unwanted surgeries on his patients without their consent and/or botched numerous plastic surgeries by allowing unlicensed staff to perform the procedures. The doctor has also billed some of his patient's insurance companies after his patients had already paid him out of pocket.

The OCRCFL examiners extracted and processed several mobile phones and computers for evidence for this investigation.

Crimes over Multiple Counties

Dmari Josiah Beed, 21, is charged with four felony counts of first-degree residential burglary, two felony counts of firstdegree robbery, one felony count of conspiracy to commit burglary, one misdemeanor crime of false imprisonment, and five-felony hate crime enhancements. Beed is one of over 140 defendants charged in home invasion robberies and burglaries, commercial burglaries, and smash and grab robberies. These crimes occurred in multiple counties.

Phones were collected after burglary, pursuit, and multiple car jackings. The OCRCFL examiners unlocked, extracted, and processed four phones for evidence.

Top Five Crimes		
1.	Homicide	
2.	Sexual Assault	
3.	Dangerous Drugs	
4.	Fraud	
5.	Crimes Against Person	

P	articipating Agencies
1.	Corona Police Department
2.	FBI—Los Angeles Division
3.	Fontana Police Department
4.	Garden Grove Police Department
5.	Irvine Police Department
6.	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
7.	Los Angeles Police Department
8.	Murrieta Police Department
9.	Newport Beach Police Department
10.	Ontario Police Department
11.	Orange County District Attorney's Office
12.	Palm Springs Police Department
13.	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
14.	Riverside Police Department
15.	San Bernardino District Attorney's Office
16.	Santa Ana Police Department
VEW	U.S. Customs and Border Protection



of Agencies in area: 252

Service Area: Central District of California

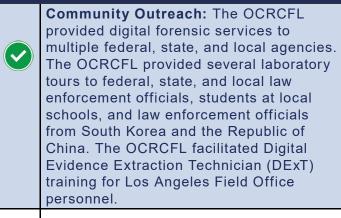


Since: 2013





Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Increase Participation: The OCRCFL added the U.S. Customs and Border Protection as a participating agency.

Technology Improvements: The OCRCFL assisted with the pilot program for and collaborated with the Operational Technology Division (OTD), Media Exploitation Unit (MXU), on developing Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) 2.0.









SSA Jeffrey Tanzola

FBI Philadelphia Division



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Notable News

Escapee Caught

Fugitive Danelo Cavalcante escaped a Pennsylvania prison, days after being sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder of his ex-girlfriend. Cavalcante escaped by scaling up a wall, pushing through a razor wire, running across the prison roof, scaling more razor wire, and finally jumping down to a less secure area to make his escape. After a 14-day manhunt, Cavalcante was apprehended.

Examiners from the PHRCFL assisted the Chester County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police in their investigation into the Cavalcante's escape. Examiners were able to process digital evidence of phones, vehicle telematics, and video surveillance all to locate and assist in the apprehension of the fugitive.

Basketball Coach and Trainer

Zachary Ray, 31, of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, was charged with aggravated indecent assault, child pornography, indecent assault, unlawful contact with minors, corruption of minors, and other related offenses. Ray was a basketball coach and trainer that sexually abused three children, between the ages of 10 and 16, while working as their coach. The victims described the same assault tactic, where Ray would take off their clothing to conduct a "core check," stretching them while touching them inappropriately. Ray also used his cell phone to record the incidents.

The defendant's cell phone was examined at the PHRCFL. The exploitation of the cell phone by the PHRCFL examiners assisted the investigative team.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Robbery
2.	Homicide
3.	Obscenity
4.	Dangerous Drugs
5.	Assault

	Participating Agencies		
	1.	Bucks County District Attorney's Office	
	2.	Chester County District Attorney's Office	
	3.	Delaware County District Attorney's Office	
•	4.	FBI—Philadelphia Division	
	5.	Montgomery County District Attorney's Office	
•	6.	Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General	
	7.	Philadelphia Police Department	
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	9.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	

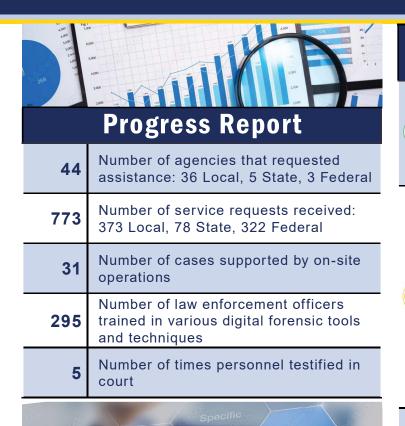


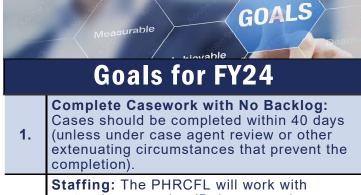
of Agencies in area: 500

Service Area: Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania



Since: 2009

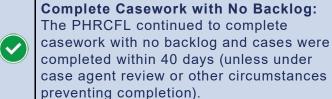




partnering agencies (Delaware and Montgomery County District Attorney's Offices) to staff positions again. Work with the FBI Executive Management to convert the Special Agent TDY position to a permanent position.

Training: The PHRCFL will provide training for the Philadelphia Division and agency partners in DIVRT, cellphone exploitation, and other subject matter areas.

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Staffing: The PHRCFL worked with the Radnor Police Department to become a participating agency and provide a Task Force Officer (TFO). The PHRCFL is still engaged with Delaware and Montgomery County District Attorney's Offices to staff positions again at the PHRCFL. The PHRCFL has backfilled the vacant Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE) positions and assigned a Special Agent/Forensic Examiner (SA/FE) on temporary duty (TDY) to the lab with the hopes of making

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

that position permanent.



Completed







SSA Michael Bergner

FBI Denver Division

ROCKY MOUNTAIN



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Notable News

Mass Shooting

Anderson Lee Aldrich, 23, was sentenced to five consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole for five counts of first-degree murder and 46 counts of attempted murder. He was also sentenced to an additional 2,208 years in prison for the attempted murder charges associated with the mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Aldrich also received a four-year sentence for bias-motivated charges.

The RMRCFL examiners exploited 26 total devices, including nine cell phones, two Network Video Recorders (NVRs), four tablets, six computers, and six storage devices. The examiners processed over 30 Terabytes of data and used the Digital Content Analysis Platform (DCAP) through the Operational Technology Division, Media Exploitation Unit (MXU), for distributed review of video to find frames of interest. The overwhelming digital evidence led the defendant to pleaded guilty.

Hate Crime

Darion Ray Sexton, 22, pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime charge in connection with a fire he set to the Abiding Love Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado. According to court records, Sexton intentionally set the fire by throwing two Molotov cocktails at the church, one at the front door and the other at the basement. Sexton further admitted that he was motivated to set this fire, due to the religious character of the church, and intended to destroy the church. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

A cell phone and a computer were submitted to the RMRCFL related to the fire at the church in Loveland, Colorado. The RMRCFL examiners recovered data from the cache of a social media application, containing multiple incriminating confession videos, leading the subject to pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Violent Crime
2.	Exploitation of a Minor
3.	Dangerous Drugs
4.	Sexual Assault
5.	Fraud

P	Participating Agencies	
1.	Adams County Sheriff's Office	
2.	Castle Rock Police Department*	
3.	Colorado Bureau of Investigation	
4.	Denver Police Department	
5.	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	
6.	FBI—Denver Division	
7.	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	
8.	Littleton Police Department	
9.	Lone Tree Police Department*	
	*Non-voting Participant	



of Agencies in area: 269

Service Area: Colorado and Wyoming



Since: 2008

100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	Progress Report
11	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 9 Local, 1 State, 1 Federal
188	Number of service requests received: 134 Local, 11 State, 43 Federal
4	Number of cases supported by on-site operations
314	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
8	Number of times personnel testified in court

Goals for FY24 Customer Satisfaction: Provide the best quality work product in a timely manner according to sound quality standards. Staffing: Work with CBI to fill the open examiner position and have CBI fill a second examiner position as they have agreed to do. Fill the upcoming open FBI

approved for the Pueblo Police Department and Pueblo Sheriff's Office to join the lab. Continue to develop other potential participating agencies.

Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE) position.

Training: Seek training for the RMRCFL staff to improve RMRCFL capabilities and provide training on handling digital evidence to investigative personnel within our area of responsibility (AOR).

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Staffing: FBI Denver provided a support position to the RMRCFL and converted it to a Digital Forensic Specialist (DFS), which the employee has begun training. The RMRCFL is working with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to backfill their examiner position.



Increase Participation: The RMRCFL confirmed CBI's commitment to add a second examiner. The RMRCFL Lab Director met with the Pueblo Police Department (PPD) Assistant Chief and Pueblo County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Captain to discuss becoming a participating agency. The PPD declared intent to join. The three-way Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PPD, PCSO, and the FBI is being drafted.

Training: The RMRCFL examiners completed training on various forensic tools. The RMRCFL provided digital forensic awareness training to their participating agencies and other non-participating law enforcement agencies through the National Domestic Communications Assistance Center (NDCAC). The RMRCFL launched a new training initiative, Digital Forensic Bytes, which is a six-week email campaign to deliver digital forensic tips and advice to case agents' email inbox.

Customer Satisfaction: The RMRCFL did not receive any negative feedback in FY23.



Installation: The RMRCFL arranged two visits by the NMRCFL System Administrator to install and trouble-shoot the DCAP 2.0 infrastructure. During FY23, the RMRCFL continued to work through system challenges and appreciated what the system could and could not do.









SSA Neah Fraser

FBI San Diego Division





Notable News

Lewd Acts on a Child

Zayne St. Julien, 22, pleaded guilty to three counts of lewd acts on a child and was sentenced to 22 months in prison. The victims' parents had hired St. Julien to care for their boys through the website Sittercity. After one parent reported the molestation of her child, Sittercity personnel were able to assist in identifying two other victims. Sittercity released a statement stating St. Julien had undergone 11 background checks that did not identify any criminal history. After learning of the complaints, the company promptly contacted police, removed St. Julien from their website, and reached out to families who had contact with St. Julien.

The SDRCFL examiners provided assistance by processing digital evidence for this investigation.

Involuntary Manslaughter

Edward Hilbert, 56, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter after strangling Anthony McGaff to death on a bus. While on the bus, McGaff had gotten into an argument with a woman after he discovered she was recording him on her cell phone. McGaff asked the woman not to record him, which she refused. She proceeded to take another phone out and continue recording him. McGaff attempted to grab the phone, and Hilbert stepped in by grabbing him and putting him in a chokehold. Hilbert held McGaff in the chokehold for more than eight minutes until the bus finally stopped. McGaff was then found unresponsive and died shortly after.

The SDRCFL examiners assisted by processing digital evidence, which proved instrumental during this investigation.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Homicide
2.	Dangerous Drugs
3.	Civil Rights
4.	Exploitation/Enticement
5.	Traffic Offense

Participating Agencies	
1.	California Highway Patrol
2.	California National Guard
3.	Carlsbad Police Department
4.	Chula Vista Police Department
5.	Coronado Police Department
6.	Drug Enforcement Administration
7.	El Cajon Police Department
8.	Escondido Police Department
9.	FBI—San Diego Division
10.	Homeland Security Investigations
11.	La Mesa Police Department
12.	National City Police Department
13.	San Diego County District Attorney's Office
14.	San Diego Harbor Police Department
15.	San Diego Police Department
16.	San Diego County Sheriff's Department
17.	U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of California



of Agencies in area: 80
Service Area: San Diego
and Imperial Counties

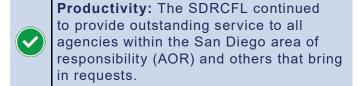


Since: 2008

100 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170	Progress Report
28	Number of agencies that requested assistance: 15 Local, 4 State, 9 Federal
821	Number of service requests received: 159 Local, 29 State, 633 Federal
43	Number of cases supported by on-site operations
197	Number of law enforcement officers trained in various digital forensic tools and techniques
3	Number of times personnel testified in court

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

Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals





Certification: The SDRCFL has four Digital Forensic Examiner Trainees (DFETs) that have been completing training towards their certification. One of the four has completed all their training towards their certification in FY23.









SSA Michael Mansuy

FBI San Francisco Division

SILICON VALLEY



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Notable News

Arms Export Control Act

Phil Pascoe, Monica Pascoe, Scott Tubbs, and Quadrant Magnetics, LLC, have been charged with wire fraud, violations of the Arms Export Control Act, and smuggling of goods for an illegal scheme to send export-controlled defense-related technical data to China and to unlawfully supply the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) with Chineseorigin rare earth magnets for aviation systems and military items. The defendants conspired to send the technical data to a company located in China without a license from the U.S. government. The technical data drawings were the property of two U.S. companies and related to end-use items for aviation, submarine, radar, tank, mortars, missiles, infrared and thermal imaging targeting systems, and fire control systems for the DOD. Quadrant Magnetics imported the rare earth magnets that were smelted and magnetized by a company in China. Quadrant then sold these magnets to two U.S. companies, which included them in components sold to DOD for use in defense assets. This was in violation of the Defense Acquisition Regulations System (DFARS). China is not an approved country.

The SVRCFL supported the search warrant of the corporate office in San Jose, California, to include an overnight shift to accommodate the forensic imaging of numerous workstations and the company's hybrid Office 365 platform.

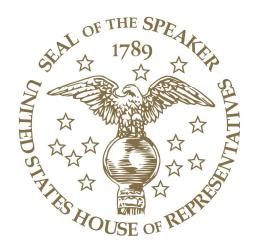
Home Invasion of U.S. Official

David DePape, 42, was convicted of one count of assault upon an immediate family member of a United States official with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the official while engaged in the performance of official duties or with intent to retaliate against the official on account of the performance of official duties, and one count of attempted kidnapping of a United States official on account of the performance of official duties. The charges were in connection with the intrusion into the home of then Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her husband, Paul Pelosi. The evidence showed the defendant targeted then Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The SVRCFL performed the forensic examination of a wide range of digital evidence items for this investigation.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Homicide
2.	Robbery
3.	Exploitation/Enticement
4.	Burglary
5.	Weapon Offense

Participating Agencies	
1.	FBI—San Francisco Division
2.	Fremont Police Department
3.	Newark Police Department
4.	Palo Alto Police Department*
5.	San Francisco Police Department
	*Non-voting Participant





of Agencies in area: 125

Service Area: Northern District of California



Since: 2006



GOALS surable **Goals for FY24** Minimize Backlog: Continue backlog 1. reduction strategies to maintain case backlog within a reasonable range. Increase Agency Participation: Increase agency participation by bringing one 2. additional participating agency on board by the end of the fourth quarter. Staffing: Maintain authorized staffing levels 3. of all roles (examiner and administrative). Training: Develop and host training events 4. to support the investigators of our federal, local, and state partners. Enhancements: Upgrade training classroom existing workstation 5. components to meet needs of current and

future training offerings.

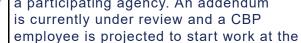
Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals



Minimize Backlog: The SVRCFL continued to maintain minimal backlog despite the increase in the average number of submissions per month.



Increase Agency Participation: The Local Executive Board approved the addition of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to the SVRCFL as a participating agency. An addendum



SVRCFL in FY24.



Staffing: The SVRCFL is continuing efforts to fill the last remaining vacancies, two Special Agent (SA) Digital Forensic Examiners (DFEs) and one Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - DFE.



Training: The SVRCFL hosted two Basic Mobile Devices for Investigators courses.









SSA Andy Stark (during FY23, **SSA Richard Campbell) FBI Birmingham Division**

ENNESSEE VALLEY



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Notable News

Staff Attorney for the Governor

Chase Tristian Espy, Staff Attorney for the Governor of Alabama, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography and was sentenced to 97 months in prison followed by 20 years supervised release. Espy was also ordered to pay additional special assessments of \$15,000.00 pursuant to the Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act and \$5,000.00 pursuant to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. An investigation was initiated after Espy began engaging in online chats with undercover law enforcement with whom the defendant believed to be a 15-year-old girl. Upon being arrested, Espy's cell phone was seized, and a search warrant was obtained.

The TVRCFL examiners assisted with the search warrant and found approximately 69 videos and four images of child sexual abuse material on the defendant's cell phone. The TVRCFL was instrumental in this investigation.

Excessive Force on an Inmate

Mohammad Shahid Jenkins, former William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility Lieutenant and Shift Commander, pleaded guilty to using excessive force on an inmate and lying in an official report to cover up the abuse. Jenkins was sentenced to 87 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

Jenkins willfully deprived an inmate of his right to be free from excessive force by kicking him, hitting him, spraying him with chemical spray, striking him with a can of chemical spray, and striking him with a shoe, while the inmate was restrained inside of a holding cell and not posing a threat. Jenkins admitted that he repeatedly re-entered the holding cell the inmate was in and re-assaulted him numerous times. Following the assault, Jenkins authored a false incident report. In it, he gave a false account of where in Donaldson he transported the inmate to, and he omitted entirely his use of force on the inmate from his report. As part of the factual basis, Jenkins further admitted that he lied to investigators by denying using any force on the first inmate and using force on another inmate on a different occasion.

The TVRCFL examiners processed digital evidence, which proved to be beneficial during the investigation.

Top Five Crimes	
1.	Exploitation/Enticement
2.	Drug Trafficking
3.	Homicide
4.	Domestic Terrorism
5.	Fraud

Participating Agencies	
1.	Alabama Counterdrug Program— National Guard
2.	Etowah County Sheriff's Office
3.	FBI—Birmingham Division
4.	Homeland Security Investigations
5.	Huntsville Police Department
6.	Lincoln County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department
7.	Madison County Sheriff's Office
8.	Madison Police Department
9.	The U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Alabama



of Agencies in area: 176

Service Area: Alabama and **Southern Tennessee**



Since: 2021



Goals for FY24 Maintain or Increase Staffing: Advertise, recruit, and fill vacant positions within the TVRCFL. Community Outreach: Continue to reach out to state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies to provide technical assistance and training. Customer Service: Achieve a high level of customer satisfaction and ensure accurate feedback is obtained regularly.

Timeliness: Ensure all service requests are

completed in a timely manner so results are

actionable when released.

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Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Maintain or Increase Staffing: The TVRCFL filled the vacant Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Digital Forensic Examiner Trainee (DFET) position, and the ITS-DFET reported to the RCFL in July 2023.

Community Outreach: The TVRCFL Lab Director met with the leadership from all participating agencies, and the TVRCFL performed forensic work for 13 different non-participating agencies.

Customer Service: The TVRCFL management found submission numbers declining and held meetings with participating agencies leadership to find out why. Discussions found some customers had unaddressed concerns, but feedback was not conveyed to RCFL staff. TVRCFL personnel began a campaign to improve feedback and identify causes for declining numbers.

Training: The TVRCFL conducted 14 external training sessions on the TVRCFL capabilities and digital evidence review. All FETs progressed into the CART curriculum, and all certified examiners completed at least one continuing education class.









SSA Eric Sakovics FBI Buffalo Division

WESTERN NEW YORK



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Notable News

Child Pornography

Christopher Robbins, of Williamsville, New York, was convicted of child pornography and sentenced to 72 months in prison. Robbins was identified as a member of a Kik group used to exchange videos and images of child pornography. The FBI executed a search warrant at Robbins' residence in Williamsville, seizing several electronic items.

The WNYRCFL examined the electronic devices and discovered items containing child pornography.

Murder and Narcotics Conspiracy

Deandre Wilson, 51, of Buffalo, New York, was sentenced to serve three consecutive life sentences plus 30 years for his role in a narcotics conspiracy, which resulted in a triple homicide. Wilson was convicted of the following charges: narcotics conspiracy; Hobbs Act robbery; murder while engaged in a narcotics conspiracy; discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence and drug trafficking crimes; two counts of discharge of a firearm causing death in furtherance of a crime of violence and drug trafficking crimes; conspiracy to obstruct justice; two counts of obstruction of justice; conspiracy to use fire to commit a felony; two counts of use of fire to commit a felony; conspiracy to damage and destroy a vehicle used in interstate commerce by fire; damaging and destroying a vehicle used in interstate commerce by fire; and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

Wilson had recently been released to the New York State Parole. After his release, he conspired with others to obtain kilograms of cocaine and other controlled substances for distribution. During the process of an arranged purchase of a kilogram of cocaine from four individuals, Wilson hit one of the individuals in the head with a blunt object and shot and killed two others. The fourth subject was a minor child in a car seat in their van. Later. Wilson and an accomplice drove the minivan to a non-residential area and doused the vehicle and the two bodies with gasoline, setting the vehicle and bodies on fire. They took the minor child and left him on a stranger's porch.

WNYRCFL examined multiple pieces of evidence from this case that greatly assisted in the outcome of this case.

Top Five Citilies	
	Dangerous Drugs
	Homicide
	Assault
	Larceny (two-way tie)

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Participating Agencies	
1.	Erie County Sheriff's Office
2.	FBI—Buffalo Division
3.	Monroe County Department of Public Safety
4.	Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Sex Offense (two-way tie)



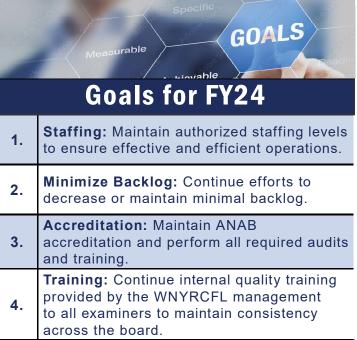
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Service Area: 17 Counties in Western New York



Since: 2021

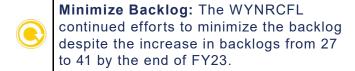


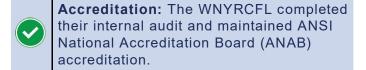


Pulse Check: Status of FY23 Goals

Staffing: The WNYRCFL added one

Special Agent (SA) Digital Forensic Examiner Trainee (DFET). The WNYRCFL is still awaiting decision from the FBI Buffalo Field Office about converting one funded staffing level (FSL) to a Digital Forensic Specialist (DFS) position. At end of FY23, the WNYRCFL had one Digital Forensic Examiner (DFE) vacancy that had not been filled yet.





Training: The WNYRCFL held quarterly quality time training to keep examiners current on policies and procedures.







Acknowledgements



TENNESSEE VALLEY RCFL

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



CALIFORNIA

ORANGE COUNTY RCFL

- Corona Police Department
- FBI—Los Angeles Division
- Fontana Police Department
- Garden Grove 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
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection NEW



SAN DIEGO RCFL

- California Highway Patrol
- California National Guard
- Carlsbad Police Department
- Chula Vista Police Department
- Coronado Police Department ■ Drug Enforcement Administration
- El Cajon Police Department
- Escondido Police Department
- FBI—San Diego Division
- Homeland Security Investigations
- La Mesa Police Department
- National City Police Department
- 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

SILICON VALLEY RCFL

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

*Non-Voting Participant



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
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Littleton Police Department
- Lone Tree Police Department *

*Non-Voting Participant



IDAHO

INTERMOUNTAIN WEST RCFL

- Ada County, Idaho, Sheriff's Office
- Boise City, Idaho, Police Department



ILLINOIS

CHICAGO RCFL

- 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
- Plainfield Police Department ■ Rockford Police Department



- Romeoville Police Department
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Will County Sheriff's Office



KANSAS

HEART OF AMERICA RCFL

- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department
- Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department
- Olathe, Kansas, Police Department
- Overland Park, Kansas, Police Department
- U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Kansas



KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY RCFL

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



MASSACHUSETTS

NEW ENGLAND RCFL

- Boston Police Department
- Brookline Police Department
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Everett Police Department NEW
- FBI—Boston Division
- Framingham Police Department
- Massachusetts State Police
- U.S. Attorney's Office—District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection



MISSOURI

HEART OF AMERICA RCFL

- Belton, Missouri, Police Department
- Clay County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Kansas City Division
- Gladstone, Missouri, Police Department
- Independence, Missouri, Police Department
- Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
- Lee's Summit, Missouri, Police Department
- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- North Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
- Platte County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office—Western District of Missouri



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST RCFL

■ Billings, Montana, Police Department



NEW ENGLAND RCFL

- Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department NEW
- New Hampshire State Police NEW



NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY RCFL

- 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



NEW MEXICO

NEW MEXICO RCFL

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



NEW YORK

WESTERN NEW YORK RCFL

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



NORTHWEST RCFL

- Clark County Sheriff's Office
- FBI—Portland Division
- Gresham Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Oregon State Police
- Portland Police Bureau



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST RCFL

- 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



PHILADELPHIA RCFL

- 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
- Radnor Police Department NEW
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



TENNESSEE VALLEY RCFL

■ Lincoln County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department



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
- Plano Police Department
- Richardson Police Department



