

# Thomas M. Rucke

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## SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- President and Chief Investigator, Cadfael Investigative Group, Inc
- Accomplished Investigative Professional with a proven record of performance and leadership in challenging environments.
- Well developed verbal and written communication skills.
- Highly skilled interviewer and interrogator.
- Adept at identifying and gathering evidence.
- Demonstrated in creating Crime Scene Diagrams, Time Lines etc to resolve complex cases.
- Experienced in trial preparation and coordination of witnesses and evidence.
- Knowledgeable public speaker, trainer and seminar leader.

## EXPERTISE

- Experienced Fraud Investigator.
- Expert Interviewer and Interrogator
- Public Speaking and Seminars.
- Witness Locating and Interviewing
- Crime Scene Analysis.
- Trial Preparation and Coordination.
- Thorough Investigations.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- As Federal Criminal Investigator, gathered, evaluated and managed information that could adversely affect operation of US Postal Service involving work environment and morale of its employees, including but not limited to:

### Criminal Investigations:

- Conducted Numerous Fraud Investigations of various types and scope.
- Conducted background and suitability investigations.
- Gained extensive experience in conducting investigations into crimes against people including Threat Management, Threat Analysis, Assault, Murder, and Rape.
- Provided continued support to prosecuting attorneys until case was resolved to avoid misinformation, errors and help resolve any new problems that arose.
- Effectively developed and managed information sources.
- Became adept in creating affidavits for and executing search warrants on residences, vehicles, office buildings, and safe deposit boxes and requirements of reporting same.
- Prepared evidence for trial and coordinated witnesses.
- Delivered numerous speeches and seminars.

### Highlights:

- Developed and refined skills relating to conducting investigations into Fraud, Theft, Embezzlement, Burglary, Identity Fraud, Mail Fraud, Wire Fraud and Counterfeiting.
- Scrupulously observed the admissibility of evidence and the right of the accused, achieved 100% conviction rate.
- Knowledgeable in proper procedures for creating/displaying photo line-ups consistent with rules of evidence.
- Achieved operational effectiveness in essential mission of investigative work.

### Security Investigations and Concerns:

- Gathered, analyzed and referred data to management on internal/external threats of violence to achieve a safer work environment.
- Developed and implemented contingency plans for bomb threats, work stoppage and natural disasters.
- Investigated theft and sabotage of company plant/equipment by both employees/non-employees resulting in reduced indemnity claims, increased profitability and enhanced employee morale.

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- Initiated effective prevention measures to reduce crime victimization for businesses/employees.
- Devised and implemented creation of a safe room to safeguard employees in the workplace.

## Team Leadership:

- Provided team members with information/equipment to accomplish their tasks and make prudent decisions.
- Monitored team members in their task force roles, ensuring success of mission; offered positive reinforcement for agents.
- Developed useful attitudes to promote team growth in investigative ability.
- Developed and implemented effective and efficient strategies and tactics in the use of surveillance.

## Instruction and Presentations:

- Developed PowerPoint presentations on overall crime prevention, contingency plans, identity fraud, personal/financial safety for diverse audiences.
- Taught advance investigative techniques at training seminars for other investigative agents; improved quality of investigators.
- Developed and taught numerous groups on how to recognize fraud scheme and to deal effectively with confidence men.

## Civil Investigations:

- Investigated Insurance Claims to develop independent facts/evidence used to adjudicate and deny claims; Ensured that only legitimate claims were paid.
- Negotiated directly with attorneys and insurance companies developing facts, locating and interviewing witnesses, resolving claims at lowest level of cost to self-insured employer.
- Developed additional facts to prevail in civil matters involving divorce, insurance and bank fraud.
- Conducted Asset Searches to identify and locate hidden assets.

## Notable Investigations Include:

- Conducted and Solved by arrest murder and armed robbery investigations in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.
- Participated in the investigations of a fraudulent diploma mill in Santa Barbara, CA the was shown on 60 Minutes.
- Investigated a commodity options fraud scheme operated in Beverly Hills, CA.
- Identified a blatant fraud perpetrated in various parts of Los Angeles, CA.
- Identified and prosecuted an 88 Million Dollar Investment Fraud operated in Minneapolis, MN
- Security Consultant for baseball's '86 All-Star Game, '87 and '91 World Series.
- Spearheaded and implemented undercover operation to stop drug use and sale in businesses.
- Identified and prosecuted a \$100 million fraud scheme in Minneapolis.
- Coordinated a 200 Million Dollar Identity Fraud Ring that resulted in the arrest of 40 offenders.
- Investigated crimes of burglary and arson and recommended prevention measures to halt future incidents.
- Developed and coordinated a task force of federal and state police officers to prosecute local gangs that were defrauding businesses.
- Played key role in establishing Financial Crimes task force to investigate organized financial crime rings, including international/fraud rings. Minnesota Legislature has funded this task force in 2003 recognizing its importance to enhancing the quality of life for all Minnesotans.

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## EXPERIENCE

**Private Investigator and Security Consultant**- Minneapolis, MN 2002 to Present

**United States Postal Inspector**- St. Paul, MN 1980 to 2002.

- Investigated and managed data on criminal activities in three states.

**United States Postal Inspector**- Los Angeles, CA 1971-1979.

- Involved in investigating major criminal activities and terrorist groups in Southern California.

## EDUCATION

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

**Master of Science in Public Administration**

St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

**Bachelor of Science in Business**

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Past President (10 years), Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, MN Chapter.
- Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.
- Member, International Association of Financial Crime Investigators.
- Member, North Dakota Peace Officers Association.
- Member, National Counsel Investigative and Security Services
- Member Minnesota Better Business Bureau
- Member St. Paul Chamber of Commerce

## AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

- *Certificate of Appreciation* from Director of US Secret Service, Washington DC 2003.
- *Recognition Award* from Internal Revenue Service, Office of Criminal Investigations for outstanding effort, dedication and assistance 2002.
- *Recognition Award* for Outstanding Assistance and Support of United States Secret Service in their investigative and protective responsibilities, Minneapolis, MN 2002.
- Numerous financial awards from United States Postal Inspection Service for Superior Investigative Achievement.
- Nominated by BBB for 2007 Integrity Award.