

Darek G. Pleasants

Summary Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Professional Summary

Darek Pleasants is a **National Security and Law Enforcement Expert** with over 30 years of experience in government, law enforcement, investigations, and consulting. He is a **Subject Matter Expert** in the tactics, techniques, and procedures related to comprehensive firearms, arson, and explosives investigations and regulatory matters. Darek is also an expert in crime gun intelligence and technology-driven evidence-based procedures in high-risk, high-impact, and culturally sensitive environments. As an **Accomplished Leader** with advanced knowledge of law enforcement culture, trends, best practices, policy, and procedure, Darek is an **Effective, Engaging, and Professional Communicator**. He is sought out by the major multimedia press for his expertise and comment. As a **Candid, Ethical, and Confidential Collaborator** with national and international experience, Darek delivers critical 'ground truth' to public and private sector clients with the utmost professionalism.

Expertise

- Criminal Investigation Review
- Federal Gun Control Act & National Firearms Act
- Federal Firearms Investigation
- Burglary Investigation
- Armed Robbery Investigation
- Serial Robbery Investigations
- Serial Arson Investigation
- Undercover Robbery Investigations
- Advanced Firearms Investigative Expertise
- Interstate and International Firearms Nexus
- Firearms Investigative Tactics & Techniques
- Complex Investigation
- Armed Narcotics Trafficking
- Firearms Trafficking
- Use of Force
- Crime Gun Intelligence
- Undercover Operations Best Practices & Oversight
- Surveillance Operations Best Practices
- Law Enforcement Discipline and Internal Affairs
- Criminal Conspiracy
- Criminal Groups and Gangs
- Federal Firearms Regulation
- Federal Explosives Regulation
- Arson Investigation and Subrogation
- Explosives Investigation
- Restoration of Rights Investigation
- Law Enforcement Oversight Best Practices
- Crime Scene Management
- Police Socialization and Culture
- Firearms Tracing
- Ballistic Imaging

Education

College or University

United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA

Columbia College, Columbia, MO

Degree

Masters, Strategic Studies

Bachelors

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Professional Experience

P2 Consulting Services,

Director, Greater Metropolitan Washington DC 2022-Present

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Deputy Assistant Director, Washington, D.C. 2020 - 2022
Special Agent in Charge, Washington | Oregon | Idaho | Alaska | Hawaii and U.S. Pacific Territories 2017 - 2020
Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia, PA 2015 - 2017
Resident Agent in Charge, St. Louis, MO | Oakland, CA 2012 - 2015
Supervisory Special Agent, Iraq | Mexico | El Salvador | Peru | Canada | Caribbean Basin 2009 - 2012
Special Agent / Field Training Officer, Los Angeles, CA | Baltimore, MD 2001 - 2009

Teaching / Public Speaking Experience

Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Continuing Legal Education Instructor; Introduction to Firearms & Crime Gun Intelligence

Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

Subject Matter Expert | Crime Gun Intelligence | Law Enforcement & Investigative Leadership

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Firearms and Tactics Instructor | Lecturer on leadership in crises for law enforcement.

National Human Intelligence Collaboration Course, Office of the Director for National Intelligence

Instructor on Human Intelligence Collaboration and Confidential Source Management.

International Law Enforcement Academy, U.S. Department of State

Instructor and mentor | Weapons Proliferation | Firearms Trafficking Investigations | Leadership.

Multiple Multi-Media Press Engagements

Firearms, Arson, and Explosives Investigations | Crime Gun Intelligence | Crisis Communications.

Professional Affiliations, Achievements and Awards

- Technical Assistance Center for Improving Law Enforcement
- Center for Justice Research and Innovation
- Former Vice Chair, Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- Member, Federal Career Senior Executive Service
- U.S. Attorney Investigative Award for Exceptional Achievement
- U.S. Attorney Award for Exceptional Service
- U.S. Attorney General Commendation for International Investigation
- Project Safe Neighborhoods Impact Award
- Ariel Rios Memorial Leadership Award
- Director's Award for Leadership
- ATF Foreign Service Medal
- Multiple State and Local Commendations