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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With over 25 years of experience in the locksmith industry, I specialize in automotive locksmithing and investigative work. My career began in 1997, and I soon expanded my expertise as a private investigator, deepening my interest in investigative techniques. Automotive locksmithing has remained the foundation of my professional journey.

In 2011, I founded my own automotive locksmith business, dedicated to delivering expert solutions and exceptional customer service. I am committed to ongoing professional development, earning the Certified Automotive Locksmith (CAL) credential in 2017 and advancing to Certified Master Automotive Locksmith (CMAL) in 2023.

Recognizing the importance of investigation within the locksmith field, I broadened my expertise and achieved several significant milestones in 2025: Certified ALOA Instructor (CAI), Certified Forensic Locksmith (CFL), and Certified Forensic Master Automotive Locksmith (CFMAL). These credentials reflect my commitment to both the technical and investigative aspects of the industry.

I am passionate about sharing knowledge, upholding the highest standards, and contributing to the advancement of the locksmith profession. With my forensic credentials, I am prepared to conduct investigations for law enforcement, insurance fraud cases, and disputes involving unauthorized vehicle access.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Expertise in investigating the use of Lishi style tools on automotive locks. Expert at identifying toolmarks nonnative to vehicles. Master Automotive Locksmith. Experience as a case manager in a premier fraud investigation company. Experience investigating potential fraud. Published author. Recognized philanthropist.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Forensic Master Automotive Locksmith
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- Certified Forensic Locksmith
- Certified ALOA Instructor
- North Carolina Locksmith License

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Associated Locksmiths of America
- International Association of Investigative Locksmiths
- International Association of Automotive Locksmiths
- North Carolina Locksmith Association

OFFICES HELD

- 1st Vice President – North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Sergeant at Arms – North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Assistant Sergeant at arms – North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Membership Committee Chair – North Carolina Locksmith Association

WORK HISTORY

06/2011-Current

Locksmith/Owner

Anthony's Lock Service Auto – High Point NC

- Assessed product failure on stripped down locks and resolved accordingly.
- Operated specialized locksmith tools effectively during service provision.
- Attended regular training sessions to stay updated on industry developments and trends.
- Demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills whilst dealing with complex lock issues.
- Enhanced customer trust by providing expert advice on automotive security systems.

05/2006 – 06/2011

Locksmith

Anthony's Lock Service – High Point NC

- Improved home security with installation of high-quality locks.
- Repaired faulty locking mechanisms to ensure client safety.
- Rekeyed locks upon customer request for improved security.
- Assisted in the design of master key systems for commercial premises.

08/2004 – 05/2006

Area Manager

RGIS Inventory Specialists – Charleston WV

- Improved team efficiency by implementing new strategies for task delegation.
- Established strong relationships with key stakeholders to enhance business growth.
- Conducted regular performance reviews, leading to increased staff satisfaction.
- Streamlined operations by introducing innovative managerial procedures.

09/2002 – 08/2004

Investigator/Case Manager

MJM Investigations – Raleigh NC

- Conducted detailed investigations to investigate suspected insurance fraud.
- Compiled comprehensive reports, ensuring thorough documentation of findings.

- Maintained confidentiality throughout investigation process, respecting client privacy.
- Utilized surveillance equipment efficiently during stakeouts for collecting evidence.

06/1996 – 09/2002

Associate Area Manager/Training Specialist

RGIS Inventory Specialists – Greensboro NC

- Trained members of the team for improved overall productivity.
- Led multiple teams across different areas, fostering collaboration and communication.
- Implemented cost-effective measures, resulting in significant savings for the company.
- Developed strong teams by skillfully recruiting, orienting and training loyal, hard-working employees.

EDUCATION

- Certificate of Training: CAI Certified ALOA Instructor Training, Associated Locksmiths of America – Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: Soldering Fundamentals for Automotive Locksmiths, Associated Locksmiths of America – Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: Investigative Locksmithing, Associated Locksmiths of America - Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: Photography for Locksmiths, Associated Locksmiths of America - Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: How to Prepare to be a Forensic Investigator, Associated Locksmiths of America - Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: Forensic Tool Marks & Photo Laboratory Workshop, Associated Locksmiths of America - Dallas, Texas
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Deciphering Automotive Key Codes, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Introduction to Volkswagen, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Automotive 101 on a Budget, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Automotive Diagnostics Basics, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Introduction to Xhorse, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - First Generation Transponders, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Real Estate Lockboxes, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Mobile Technology Solutions for Locksmithing, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Introduction to Forensic Locksmithing, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - VVDI/Xhorse, North Carolina Locksmith Association

- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Sidebar Manipulation, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Automotive Troubleshooting in the Field, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Real Estate Dial & Key Boxes, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Master Combination Locks and Key Boxes, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Ford Transit Tibbe Key, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Lexus and Honda High Security Keys, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Basic Automotive Locksmithing (Chrysler), North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Basic Automotive Locksmithing, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Instructor - Automotive Broken Key Extraction, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Realtor Lock Boxes, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Beginners In-Circuit EEPROM Reading, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Beginners Automotive Knowledge, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Ethics, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Automotive Key Generation and Trouble Shooting, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Residential Door Hardware Applications, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Automotive Steering Lock Removal, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Detex Locks, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: Reading EEPROMs Part I and II, North Carolina Locksmith Association
- Certificate of Higher Education: High Security Auto (GM), North Carolina Locksmith Association

AWARDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HONORS

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – What Makes Superchips Super?

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – Give Your Business a Lift

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – The Art of Cross Referencing

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – No Card, No Problem

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – Setting the Alarm off on a Toyota

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – Chrysler Sidebar Manipulation

Published Article: Keynotes Magazine – The Toyota Debacle

Award of Recognition by the Shriner's Hospitals for Children Given for conducting a fundraiser for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children 2014

REFERENCES

References available upon request.