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# **Case Victory Spotlight: Major Win in Lewis County**

We're proud to share a major legal victory for our client out of Lewis County. Last year, our investigative team supported the defense in a high-stakes serious sex related felony case involving seven separate counts. The result at trial: four not-guilty verdicts, and three hung jury verdicts.

The Commonwealth had initially intended to retry the remaining three counts. However, those charges have now been **dismissed**.

This exceptional outcome is a testament to the power of thorough investigation. Our team uncovered key inconsistencies in the state's witness statements and identified new defense witnesses who provided

critical testimony at trial. These efforts played a direct role in undermining the prosecution's theory and ultimately led to the dismissal of the remaining charges.

We're honored to be part of the defense team's success and remain committed to delivering investigative work that makes a real difference in the pursuit of justice.



# Case Reflection: The Heart Behind the Work

April marked the conclusion of trial in a very emotional and difficult juvenile case—one involving a 15-year-old client who was originally charged with Murder. After careful consideration of the facts, the Judge returned a verdict of Manslaughter in the Second Degree. Before doing so, he read each possible charge aloud, explaining his reasoning in a way that left no room for confusion or speculation.

The courtroom environment reflected just how painful this case has been for everyone involved. Due to understandable tension between families, the Judge limited attendance to immediate relatives only, with



# From Suspicion to Closure: The Quiet Power of a Polygraph

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# Polygraph

The pursuit of truth has been a cornerstone of justice since ancient times. Today, the polygraph–grounded in decades of scientific advancement–stands as a powerful asset in legal proceedings. According to research by the American Polygraph Association, single-issue polygraph examinations

each side instructed to sit separately to maintain calm and respect.

Our client had already accepted responsibility for his role in what happened. He acknowledged being present during the incident, and that the firearm discharged during a physical struggle between him and his best friend, an unthinkable moment that ended in tragic loss.

What can't be seen from the outside is the months of tireless investigative and mitigation work that helped shape this outcome. Our team dug deep into the circumstances of the case, reviewing every detail, phone records, forensic oversights, character background, and environmental factors that shaped the client's life. We worked closely with his family to ensure the Court saw the full picture, not just a snapshot in time.

Our team poured their hearts into this case. The attorney on the case fought fiercely at every turn. She challenged the introduction of questionable evidence, including a violent video unrelated to the case that was sent by someone else to a group of friends, and successfully argued that it had no business being part of this trial. The Judge agreed, citing the lack of expert testimony and gaps in digital forensics. The defense also had to step in where others did not: pushing for crucial physical evidence to be tested that was otherwise ignored.

The prosecution brought no eyewitnesses. And notably, law enforcement referred to the incident as an accident during both of the client's recorded interviews, facts that deeply shaped the outcome.

A final hearing, sentencing has been scheduled for mid-June, and we continue to stand beside this young person and his family as they prepare for what comes next.

This case has reminded us why we do this work: to ensure that justice isn't just a process, but a practice rooted in truth, care, and humanity. We are incredibly proud of the strength and dedication shown by our team every step of the way.

demonstrate an accuracy rate of approximately 89%.

While polygraph results are not admissible in all jurisdictions, they remain a valuable tool for attorneys on both sides of the courtroom. Law enforcement agencies frequently use polygraph examinations to identify or eliminate suspects and to gather investigative leads. For defense attorneys, polygraph testing can provide critical leverage—whether for guiding case strategy, strengthening plea negotiations, supporting sentencing mitigation, or managing client expectations.

At **TruthSpan Polygraph**, we specialize in a wide range of polygraph services, including:

- Criminal defense and investigation polygraphs
- Infidelity and family-related matters
- Pre-employment screening
- Post-conviction sex offender testing

Our main office is in Covington, Kentucky, but we frequently travel to law offices across the region to accommodate attorney needs.

# Case Study: Polygraph as a Case-Turning Tool

In a recent case, we were retained by a defense attorney representing a woman whose husband had died of a drug overdose. Days before his death, she had filed for divorce, triggering suspicion from the husband's family due to a prenuptial agreement that would have left her with nothing in the event of separation. The family pressed local law enforcement to investigate the woman, suggesting she may have played a role in his death.



# Bridging Language Barriers: The Value of a Spanish-Speaking Investigator at One Logic Source

At One Logic Source, we understand that effective investigation goes beyond just following leads – it's about truly connecting with people and uncovering the full story. That's why having a Spanish-speaking investigator on our team is such a vital asset.

## Why Language Matters in Investigation

Language barriers can create significant gaps in gathering accurate information, especially in diverse communities where Spanish is often the primary language. Critical details can be lost, misunderstood, or misrepresented without proper communication. A bilingual investigator helps break down these barriers, ensuring that interviews, witness statements, and community outreach are conducted clearly and respectfully.

# How Our Spanish-Speaking Investigator Enhances Your Case

Our investigator's fluency in Spanish allows for direct communication with clients, witnesses, and other parties, avoiding costly misunderstandings and reliance on third-party interpreters. This capability leads to more genuine rapport, richer information gathering, and a more nuanced understanding of cultural context-often the difference between uncovering key evidence or missing it entirely.

Our office conducted a polygraph examination in which the client was asked whether she had provided, assisted, administered, or injected any drugs that led to her husband's death. She passed the test. Her defense attorney submitted the results to both the police and the prosecutor's office. Within 24 hours, the investigation was closed.

### The Bottom Line

While polygraph evidence may not be admissible in every courtroom, its value as a strategic legal tool is clear. A well-timed, professionally administered polygraph examination can shift the direction of an investigation, influence prosecutorial decisions, and support a broader legal strategy.

For questions about our services or to schedule a confidential consultation, feel free to reach out. We are committed to supporting attorneys with reliable, objective polygraph testing tailored to the needs of your case.

Whether it's interviewing a Spanish-speaking witness, reviewing documents in Spanish, or navigating cultural sensitivities, our bilingual investigator is equipped to provide thorough, culturally competent investigative services. This enhances our overall effectiveness and helps build stronger cases for defense attorneys representing clients from all backgrounds.

## At One Logic Source, We Speak Your Language

We're proud to offer this critical capability as part of our commitment to thorough, empathetic, and precise investigations. If your case involves Spanish-speaking witnesses or communities, having an investigator who can communicate directly is not just an advantage—it's essential.

# Honoring the Past, Serving the Present: A Memorial Day Reflection

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifices have shaped the freedoms we enjoy today including the pursuit of justice.



At One Logic Source, Memorial Day serves as a powerful reminder of our role in that pursuit. Private investigation isn't just about uncovering facts—it's about standing up for the truth, ensuring fair representation, and supporting the rights that so many have fought to protect.

In criminal defense investigations, every piece of evidence we uncover, every interview we conduct, and every exhibit we create carries weight. Our work often supports those who are up against the full power of the justice system, and that responsibility is never lost on us—especially during times of remembrance.

This Memorial Day, we not only honor those who served, but we recommit ourselves to serving justice with integrity and purpose.

From all of us, we wish you a peaceful and reflective Memorial Day.