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MANUEL DE LA TORRIENTE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

Manuel “Manny” De La Torriente is a retired City of Miami Police Homicide Sergeant with over 21 years of public service investigative experience. He began his career at the height of the Colombian drug wars and the Mariel boatlift, working as a patrol officer in various and culturally diverse areas of the City of Miami. He later worked undercover vice and narcotics operations throughout the City, before transferring to the Detective bureau.

As an Investigator, Detective De La Torriente investigated homicides and all other types of death investigations, as well as major sex crimes and child abuse cases with an unusually high degree of success. Additionally, he served on several multi-agency organized crime task forces, and also on police shooting investigations teams, earning numerous commendations and departmental awards for his investigative expertise and outstanding results. Det. Sgt. De La Torriente has appeared in numerous reality television crime shows, most notably “The First 48,” “Cold Case Files,” and “COPS.” He has introduced, trained and mentored many new investigators in the various disciplines that together comprise criminal investigations. Administratively, Det. De La Torriente helped pioneer laptop work processors and later computers for report writing, lead tracking, and multimedia case presentation.

Mr. De La Torriente holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Barry University, where he majored in Psychology and Sociology. He also holds a Master of Science of Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Additionally, he is currently working on his Doctoral Degree in Public Service Leadership, with a concentration in criminal justice, and conducting research on the effects of training and education on police performance.

Mr. De La Torriente has taught numerous criminal investigations courses, as well as undergraduate and graduate level criminal justice, business management, security organization, operations, and management courses at several colleges and universities, including Webster University’s Fort Gordon, Georgia Army facility. He also spent six years operating in the private investigations and security industry before returning to the Miami Police Training Center and to his current role as Subject Matter Expert in the field of criminal investigations. Backed by a wealth of experience, education, and training, Mr. De La Torriente holds to the philosophy that, “With education, training, determination, and desire, everyone can achieve excellence.”