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PLA Portfolio for CRJU 220 (Criminology) – 3 Credit Hours

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Autobiography

Having spent the last two decades of my life serving in various roles within the law enforcement community, I not only have gained a worldview perspective within my discipline, but have also received hundreds of hours of post-secondary training directly related to this field. A major facet of my professional law enforcement experience stems from my time (15 years) in the military. As a military police officer in the United States Army, and later having served as a Criminal Investigation Division (CID) officer and trainer, my real-world experiences coupled with my formal training prepared me to serve in similar capacities in the civilian sector. Through these military experiences, I was required to attend and successfully complete numerous training courses in an effort toward professional development and advancement. Courses ranged from basic criminology to advanced interrogation techniques. Beyond that, I also received training in data collection and analysis, specifically as it pertained to past and ongoing investigations.

Most recently, serving as a Sheriff for the city of Virginia Beach, I have had the privilege of providing some more intentional mentoring and coaching to those in correctional facilities; stemming my outreach from a Christian perspective. I have used my position to try to influence those who are in dire straits in an effort to help them redefine their lives and behavioral patterns. I also have spent the last 6 years volunteering as a mentor for the Hampton Roads Scared Straight program which assists teenagers who are likely headed down life pathways that are not going to end well for them or our society. While I have been able to earn my AA in General Studies, I believe my professional background provides the necessary foundation to pursue the BS in Criminal Justice.

Christian Integration Perspective

The Army's values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage are in direct alignment with Regent's values. As a Soldier, I lived my professional and personal lives in ways that not only exemplified those core values, but also ensured I treated everybody with dignity and respect; regardless of their personal situation or status in life. In essence, that is the golden rule as depicted by Matthew 7:12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Regardless of the task given, I always put my best foot forward (excellence) in order to maximize the outcome from a professional, personal, and spiritual standpoint. Beyond that, I am a trusted leader in my professional community (integrity) and am often sought out for professional advice and counsel. Lastly, I have often been called upon to come up with creative solutions (innovation) to complex problems, especially within the scope of criminal logistics and investigatory protocols. As a trusted member of the law enforcement community, I will continue my journey of personal and professional development and will rely on my faith to guide the decisions I make.

Prior Learning Experience

CRJU 220 Course Learning Outcomes and applicable experience

1. **Develop and articulate arguments using good reading and analytical skills**
 - a. As a CID investigator for over 5 years, I reviewed and refined over 17 training manuals focusing on the processes and protocols related to the investigative techniques utilized by all CID agents worldwide.
 - b. Proposed and implemented 6 significant changes to the primary CID handbook, which were all based on 550 hours of legal and international research.
2. **Develop good written communication skills**
 - a. Authored and presented dozens of legal briefings outlining case specifics for use in legal proceedings by the Judge Advocate General's office.
 - b. As a non-commissioned officer, I provided hundreds of performance evaluations in varying written formats and reports for over 150 Soldiers spanning a 12 year period.
3. **Develop a solid Christian worldview toward the causes and handling of crime**
 - a. Always relied on my faith and biblical worldview to provide the moral compass needed to make decisions even in very trying circumstances. Also completed Ethics Training from Defense Acquisition University and Code of Conduct training from the Joint Warfare Center.
 - b. Served over 5 years as a volunteer with the Scared Straight program (Christian-based program), becoming a mentor and lay counselor for over 125 juveniles in correctional facilities. While serving as a mentor, I received coaching and guidance from a senior prison chaplain and a senior pastor from Norfolk, VA.
4. **List and describe foundational theories in criminology**
 - a. Over 20 years of field experience in the military and civilian sectors serving the law enforcement community, as a field-level officer (patrol), basic and lead investigator (detective), and correctional officer.
 - b. Completed basic, mid and senior level law enforcement training in the US Army as well as the City of VA Beach corrections course. (All resident courses totaling over 18 months of total formal training time)
5. **Discuss how crime is measured and how crime data is collected**
 - a. Completed a 2-week training course for Special Reaction Teams (SRT) that required the mining, sifting, and analysis of thousands of data sets related to crime statistics and case management.
 - b. Completed a 2-month resident course (Military Police Senior Leader) which focused on data driven deliverables within the scope of Law Enforcement Administration and Supervision. As corrections officer, provided regional data to regional superintendent on a monthly basis in order to better understand the crime and conviction trends associated with Virginia Beach.
6. **Compare and contrast basic theories of criminology with Scripture**
 - a. Completed 20-hour training course from ACPE regarding prison ministries and how biblical principles impact conversion rates as well as the correlation between non-believers and repeat offenders. Volunteer for the VBPD "Every 15 Minutes" program.
 - b. Worked directly with the lead Virginia Beach PD Chaplain to determine the commonalities found between case-loads, crime rates, case resolution rates, and crime categories as cross-referenced with those officers and offenders who identify as Christians. This research led to a published division-wide report resulting in some resource allocation adjustments for certain precincts.

Supporting Documentation

Excerpts from military training and job descriptions (and dates held)

Military Experience				
Occupation ID	ACE Identifier Title Description-Credit Areas	Dates Held	ACE Credit Recommendation	Level
B10 inary	MOS-95B-004 Military Police: Supervises or provides law enforcement; preserves military control; provides security; controls traffic; quells disturbances; protects property and personnel; handles prisoners of war, refugees, or evacuees; investigates incidents. Enforces traffic regulations and law and order; exercises military control and discipline and guards prisoners of war; responsible for traffic accident investigation; provides physical security for designated individuals, installations, facilities, and equipment; maintains traffic control and enforces traffic regulations and safety; participates in civil disturbances and riot control operations; responsible for law enforcement investigations; performs foot and motorized patrol and applies crime prevention measures; prepares military police reports including sworn statements and processes evidence. • None (11/86)(11/86)	01-AUG-2002		
B10 ity	MOS-31B-002 Military Police: Supervises or provides law enforcement; preserves military control; provides security; controls traffic; quells disturbances; protects property and personnel; handles prisoners of war, refugees, or evacuees; investigates incidents. Enforces traffic regulations and law and order; exercises military control and discipline and guards prisoners of war; responsible for traffic accident investigation; provides physical security for designated individuals, installations, facilities, and equipment; maintains traffic control and enforces traffic regulations and safety; participates in civil disturbances and riot control operations; responsible for law enforcement investigations; performs foot and motorized patrol and applies crime prevention measures; prepares military police reports including sworn statements and processes evidence. • Credit may be granted on the basis of individualized assessment of the student (9/04)(9/04). (9/04)(9/04)	01-SEP-2003	0 SH	L

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detachment; supervises compound or work project; coordinates MP activities with civil police organizations; directs MP activities to quell disturbances and cope with disasters; supervises traffic safety activity and riot and crowd control; prepares reports, forms, and records on MP operations and activities. Leads military police squad, medium-sized section, detachment, or platoon; assists in planning, organizing, directing, supervising, training, coordinating, and reporting activities of subordinates; organizes work schedules, assigns duties, and instructs personnel in techniques and procedures; evaluates personnel performance.

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| • Law Enforcement | 3 SH | L |
| • Patrol Operations | 3 SH | L |
| • Police Supervision | 3 SH | L |

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MOS-31B-002 01-NOV-2007

Military Police:

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Military Police:

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.M 003	30-SEP-2010	Ethics Training for Acquisition Technology and Logistics	Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning (CL) Center Fort Belvoir, VA	1
TA-US022	10-JUL-2011	Code of Conduct Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE)	Joint Warfighter Center (JKDDC) Suffolk, VA	1
i-F5/950-F4	12-AUG-2011	Antiterrorism Officer (Basic)	Military Police School Ft Leonard Wood MO	1
ATC-UMO 151	08-MAY-2013	Unit Movement Officer Course	7th ATC CATC Vilseck GA	1
i-F97_DL	29-SEP-2013	Composite Risk Management Basic	AR Safety Center Ft Rucker	1
i-F95_DL	07-NOV-2013	Additional Duty Safety	AR Safety Center Ft Rucker	1
ATC-UMO 152	14-FEB-2014	Airlift Planner'S Course (Alpe)	7th ATC CATC Vilseck GA	1
i-F104_DL	09-OCT-2014	Composite Risk Management Civilian Basic	AR Safety Center Ft Rucker	1
i-F94V3.1	09-OCT-2014	Commanders Safety Course	AR Safety Center Ft Rucker	1
i-F105_DL	14-OCT-2014	Injury Prevention Through Leadership	AR Safety Center Ft Rucker	1
-US007-14	22-JAN-2015	Level I Antiterrorism Awareness Training	Joint Warfighter Center (JKDDC) Suffolk, VA	1

Applicable certificates

