

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EXPERIENCE

TYEHIMBA SERVICES, INC. (TSI), DECATUR, GA

President/CEO, Consultant & Professional Private Criminal Defense Investigator 1989 to Present

Specializing in Criminal Defense, Mitigation and Post-Conviction Investigations in Complex High Profile Capital Cases and Negligence Investigations for the Plaintiff. Analyze police, forensic and autopsy reports. Locate and interview witnesses; witness background investigations; photograph and video crime scenes and wounds; reconstruct crime scenes and shooting incidents; prepare declarations and reports; process service; testify and assist attorneys during trial.

- Qualified and testified as an expert witness on firearms-related evidence and reconstruction of crime scenes and shooting incidents for the Superior Courts of Georgia and Mississippi.
- Adjunct private investigator instructor at DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, GA since 1998.
- Faculty member for both the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council and the Georgia Capital Defender.
- Faculty member for the National Legal Aids & Defender Association.
- Advisory Board Member for the Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council.
- Subject Matter Expert for the Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies, 1998 & 2006.
- Served on the Board of the Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators, 1999. Member of the Education and Training Committee.
- Firearms & self-defense instructor. Specializing in issues regarding use of force & forensic firearms evidence.
- Has performed criminal defense and plaintiff investigations for numerous Georgia based attorneys. Many of them have been high profile cases. Some examples: *Georgia v. Ray Lewis*, member of investigative team, Attorneys Tony Axam, Akil Secret & Ed Garland; *Georgia v. Jamil Al-Amin*, court appointed lead investigator, Attorneys Jack Martin, Bruce Harvey, Tony Axam and Michael Warren, *Georgia v. Tommy Wright* court appointed lead investigator, Attorneys Jack Martin and Michael Mears; *Georgia v. Jeffrey Ray Sharp*, court appointed special investigator for Atty. Michael Mears; *Georgia v. William Lewis*, court appointed mitigation specialist for Atty. Sandra Michaels; *Georgia v. Stacey & Brandon Patterson*, consultant and expert witness on forensic firearms evidence and crime scene reconstruction, Attorneys Max Richardson and Robert Walker; *Georgia v. Raymond Mark Jenkins*, court appointed lead investigator, Attorneys Ricky W. Morris, Jr. and Greg Futch; *Georgia v. Devine King Thomas*, court appointed lead investigator, Attorneys Thomas McKee West and Barry Hazen; *Georgia v. Brian Nichols*, court appointed lead investigator, Attorneys Henderson Hill, Jake Sussman, Penny Marshall and Robert McGlasson; *North Carolina v. Jason Johnson*, court appointed investigator, Attorneys David Belser and Al Messer. The above cases ended with an acquittal or produced positive results for our client.
- *Georgia v. Kerwin Summage*, lead investigator for Atty. Alan Baverman (currently a Federal Judge), this work contributed to overturning a wrongful conviction.
- Lead investigator in the guilt innocence phase of a habeas corpus proceeding for Georgia's death row inmate *William Marvin Gulley*, Attorneys, Worrel & Schwegman. The Georgia State Supreme Court overturned Mr. Gulley's death sentence in 2005.
- *Georgia v. Kamau Sadiki aka Freddie Hilton*, lead investigator, Attorneys Akil Secret and Teri Thompson. This was one of the first Fulton County Cold Cases tried in 2002 in collaboration with the FBI and the post 911 newly formed Department of Homeland Security. Kamau Sadiki, a member of the New York Black Panther Party and an alleged member of the Black Liberation Army was accused of the murder of Atlanta Police Officer James Green in 1971.

EXPERIENCE continued

- Currently court appointed lead investigator, *Georgia v. Frederick Gude*, Attorneys Dwight Thomas and Thomas McKee West. (This is a high-profile multiple count death penalty case).

AFRIKAN INSTITUTE OF MARTIAL ARTS, DECATUR, GA

Co-founder/Head Instructor 1972 - Present

- Co-created and developed a martial arts system entitled Kupigana Ngumi-The New Afrikan Combat System. This is an eclectic system that can be tailored to security and law enforcement personnel, as well as the individual seeking basic skills in personal protection.

EVANS SECURITY TRAINING ACADEMY & RANGE, COMPTON, CA

Position: Instructor, Supervisor, and Private Investigator 1982 - 1989

- Taught the State of California approved Security Firearms, Powers to Arrest, Use of Force and Report Writing classes.
- Taught Security Officer, Firearms, Self-Defense, CPR & First Aid classes for Compton Community College.
- Developed and implemented two NRA approved Security Firearms Qualification Programs.
- Instructed adults and youth in the NRA Home Firearms Safety and Personal Protection Programs.
- 1984 -1989 worked as an apprentice investigator in order to qualify for private investigators license.

LEGAL INVESTIGATOR AND PARALEGAL

Law firms in California, Illinois, Michigan and New York

- From 1979 to 1989, assigned by the National Task Force for COINTELPRO Litigation & Research as a paralegal/investigator to attorneys Lewis Meyers and Stuart Hanlon. Performed investigations and researched the FBI's COINTELPRO program in preparation of various appeals filed in California Supreme Court on behalf of Elmer Geronimo Pratt. Mr. Pratt's murder conviction was overturned on May 29, 1997. The work performed was a contributing factor to Mr. Pratt's vindication.
- From 1979 to 1981, was a member of the Coalition Against Police Abuse's investigative team that disclosed illegal spying by the Los Angeles Police Department's intelligence division, (PDID) against Los Angeles based community grassroots organizations. This investigation resulted in the ACLU winning a multi-million dollar class action lawsuit on behalf of individuals and organizations.
- From March 1986 to present, working for attorneys Chokwe Lumumba, Jonathan Lubell, Michael Warren and Teri Thompson, doing investigations and research on the political and legal defense of Dr. Mutulu Shakur, currently serving a sixty-year Federal Prison sentence under the RICO statute. In 1990, traveled to Zimbabwe as an investigative member of the legal team pursuant to Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, for a sentence reduction and for other related relief. Specifically, the court sanctioned a trip to determine the possibility of the government of Zimbabwe taking custody of Dr. Shakur, allowing him to serve his time there and use his medical background to assist them with their health issues. The current work involves various appeal issues in regards to Dr. Shakur's case.

EDUCATION/TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2010 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA – PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE

Certificate: Shooting Reconstruction Course, 40 hours

2009 GLOCK PROFESSIONAL, INC., SMYRNA, GA

Certificate: Glock Certified Armorer

EDUCATION/TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS continued

- 2001** THE CRIMINAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATION TRAINING COUNCIL
Certificate: Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator
- 1998** AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY (ASIS International)
Certificate: Certified Protection Professional, #8107(Board Certified in Security Management)
- FORENSIC SCIENCE SERVICES, INC. - LUCIEN HAAG
Forensic Firearms Evidence: Elements of Shooting Incident Investigation
- ANITE PRODUCTIONS
The Deadly Effects of Wound Ballistics and Deadly Weapons: Firearms & Firepower
- 1997** GEORGIA BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE & SECURITY AGENCIES
License: Private Investigation & Security Company, #1442
License: Classroom & Firearms Instructor, #790
Registered: Private Investigator & Security Officer, #43182
- DEKALB TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CLARKSTON, GA
Certificate: Private Investigator Course, 90 hours
- 1988** STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Certificate: Private Postsecondary Education Instructor
- COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, LOS ANGELES, CA
Diploma: Computer Systems and Programming
- 1985** NRA SECURITY FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL, COMMERCE, CA
Certificate: NRA Security Firearms Instructor
Certificate: Sharpshooter
- STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Certificate: Security Firearms Instructor, HA 000419
- NRA FIREARMS EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR
Certificate: IHA-Home Firearm Safety, IVA-Personal Protection (ID-ARM9699W, current)
- KUPIGANA NGUMI (THE NEW AFRIKAN COMBAT SYSTEM)
- TRANSCENDENTAL KARATE
Certificate: 5th Degree Black Belt
- 1983** AMERICAN RED CROSS
Certificate: CPR & First Aid Instructor
- 1981** RIO HONDO POLICE ACADEMY/COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHITTIER, CA
Certificate: Administration of Justice; 200 hours, GPA 4.0
Certificate: P.O.S.T. P.C. 832 –Arrest & Firearms
Certificate: Police Marksmanship Sharpshooter
Certificate: Monadnock PR-24
- 1980** NORTH AMERICAN SCHOOL OF FIREARMS, NEWPORT BEACH, CA
Diploma: Gun Pro
- 1978** CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
Bachelor of Science: Afro-American Studies

PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

Attended and presented at numerous seminars required as part of the ASIS sponsored CPP re-certification and the continuing education requirements as a Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS / PUBLICATIONS

- Firearm Forensics, Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators 8th Annual Southeast Investigators Conference, November 4-5, 2011, Crowne Plaza – Perimeter NW, Atlanta, GA.
- Capital Investigator Workshop, What Your Crime Scene Should Tell You: An Investigation Primer for Non-Investigators, Representing Muslim Clients, and Safety In The Field, National Legal Aid & Defender Association: Life in the Balance 2011: “Dedication is the Difference”, March 5-8, 2011, Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- The Role of The Fact Investigator in Capital Cases and Ballistics & Shootings – Crime Scene Investigation, Georgia Capital Defender Mental Retardation Training Seminar, February 2-4, 2011, Hilton DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Georgia.
- Building Alliances with Clients and Effective Teamwork, Annual Capital Defense Training Seminar sponsored by the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, June 9-11, 2010, Lake Blackshear Resort, Cordele, Georgia.
- Working Together: Why Capital Defense Requires a Team and Capital Defense Investigation 101, National Legal Aid & Defender Association: Life in the Balance 2010: Defending Death Penalty Cases, March 6-9, 2010, Renaissance Hotel, Nashville, TN.
- Capital Defense Investigation 101, Confronting Issues of Race and Class in Capital Case Investigations, Life in the Balance: Saving Nichols... A Team Approach to Capital Defense & The Investigator’s Role on the Capital Defense Team, National Legal Aid & Defender Association: Life in the Balance 2009: Defending Death Penalty Cases, March 7-10, 2009, JW Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Confronting Issues of Race and Class in Capital Case Investigations and Team Building: Mitigation Specialists, Investigators, and Attorneys Working Together: National Legal Aid & Defender Association, Life in the Balance 2008: Defending Death Penalty Cases, March 8-11, 2008, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Testifying in Court from the PI’s Perspective and Criminal Defense Investigations, GAPPI’s 4th Annual Southeast Investigators Conference, November 3, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Criminal Defense Investigations, Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators’ Spring Training, May 25, 2007.
- The Role of The Defense Investigator, Basic Crime Scene Investigation, Witness Interviews and Testifying in Court, Orleans Public Defenders – Criminal Defense Investigation, January 26-27, 2007, Loyola University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Witness Interviews and Testifying in Court, Georgia Public Defender Standards Council – 2006 Fundamentals of Public Defense, January 17-20, 2006, Unicoi Lodge, Helen, Georgia.
- Fact Investigation in Capital Cases and Confronting Issues of Race and Class in Capital Cases, Annual Capital Defense Training Seminar, July 8-9, 2005, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Witness Interviews, Georgia Public Defender Standards Council – Investigator Training Seminar, April 29, 2005, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Investigations and Statement Taking, Georgia Public Defender Standards Council – New Attorney Training, January 18-22, 2005, Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- Investigating High Profile Cases, the Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators’ training, August 10, 2004.
- Investigating the State’s Investigation and When Your Client is Muslim, the 12th Annual Capital Defense Training Seminar sponsored by Georgia’s Multi-County Public Defenders Office, February 5-8, 2004, St. Simons Island, Georgia.
- Crime Scene Investigation, the Georgia Innocence Project’s training on DNA: The Law & the Science, September 5, 2003.
- Ballistics Explained – What It Can Mean to Your Case and How to Apply It, the Georgia Indigent Defense Council’s 2003 Criminal Defense Investigator Training Series: Physical Evidence in Homicide Cases, August 21, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS / PUBLICATIONS continued

- A Federal Case in Disguise: When a State Superior Court Case is in Fact Orchestrated by Federal Authorities, the Georgia Indigent Defense Council's 2003 Criminal Defense Investigator Training Series, June 19, 2003.
- Executive Protection, the International Organization of Black Security Executives (IOBSE) Annual Spring Conference, Atlanta, GA May 2, 2003.
- Use of Deadly Force, the Georgia Indigent Defense Council's 2003 Criminal Defense Investigator Training Series, April 10, 2003.
- The Patriot Act and Homeland Security: The Impact on Civil Liberties, Tougaloo College, March 29, 2003.
- Issues of Diversity in Investigating Capital Cases, the 11th Annual Capital Defense Training Seminar sponsored by Georgia's Multi-County Public Defenders Office, February 6-9, 2003, Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- Criminal Procedures and Investigations, Georgia State University Law School, September 17, 2001.
- Criminal Defense Investigations, the Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators Annual Training Seminar, 1999.
- Hip Hop Goes COINTELPRO, the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association at Howard University School of Law, 1998.
- Political Prisoners in the U.S.: Victims of COINTELPRO, Amnesty International's Conference on Political Prisoners, Alabama State University, 1995.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Georgia Association of Professional Private Investigators (GAPPI) www.gappi.org

The Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council (C.D.I.T.C.) www.Defenseinvestigator.com

ASIS International (ASIS) www.asisonline.org

National Association Of legal Investigators (NALI) www.nali.com

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (GACDL) www.gacdl.org

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) www.nacdl.org

National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) www.nlada.org

National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS) www.nlada.org

National Council of Investigative and Security Services (NCISS) www.nciss.com

National Association of Investigative Specialists (NAIS) www.pimall.com

International Organization of Black Security Executives (IOBSE) www.iobse.com

Alliance of Investigative and Security Specialists (AIASS) www.aiass.org

National Rifle Association (NRA) www.nra.org

International Association for Counterterrorism & Security Professionals (IACSP) www.iacsp.com

CITIZENSHIP

United States

TRAVEL

Africa, Canada, Caribbean, Europe, Mexico, and South America

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST