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Charlie is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Retired) with over 20 years experience in the investigation of violent crimes and major offenders (VCMO). As a senior SA, he was assigned, investigated and brought to conclusion the most complicated of FBI criminal matters. For eleven of his over 30 year career, Charlie was assigned to the Firearms Unit of the FBI Laboratory and as an Examiner, testified world-wide as an expert at over two hundred trials. Further, while at the Laboratory and later he spear-headed numerous large scale crime scene investigations both within the U.S. and abroad.

In the early 1990s, Charlie was appointed as Principal Firearms Instructor, one of 56 Bureau-wide. In that capacity, he was a member and leader of several policy studies in the areas of weapons, ammunition and range selection and development. He designed a twenty-acre state-of-the-arts firearms training facility which was opened in 2004. It includes 121 firing points, a shooting house and two classroom buildings. For this range, Charlie wrote the first Environmental Stewardship Plan (ESP) accepted by the U.S. EPA using their most up to date criteria.

Charlie has presented research material to the annual training seminar of the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE) and has developed and taught hundreds of schools presented to local, state and federal law enforcement audiences.

Shortly after 9/11, Charlie was appointed as the Law Enforcement Training and FBI National Academy Coordinator for the Middle and Southern Judicial Districts of Alabama. He is a member of the FBINA Associates and graduated from the 219th Session. He has received numerous awards in recognition for case work with and support of law enforcement agencies of all levels. He holds a Master of Forensic Sciences degree from The George Washington University.