



## **Christopher John Watts CV**

### **Overview**

Chris is a successful Computer Forensic (CF) Consultant with extensive experience working for the military, public and private sectors. His expertise and experience includes:

- IT Security and CF training to commercial and government organizations.
- Developing IT Security and CF policies for the Royal Air Force and the private sector.
- Consultancy in the criminal and civil legal sectors, providing CF investigation services for prosecution and defence.

### **Achievements:**

In the early 1990's Chris was responsible for the development and implementation of a formal CF policy and operational unit for the Royal Air Force Provost and Security Service. He remained the focus for this discipline until leaving the service in 1999. In the 1999 New Years Honours list Chris was awarded the AOC's Commendation for his work in Computer Forensics in the Royal Air Force.

From 1999 until late 2006 he worked with leading Computer Forensic companies in senior managerial posts advising corporate and government agencies on forensic policies and providing them with forensic investigation training and services .

In late 2006 Chris co-founded Griffin Forensics Ltd and has continued to provide consulting and investigation services to the public and private sector.

Chris has been involved in the investigation of terrorism offences, murders, IP theft, corporate fraud, wide-scale inappropriate use of computers by company employees, trading standard offences and numerous criminal offences.

He has been accepted as an Expert Witness in Crown and Civil Courts of Law.

## **Career Details:**

### **Griffin Forensics Ltd**

**Dec 2006 - date**

*Co-founder and Director*

- Advising senior police officers on, and providing CF services in major investigations.
- Providing CF services to the legal profession in prosecution and defence cases.

### **Kroll Ontrack**

**Apr 2006 - Dec 2006**

- Computer Forensic Manager overseeing the integration of three diverse CF investigation teams following the acquisition of the IBAS group.
- Advising senior management teams on CF policies and investigations.

### **IBAS Group**

**Aug 2005 - Apr 2006**

- International Computer Forensic Manager overseeing the integration of the IBAS and Vogon International Ltd forensic teams in Norway, Germany, USA and the UK and the rationalisation of CF policies.
- Advising corporate and public organizations on complex CF investigations including:
  - City banks.
  - Utility companies.
  - Government agencies.
  - Insurance companies.
  - International Law firms.
  - Health and Safety Executive (post Buncefield).

### **Vogon International Ltd**

**Jan 1999 - Aug 2005**

- UK Computer Forensic Manager overseeing a team of 5 CF investigators and analysts:
  - Developing and refining investigation policies.
  - Writing comprehensive reports for corporate and public clients.
  - Advising clients on CF investigation strategies.
  - Providing CF investigation services to corporate and public sector clients.
  - Presenting seminars on CF to corporate, legal and public sector audiences.
  - Providing training on CF and IT security to corporate and public sector clients.
  - Carrying out CF investigations.
  - Giving expert testimony in court.
- Senior Computer Forensics Consultant:
  - Overseeing junior investigators work.
  - Providing ongoing training to junior investigators.

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- Providing aspects of computer security and forensic training to outside agencies.
- Carrying out CF investigations.
- Providing expert testimony in court.
- Advising clients and lawyers on investigation strategies.
- Computer Forensics Consultant:
  - Providing aspects of Computer security and forensic training to outside agencies.
  - Carrying out CF investigations.
  - Providing expert testimony in court.
  - Advising clients and lawyers on investigation strategies.

**Royal Air Force Provost and Security Services**

**Jan 1991 – Jan 1999**

- RAF Police Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) with responsibility for Computer Security and Computer Forensic investigations:
  - Developed procedures for computer security audits of RAF units.
  - Developed and introduced a formal CF capability to the RAF Provost and Security Service.
- Developed and provided training to RAF Police personnel on CF.
- Carried out investigations, worldwide, of breaches of computer security and advised on policies and procedures to prevent re-occurrences:
  - Provided briefings to Senior Officers of all 3 armed services on matters concerning computer security and forensics.

**Royal Air Force Police**

**Feb 1976 – Jan 1991**

Chris served in the RAF Police as a junior and SNCO at various stations in the UK and abroad. His duties were varied but culminated in serving as a Counter Intelligence investigator with the RAF Provost and Security Services in Northern Ireland and UK. He was trained at the RAF Police School as a Computer Security specialist.

**Professional Qualifications and Education:**

- RAF Police – Counter Intelligence Investigator – 1982
- RAF Police – Computer Security (Phases 1 & 2) – 1988 and 1989
- University of Cambridge – Introduction to UNIX and C Programming – Sept 1992
- Dr Solomons – Fundamentals and Practical Data Recovery – Feb 1993
- Dr Solomons – Live Virus Workshop – Feb 1993
- Network Security Management Ltd – Computer forensic investigation techniques – Jul 1994
- Dr Solomons – Computer Auditing – Feb 1995
- Dr Solomons – Computer Forensics – Oct 1995
- United States Air Force, Office of Special Investigations – USAFOSI Computer Forensic Field Examiners Course – Aug 1996
- Authentec – Evidence capture and investigation (Lab based and Field) techniques – May 1997

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**Griffin Forensics Ltd**

- fPRINT – Computer Auditing – Sept 1997
- Vagon International Ltd – Computer Forensics – Jan 1999 – Dec 2006
- AccessData – Forensic Toolkit (Intermediate Training) – Feb 2007

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