

ABEL GARCIA

Digital Forensic Investigations & Information Technology Specialist

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SUMMARY

Technology-minded professional with experience spanning criminal investigations, digital forensics, IT managed services, and software development across both the public and private sectors. Certified in mobile and computer forensic extraction and examination across macOS, Windows, Linux, and mobile platforms, with hands-on experience in automation scripting and application development. Currently pursuing a B.S./A.S. in Computer Science while building professional software engineering skills (TypeScript/React, Node, GraphQL, Postgres) to complement a strong investigative and systems background.

CORE SKILLS

Digital Forensics & Investigations: Mobile & computer forensic extraction and examination (Cellebrite UFED/Physical Analyzer), macOS/Windows/Linux/iOS/Android analysis, evidence handling & chain of custody, legal process preparation (subpoenas, search warrants), crime scene investigation, ICAC investigations, cyber crime investigations

IT & Development: Python, TypeScript, Docker, Prisma ORM, automation scripting, application development, RMM/endpoint management, backup & disaster recovery, Meraki networking, web hosting & administration, client support & onboarding

Learning / Targeting: React, Node.js, GraphQL, PostgreSQL

Languages: English (Native/Bilingual), Japanese (Elementary)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Investigator, Task Force Officer — Buchanan County Sheriff's Office

2023 — Present

Buchanan County, MO

- Serve as a regional Task Force Officer with the Northwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force.
- Conduct criminal investigations into internet crimes against children across multiple counties.
- Perform digital forensic examinations on mobile devices used in crimes against persons.
- Perform digital forensic examinations on desktop, laptop, mobile, and other digital/physical storage devices used in crimes against children.
- Prepare legal process for the preservation, subpoena, and search of electronic service provider data.
- Maintain accurate, detailed documentation and reporting on evidence examination and criminal investigations.
- Assist with local criminal investigations involving a technical component.

Solutions Engineer — GTGweb MSP

2018 — Present

Round Rock, TX (Remote)

- Manage web hosting, email, and endpoint (workstation/server) maintenance for ~30 end users across SMB clients.
- Advise on and implement application and tooling solutions, including automation scripts built for client-specific needs.
- Develop applications and scripts to extend and support existing client tools.
- Plan, configure, and deploy backup and disaster recovery solutions; manage two Meraki networking sites and over a dozen hosted websites.
- Conduct onboarding and training of personnel, owning technical support requests end to end.

Police Officer — Maryville Public Safety

2022 — 2023

Maryville, MO

- Conducted vehicular and foot patrols of city roadways, parks, and public/residential properties on twelve-hour shifts.
- Enforced state statutes and municipal ordinances through citations and execution of arrests/warrants.
- Maintained required certifications and equipment per agency standards.

Operations Manager — GuardTexas, Inc.

2020 — 2022

Austin, TX

- Patrol Operations Manager (2021–2022): Supervised the Patrol Operations Unit, ensuring compliance with company policies, effective management of patrol routes, and hiring of armed patrol personnel.
- Special Operations Manager (2020–2021): Managed special operations activities, ensured priority static guard posts were staffed, special events were covered, and secured last-minute staffing for special assignments.

Software Developer & Support Specialist — I Fix IT Tech, LLC

2017 — 2020

Austin, TX

- Developed applications and scripts as needed for existing client tools.
- Provided technical support and troubleshooting for client hardware and software issues.
- Assisted in the deployment and configuration of client IT infrastructure.
- Maintained documentation for client systems and configurations.

Software Engineer — MLAW Engineers

2016 — 2020

Austin, TX

- Developed applications and scripts for the AutoDESK suite of tools.
- Maintained a working understanding of ObjectARX, the AutoCAD runtime extension for custom development.
- Maintained documentation for AutoDESK suite configurations and development processes.
- Maintained the code library using GitLab and managed access for outside contractors.

EDUCATION

- **A.S. Computer Science** — University of the People (2026)
- **Regional Law Enforcement Academy** — Missouri Western State University (2022)

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Certified Cyber Crime Investigator** — NW3C (2026, Active)
- **Certified Expert in Cyber Investigations** — McAfee Institute (2025, Active)
- **Certified Professional Criminal Investigator** — McAfee Institute (2025, Active)
- **Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis** — Cellebrite (2025)
- **Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst** — Cellebrite (2024, Active)
- **Cellebrite Certified Operator** — Cellebrite (2024, Active)
- **Class A Peace Officer** — Missouri POST (2022, Active)

SELECTED TRAINING

- **C|ECI and C|PCI Training (200 Hours)** — McAfee Institute (2025)
- **Advanced Digital Forensic Analysis: Windows / macOS / Linux / iOS & Android (110 Hours)** — NW3C (2024)
- **Dallas CAC Conference (35 Hours)** — DCAC (2024)
- **Crime Scene Investigation School (40 Hours)** — JCSO Criminalistics Laboratory (2024)