

Lawrence R. Porte

Biographical Information & CV

Mr. Lawrence R. Porte is a nationally and internationally recognized investigative analysis expert and trial assist analyst with more than forty (40) years of experience in federal law enforcement, protective intelligence, targeted violence assessment, aviation security, and criminal investigations. His distinguished career spans service with the United States Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration, higher education, and municipal law enforcement, giving him rare depth in both operational and analytical aspects of complex investigations.

Mr. Porte is widely respected for his ability to assess investigative integrity, identify behavioral warning signs, and provide clear, well-supported analyses in matters involving criminal appeals, post-conviction review, workplace violence, school safety, and public threat assessment. His current consulting work focuses on investigative case review, litigation assist support, and threat assessment for attorneys and institutions confronting high-risk or procedurally complex matters.

During his federal career, Mr. Porte held senior leadership positions with the United States Secret Service and later served as Special Agent in Charge for the Transportation Security Administration, where he directed investigative operations across a 14-state region that included approximately 110 federally protected airports. In that capacity, he supervised criminal investigations, cargo security matters, and internal misconduct inquiries, while also helping develop the TSA's first Workplace Violence Policy and the agency's Integrity Test Program aimed at combating theft and misconduct in airport environments.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Porte served on the White House Presidential Protective Division and was a member of the first White House Counter Assault Team, experiences that placed him at the center of some of the nation's most sensitive protective and intelligence operations. He also opened and managed the Saginaw Resident Agent Office and later served as Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office, with oversight of additional Michigan offices.

Mr. Porte's national and international recognition is further reflected in his participation in significant protective intelligence and investigative matters, including a threatened assassination plot involving Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and an operation connected to extremist networks and coordinated activity extending into Canada. He also participated in nationally recognized U.S. Secret Service research initiatives, including the Exceptional Case Study on assassins and near-attackers and the Safe School Initiative examining school shooters and targeted violence behavior in the United States. These contributions helped shape modern threat assessment and violence prevention strategies that continue to influence professional practice today.



His work has been recognized through numerous commendations and honors, including the United States Secret Service Director's Award, the Secretary of the Treasury Award, commendations from the Secret Service and TSA, and designation as TSA Special Agent of the Year in 2012. In addition to his operational service, he spent many years as an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Saginaw Valley State University, where he taught investigative and violence-prevention topics and conducted school security assessments for approximately 150 K-12 schools under a U.S. Department of Education grant program.

Mr. Porte holds a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University. His combination of executive investigative leadership, protective intelligence experience, research participation, courtroom-oriented analytical work, and longstanding consulting practice establishes him as a trusted national and international expert in investigative analysis, threat assessment, and complex case reviews.



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Curriculum Vitae

Education

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Degree Completed</i>
Saginaw Valley State University	Criminal Justice	Master of Arts
Wayne State University	Criminal Justice	Bachelor of Science

Employment History

(1) **Job Title:** Investigative Consultant 2020–Present

Employer: Independent Consultant

Principal Duties:

- Provide investigative case reviews and analytical support to attorneys handling criminal appeals and post-conviction matters.
- Conduct reviews of investigative reports, witness statements, evidentiary documentation, and law enforcement procedures.
- Provide threat assessments and security evaluations involving schools, churches, workplaces, and public venues.
- Assist in identifying investigative gaps, behavioral warning signs, procedural concerns, and threat-related indicators.

(2) **Job Title:** Special Agent in Charge

2003–2019

Employer: Department of Homeland Security / Transportation Security Administration

Principal Duties:

- Directed TSA investigative operations within a 14-state region consisting of approximately 110 federally protected airports.
 - Supervised aviation-related criminal investigations, cargo security investigations, and internal misconduct investigations.
 - Co-authored the first TSA Workplace Violence Policy.
 - Developed the TSA Integrity Test Program designed to combat airport checkpoint theft and employee misconduct.
 - Managed investigative personnel and coordinated operations with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.
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(3) **Job Title:** Adjunct Professor – Criminal Justice

1995–2020

Employer: Saginaw Valley State University

Principal Duties:

- Provided school security assessments and violence prevention presentations for approximately 150 K-12 schools pursuant to a U.S. Department of Education grant program.
 - Instructed specialized criminal justice courses involving investigative procedures, violence prevention, and public safety issues.
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(4) **Job Title:** Special Agent / Supervisory Positions

1975–2000

Employer: United States Secret Service

Principal Duties:

- Assigned to the White House Presidential Protective Division (1977–1981).
- Served as a member of the first White House Counter Assault Team.
- Participated in protective intelligence investigations involving threats against federal officials and protected persons.



- Participated in U.S. Secret Service targeted violence research initiatives involving assassins and school attackers.
- Opened and managed the Saginaw Resident Agent Office (1984–1996).
- Served as Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office with oversight responsibilities for additional Michigan offices including Grand Rapids and Saginaw.
- Conducted and supervised financial crimes investigations, undercover operations, protective investigations, and interagency task force operations.

(5) Job Title: Police Officer

1970–1975

Employer: Detroit Police Department

Principal Duties:

- Served as patrol officer assigned to the 11th Precinct.
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Courtroom / Litigation Support Experience

- Provide investigative consultation and analytical support involving criminal defense matters, post-conviction litigation, and criminal appeals.
 - Conduct investigative reviews involving witness statements, evidentiary analysis, investigative procedures, and law enforcement documentation.
 - Assist attorneys with case organization, investigative chronology development, and identification of investigative inconsistencies or procedural concerns.
 - Provide threat assessment and targeted violence analysis involving schools, churches, workplaces, and public safety environments.
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Specialization Experience and Recognition

- Received United States Secret Service commendation for investigative role involving a threatened assassination plot targeting Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a United Nations visit to New York. Investigation involved identification of suspected extremist support networks, firearms procurement activity connected to Detroit-area associates, coordination with Canadian authorities following the Air India bombing investigation, and participation in a preventative operational contact conducted in Vancouver, Canada prior to the visit.



- Received commendation from the Chief Judge in Wayne County, Michigan for undercover investigative work involving a large-scale theft and diversion scheme targeting Friend of the Court support payments. Investigation identified an insider participant responsible for redirecting undeliverable court checks to criminal associates for fraudulent negotiation and distribution, resulting in the dismantling of the operation and prevention of ongoing financial losses.
- Received United States Secret Service commendation for undercover investigation involving members of a Michigan-based militia organization seeking to acquire a fully automatic suppressed firearm for use in a planned attack targeting federal government facilities in Washington, D.C. Investigation involved covert firearms negotiations, operational testing of the weapon by suspects, and coordination leading to the arrest of involved subjects prior to acquisition of the firearm.
- Received the United States Secret Service Director's Award and Secretary of the Treasury Award for actions taken during a violent protective incident involving the President's son during a university appearance in Houston, Texas. Incident involved rapid escalation from organized demonstrations to physical confrontation, forced emergency evacuation of the protectee, and protective containment within a university building until responding law enforcement secured the scene.
- Received commendation from the TSA Administrator for management of the first major TSA investigation involving unscreened cargo fraud associated with international trafficking of stolen goods.
- Named TSA Special Agent of the Year (2012).

Research Participation

Participated in U.S. Secret Service targeted violence research initiatives including:

- **Exceptional Case Study** – Research involving United States assassins/near attackers and their attack methodologies.
- **Safe School Initiative** – Research involving 45 school shooters and school violence incidents within the United States.

