



## ZACHARY SOTO

Senior Forensics Analyst

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## ZACHARY SOTO – THE FORENSICS FIEND

Zachary Soto is a seasoned Senior Forensic Analyst at Purpose Legal since July 2023, specializing in computer forensics. In this role, he conducts remote and in-person collections of digital data, mail-servers, and cloud sources, with a focus on investigating intellectual property theft and work misconduct allegations. Prior to this, Mr. Soto served as a Computer Forensics Examiner at Ricoh USA, Inc., providing expertise in pre-litigation investigations, eDiscovery, and forensic analysis. His extensive experience also includes a role as a Digital Forensic Examiner at Fort Bend County D.A.O, where he collaborated with various law enforcement agencies on high-stakes criminal cases. With a solid foundation as a Police Officer at the Portland Police Department, Mr. Soto played a key role in establishing the department's ICAC Task Force and digital forensics laboratory, contributing significantly to investigations involving child exploitation and various criminal activities. His diverse law enforcement background includes positions at Wood County Sheriff's Office, Titus County Sheriff's Office, and the Portland Police Department, showcasing a comprehensive career in forensic analysis, criminal investigations, and law enforcement leadership.

### FORENSICS PRESENTATIONS

- Texas District and County Attorney's Association – Investigator Conference, 2021

**Digital Evidence** – Laurel Ellisor, Lisa Gregg, and Zachary Soto

### RELEVANT TRAINING

#### United States Secret Service National Computer Forensic Institute

- Mobile Device Examiner – 2018
- Basic Network Investigation Training – 2019
- Advanced Mobile Device Examiner – 2019
- Social Network Investigations – 2019
- Digital Evidence for Investigators - 2020
- Network Intrusion Response Program – 2021
- Digital Video Recorders – 2021
- Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training – 2021
- Vehicle Forensic Course – 2021
- Advanced Forensic Training – 2021
- Mobile Device Examiner – Served as Course Proctor – 2021
- Digital Investigations Supervisor Course – 2021
- Mac Forensic Training – 2021

#### National White Collar Crime Center – NW3C

- Basic Digital Forensic Analysis: Seizure – 2021
- Intermediate Digital Forensic Analysis: SQLite Primer – 2021
- Cyber Investigations: Cellular Records Analysis - 2021
- Cyber Investigations: Digital Footprints – 2021
- Basic Digital Forensic Analysis: Windows Acquisition – 2021

#### Magnet Forensics

- Magnet AXIOM Forensic Fundamentals – 2021
- Magnet AXIOM Examination – 2021
- Magnet AXIOM Advanced Computer Forensics – 2021
- Magnet AXIOM macOS Examinations – 2021
- Magnet AXIOM Advanced Mobile Forensics – 2021
- Magnet AXIOM Incident Response Examinations – 2021



## Cellebrite

- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst Course – 2022

## Belkasoft

- Incident Investigations with Belkasoft – 2022

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Magnet Certified Forensic Examiner, Magnet Forensics
- Cellebrite Certified Operator, Cellebrite
- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst, Cellebrite
- Master Peace Officer, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

