

# ANTHONY D. TURNBULL

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Anthony D. Turnbull is a 32 year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Sacramento County Probation Department, with extensive experience in patrol, criminal investigations, jail operations, media relations, and personnel supervision, with a particular emphasis on training and investigative oversight. He has spent more than twenty years assigned to investigative units as both a detective and supervising sergeant and possesses approximately fifteen years of homicide-specific investigative experience, having participated in the investigation of more than 500 homicide cases.

Mr. Turnbull is nationally recognized in the areas of police practices, investigative procedures, and law enforcement training. He has trained approximately 10,000 law enforcement officers at the local, state, and national levels. His professional expertise includes criminal investigations; investigative policies, procedures, and protocols; search and arrest warrants; laws of arrest and probable cause; officer-involved shooting investigations; in-custody death investigations; interview and interrogation practices; jail and prison operations; probation and parole practices; gang and narcotics investigations; police misconduct investigations; and cellular telephone analysis, including call detail record and cell site analysis.

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## FORMAL EDUCATION

**California State University, Sacramento**

Bachelor of Arts – Ethnic Studies

**Sacramento Sheriff's Academy**

Basic Recruit Academy

**Los Rios Community College**

Continued Vocational Education – Law Enforcement

**American River Community College**

Continued Vocational Education – Law Enforcement

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT & INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Sacramento County Sheriff's Office / County of Sacramento**

#### **April 2021 – Present**

*Sheriff's Deputy (Sergeant – Retired)*

Homicide Bureau – Cold Case Investigations

- Investigation of unsolved homicide cases.

#### **April 2018 – October 2020**

*Sheriff's Detective Sergeant*

Homicide Bureau

- Supervision of detectives investigating murders, stranger abductions, officer-involved shootings, custodial deaths, missing persons, and cold cases.

#### **October 2017 – April 2018**

*Sheriff's Sergeant*

Patrol Division – Rancho Cordova Police Department

- Supervision of patrol personnel and field operations.

#### **October 2015 – October 2017**

*Sheriff's Sergeant*

Media Bureau

- Public Information Officer; liaison with local, state, and national media outlets.

#### **May 2008 – October 2015**

*Deputy Sheriff – Detective*

Homicide Bureau

- Investigation of homicides, officer-involved shootings, custodial deaths, missing persons, and stranger abductions.

#### **May 2007 – April 2008**

*Deputy Sheriff – Detective*

Narcotics Suppression Unit

- Authored and executed narcotics search warrants; conducted buy/bust and buy/walk operations; marijuana cultivation enforcement, undercover operations.

#### **November 2006 – April 2007**

*Deputy Sheriff*

Problem Oriented Policing Officer – Rancho Cordova Police Department

- Coordinated enforcement actions targeting drugs, gangs, prostitution, homelessness, code enforcement, and other quality-of-life crimes.

**June 2004 – June 2008**

*Deputy Sheriff*

Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT)

- Responded to hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal subjects, and high-risk warrant operations.

**June 2004 – November 2006**

*Deputy Sheriff*

Patrol Division – Rancho Cordova Police Department

- Responded to crimes in progress, initial investigation and documentation, and conducted traffic collision investigations, driving under the influence investigations, and other proactive enforcement.

**April 2002 – June 2004**

*Deputy Sheriff*

Sacramento County Main Jail – Gang/Intelligence Officer

- Supervised gang intelligence operations; compliance review and reporting under California Title 15 and 24 jail standards.

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## **PROBATION EXPERIENCE**

**April 1999 – April 2002**

*Deputy Probation Officer – Gang Suppression Unit*

- Multi-agency gang, drug, and violence suppression operations. Supervised a caseload of high-risk gang members; court reporting of probationers' conditions and violations of probation.

**June 1998 – April 1999**

*Deputy Probation Officer – Juvenile Field Unit*

- Supervision of high-risk juvenile offenders; court reporting of probationers' conditions and violations of probation; Defensive Tactics Instructor.

**August 1997 – June 1998**

*Deputy Probation Officer – Institution*

- Juvenile Hall security, staff supervision, emergency response, and in-service training of staff.

**December 1994 – August 1997**

*Deputy Probation Assistant – Institution*

- Juvenile Hall security and detainee supervision, conducted in-service training of staff.
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## **TEACHING & INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED, BY YEAR)**

**2018–Present** – POST Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations

- Core Investigations
- Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations
- Homicide Investigations
- Science-Based Interviewing

**2018–2022** – International Homicide Investigators Association

### **Basic Homicide Investigation**

- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Investigative Techniques
- Investigative Resources
- Suspect Development

**2018–Present** – Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority

### **Institute of Criminal Investigation-CORE Investigation**

- Science Based Interviewing
- Cognitive Interview Methods
- Interviewing Practical Scenarios

### **Institute of Criminal Investigation-Officer Involved Shooting Investigation**

- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation-Stakeholders
- Administrative Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Administrative Interviews
- Shooting Officer Interviews
- Video Seizures
- In-Custody Deaths

### **Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations**

- Interaction with Victim's Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

**2018–Present** – Government Training Agency (San Diego)

**Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations**

- Interaction with Victim’s Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

**2019–Present** – South Bay Public Safety Academy

**Institute Of Criminal Investigation-Officer Involved Shooting Investigation**

- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation-Stakeholders
- Administrative Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Administrative Interviews
- Shooting Officer Interviews
- Video Seizures
- In-Custody Deaths

**Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations**

- Interaction with Victim’s Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

**Institute of Criminal Investigations-Science Based Interviewing (SBI)**

- Cognitive Interviews
- Interrogation Techniques
- Strategic Use of Evidence
- Observing Report Based Interviewing Techniques (ORBIT)
- Branding
- Rapport Principles
- Interview and Interrogation practical scenarios

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## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- POST ICI & AICC Instructor
- POST Weaponless Defense Instructor

- POST Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)
  - POST Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Supervisory Certificates
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California Gang Investigators Association
  - California Narcotics Officers Association
  - California Association of Hostage Negotiators
  - International Homicide Investigators Association
  - Americans for Effective Law Enforcement
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## METHODOLOGY (RULE 702 / DAUBERT)

Mr. Turnbull employs a reliable, replicable methodology consistent with Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and the principles articulated in *Daubert* and its progeny. This methodology has been used repeatedly in criminal and civil rights litigation.

1. **Materials Review** – Comprehensive review of pleadings, discovery, reports, recordings, policies, training curricula, depositions, and physical evidence.
  2. **Fact Pattern Reconstruction** – Chronological reconstruction of events using primary source materials.
  3. **Standards Identification** – Identification of applicable constitutional standards, statutes, POST guidance, agency policy, and generally accepted law enforcement practices.
  4. **Comparative Analysis** – Comparison of officer conduct and agency actions against identified standards.
  5. **Causation Assessment** – Evaluation of whether acts or omissions were substantial factors in the alleged harm.
  6. **Opinion Formation** – Opinions stated to a reasonable degree of professional certainty and subject to revision if additional information becomes available.
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## POLICE PRACTICES & INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW SCOPE

Mr. Turnbull may offer opinions regarding: • Arrests, detentions, and probable cause • Searches and seizures • Officer-involved shooting investigations • In-custody death investigations • Interview and interrogation practices (adult and juvenile) • Supervision, training, and policy adequacy • Jail, detention, and custodial operations • Gang and narcotics investigative practices • Homicide Investigations • Other Criminal Investigative Analysis • Monell Claims • Malicious Prosecution Claims • Investigative Analysis on Wrong Conviction Cases • Crime Scene Processing

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## EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

### CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LITIGATION (\$1983)

Each matter listed below identifies the year, jurisdiction, retention type, issue area(s), and expert role.

**2026 | Federal | Consulting Expert-Plaintiff (Review)**

*Alejandro Arceo v. County of Placer, et al. 2:20-cv-02334-DAD-DB*

Issue Areas: Monell Liability, Jail operations; detention; supervision

Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

**2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Row Vaughn Wells, Estate of Tyre Deandre Nichols v. City of Memphis, et al. 2:23-cv-2224*

Issue Areas: Monell liability-Failure to Train, Failure to Supervise; 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment -

Unreasonable Stop, policy and training

Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; causation

**2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Anthony Wayne Lomas v. City of Riverside, et al., 5:25-cv-00261-KK*

Issue Areas: Malicious prosecution; false arrest; search & seizure; Monell liability; policy and training

Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; causation

**2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Ladarrius Perry v. Sgt. Acred, et al., City of Memphis, 2:24-cv-02986*

Issue Areas: Arrest; 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment; probable cause; supervision; false imprisonment; malicious prosecution

Role: Investigative practices analysis; policy critique; probable cause

**2025 | Federal | Consulting Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Juan Rayford; Dupree Glass v. County of Los Angeles, et al., 5:24-cv-00473*

Issue Areas: Wrongful Conviction; false arrest; malicious prosecution; failure to intervene; 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment violations; Monell liability; Negligence

Role: Police practices consulting review; policy and conduct analysis: investigative analysis

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review)**

*L.J. v. Poway Unified School District, et al., 3:20-cv-01569*

Issue Areas: Juvenile detention; false imprisonment/arrest; supervision; duty of care; Monell liability

Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

**2025 | Federal | Consulting Expert-Plaintiff (Review)**

*Estate of Jade Castellanos, et al. v. Orange County, 8:24-cv-00479-DOC-ADS*

Issue Areas: Custodial death

Role: Consulting review; policy and practices analysis

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Frank Gable v. Frederick Ackom, et al.*, 6:24-cv-01131-AA

Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; arrest; interrogation; investigative conduct; 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; failure to intervene; supervision; false imprisonment

Role: Conduct analysis; standards comparison; causation; investigative analysis

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff**

*Jane Roe v. City & County of San Francisco*, 4:24-cv-01562

Issue Areas: Public Nuisance; State created danger

Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis; causation

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Clifford Farwell v. Curry County, et al.*, 1:24-cv-01109-MO

Issue Areas: Jail operations; detention; supervision

Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

**2025 | State | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Nancy Iskander, Karim Iskander v. Rebecca June Grossman, Peter Grossman, Scott Erickson*, 21STCV01600

Issue Areas: Negligence, Investigative Practices

Role: Conduct analysis

**2025 | State | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review/Deposition)**

*Robert H. Dial v. Shannon Bruckbacher, individually*, 2024CV30428

Issue Areas: Arrest; malicious prosecution; probable cause

Role: Conduct analysis; causation

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Ricky Davis v. County of El Dorado, et al.*, 2:22-cv-00262-MCE-JDP

Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; Interrogation

Role: Police practices critique; investigative conduct analysis; causation

**2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)**

*Lamar L. Young v. Sergeant Stenger, et al., City of Antioch*, 4:21-cv-08131-DMR

Issue Areas: Arrest; investigation; supervision; use of force

Role: Conduct analysis; policy critique; causation

**2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Retained)**

*Adrienne Henry v. Iron County Sheriff's Department, et al.*, 1:24-cv-00218

Issue Areas: 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment; search & seizure; false arrest

Role: Conduct analysis; policy critique; causation

**2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)**

*Mark Enterprises Car Company, LLC, et al. v. Dilsher Ali, et al.*, CV-21-1681-PHX-DLR

Issue Areas: Investigative conduct; probable cause; search & seizure; supervision  
Role: Conduct & investigative analysis; probable cause; search & seizure

**2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)**

*Baljit Athwal; Daljit Atwal v. County of Stanislaus, et al., 1:15-cv-00311-TLN-BAM*

Issue Areas: Malicious prosecution; arrest; interrogation; investigative practices

Role: Conduct & investigative analysis; interrogation analysis; policy critique

**2024 | Federal | Consulting Review-Defense (Outsourced-Review)**

*Saldivar v. Officers Evan Wright, Abel Soria, et al., 2:20-cv-02081-CAS-PD*

Issue Areas: Use of force

Role: Outsourced report review; crime scene interpretation

**2023 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)**

*Joaquin Ciria v. City & County of San Francisco, 22-cv-07510-KAW*

Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; interrogation, 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Role: Conduct & Investigative analysis; interrogation analysis

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## STATE & FEDERAL CRIMINAL EXPERT TESTIMONY

- Gang Identification and Predicate Offenses
- Narcotics Sales and Drug Recognition
- Homicide Investigations
- Cellular Telephone Analysis (CDR and Cell Site Analysis)
- Interview and Interrogation Practices

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*This Curriculum Vitae is maintained in accordance with federal expert disclosure standards and is intended for use in civil rights and criminal litigation.*

## APPENDIX A — PRIOR CRIMINAL EXPERT TESTIMONY

Each matter listed below reflects prior criminal expert testimony or consultation.

**2025 | State (AZ) | Consulting Expert-Defense**

State of Arizona v. Jesse Farmer — Interview & Interrogation Practices

**2018 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Joseph, Miles — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2015 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Sydnor, Jacobs — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2013 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Brown, Kennedy — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2012 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. James — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2012 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Rodgers, Rodgers — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2011 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Mitchell, et al. — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2009 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Sam, et al. — Gang & Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2008 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Ortega — Cellular Telephone Analysis

**2005 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution**

People v. Snowden, et al. — Gang Expert