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### **SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ELITE CRIMINAL PROFILING PROGRAM**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) proudly announces that Senior Special Agent Bo Barton has successfully completed an elite, 4-year Criminal Investigator program through the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship (ICIAF) making him a member of 106 board certified Criminal Profilers in the world.

SLED is now one of 5 state agencies that have board certified profilers in the United States.

Agent Barton says, "This is a huge honor for me. These are the pioneers of the field that are recognizing me as one of them."

Director Reggie Lloyd says, "Agent Barton has consistently proven himself as a leader in his field. This latest accomplishment is one more part of his already impressive resume."

The ICIAF is the only organization world-wide to train and board certify criminal and geographic profilers.

This training allows law enforcement officers to provide assessments and testimony related to criminal investigations or court proceedings.

Barton worked diligently to receive his board certification.

He took part in the ICIAF's academic curriculum and apprenticeship including field studies with The Ontario Provincial Police

in Canada (OPP), The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in Miami, Florida and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Quantico, Virginia.

Barton was also assigned criminal cases to investigate with these agencies to determine if his knowledge and opinions meet the standards and practices of the ICIAF.

He also passed two board exams which consisted of a month-long, written exam in which Agent Barton profiled a solved case to see if his findings matched the suspect in the original investigation.

His oral exam consisted of a thesis defense in which Barton explained his criminal profile analysis.

“It’s a long process,” Barton says, “but one that is worth all the hard work behind it all. This board certification is the capstone of my career bringing in all of the elements that I’ve learned in my law enforcement career.”

### **Special Agent Bo Barton’s Career Background:**

Agent Barton is currently a Criminal Investigative Profiler with the Behavioral Science Unit (BSU).

He performs violent crime analysis, threat assessment offers offender characteristics or investigative strategies to law enforcement agencies across the state and country.

Agent Barton is also a part of the Cold Case Unit and Crisis Negotiation Team.

In his 21 year service with SLED, Barton has worked with The Midlands Region, The Bloodhound Tracking and SWAT Teams, Narcotics Unit, Governor’s RAID Team, Attorney General’s Office, FBI’s Violent Criminal Task Force, (FBI), The Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) Task Force, The United States Secret Service and The United States Attorney’s Office.

He has specialized training in several areas such as various types of homicides and sexual assaults, mental and personality disorders, multi-jurisdictional drug conspiracy, white collar crimes, interview, interrogation and undercover techniques.

### **Education:**

Agent Barton is a Lexington County native who graduated from Gilbert High School.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree from Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C.

