Robert Leazenby

Robert Leazenby is a Specialist Supervisor at the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) where he is responsible for the direct supervision of our team of High-Tech Crime Specialists. He also monitors and coordinates specialist professional development and provides professional support and mentoring to specialists.

Prior to his current position, he served as a High-Tech Crime Specialist providing instruction and curriculum development in both cyber investigations and digital forensics.

Robert began his long-standing, meritorious thirty-year law enforcement career in 1988 as a uniformed patrolman. Before becoming an instructor at NW3C in 2020, Robert rounded out his career as an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Commander and Supervisor of Computer Investigations.

Robert retired as a Supervisory Special Agent with a state investigative body where he supervised a computer crime task force composed of agents from local, state, and federal agencies. In this role, Robert conducted and oversaw complex federal and state criminal investigations that were facilitated by technology. These crimes included, but were not limited to, child exploitation, white-collar fraud, and public corruption. Robert developed agency-wide procedures and methods to ensure electronic evidence collection, analysis, and preservation methods would withstand judicial scrutiny.

In his investigations, Robert utilized Forensic Toolkit, EnCase, X-Ways, Falcon, Cellebrite, and Oxygen programs and software to assist in forensic examinations. Additionally, Robert has collaborated with the United States Attorney's Office on technical prosecutions as well as provided his technical investigative expertise in assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the prosecution of numerous crimes. In the high-tech crime arena, Robert served as a certified forensic examiner and was on the investigative team honored with the International Association of Chiefs of Police Award for Investigative Excellence. The award was for the team's efforts in creating investigative solutions and software aimed at the prevention of broad-scale distribution of child pornography on peer-to-peer networks.

In recent years, Robert served as the co-chair for the ICAC Emerging-Technology working group and has served on numerous consortiums aimed at preventing the use of technology in the exploitation of children. Robert enjoys creating computer and cellular applications for personal and law enforcement use.

Robert is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and served as an FBI Task-Force Officer. His technical background began with an all-expense paid stint with the United States Marine Corps