

Melissa Maranville

Melissa has 30 years of experience in criminal justice, either working, researching, developing, delivering education and training, and speaking & thought leadership. Her employment history includes being a paralegal in criminal and civil law, a booking and intake officer cross-trained in forensic crime scene investigation, and a sociology/criminology/psychology professor for almost 15 years.

Melissa developed DeVille & Associates, LLC to educate and train LE in complex topics such as cryptocurrency & dark web investigations, social media, OSINT & cell investigations, AI & bot intelligence, linkage analysis investigations, sexual assault and rape investigations, and trauma-informed policing, all with an emphasis on investigating child sex abuse material (CSAM) and cyber predators.

Melissa's education comes from the University of Tennessee, earning a bachelorette in sociology and criminology and a master's degree in public safety with an additional 18 graduate hours in sociology/criminology. Her Ph.D.-c (candidate) is in cognitive psychology with her dissertation topic being "A case study of ineffective legislation: moral panic and the sex offender registry."

Lastly, Melissa holds many recognitions; however, some she is most proud of include being an IDALEST National Certified Instructor for Law Enforcement, Psi Chi National Honorary Society (Ph.D. level), Alpha Chi National Honor Society (Ph.D. level), recognition of research on "Violence Against Women in the South," nomination for a distinguished faculty member for five consecutive years, and a letter of commendation from the Knox County Sheriff Department in Tennessee for dedicated work resulting in the capture and expedition of a repeat child sex offender.