



**Investigator / Trooper Hector Alicea (Ret)**

**Chief Executive Officer – Partner**

Investigator Hector M Alicea began his career with the New York State Police in 1987. Upon graduating from the State Police Academy with the rank of Trooper he was assigned to patrol duties in the capital region later transferring to the New York City area. Upon his assignment to Long Island, Investigator Alicea continued with his patrol duties while also assisting the Drug Enforcement Task Force (DETF) and NYS Police narcotics unit with search warrants and interviewing suspects involved in narcotics trafficking and money laundering.

In 1990 Investigator Alicea was temporarily assigned to the Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU). During his temporary assignment Investigator Alicea conducted numerous undercover operations related to cellular fraud and narcotics purchases. During his cellular fraud undercover operations Investigator Alicea developed a confidential source which led to a narcotics and money laundering suspect in the South Florida area. Having secured cross designation status as a United States Customs Agent, Investigator Alicea traveled to Florida and conducted several undercover operations alongside a US Customs Agent from the Miami Field Office. This operation led to the eventual arrest of the suspect who was himself a rogue informant working for another agency.

Inv. Alicea continued his undercover assignments and began conducting controlled deliveries of intercepted narcotics shipments by the Miami Field Office which were

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destined to the greater NYC/Long Island area. These operations were conducted by members of US Customs/JFK Airport, State Police Narcotics Unit, and members of the United States Postal Police Service. These operations led to numerous arrests of Colombian nationals, search warrants netting additional narcotics, and thousands of dollars in US currency.

In 2000 Investigator Alicea was assigned to the DEA-OCDETF (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force). Investigator Alicea was the lead NYSP Investigator targeting organized gang criminal activities in the Village of Hempstead, Nassau County NY. Investigator Alicea was the Case Agent for Operation Impact targeting narcotics traffickers within the Village of Hempstead. During these operations numerous arrests were made netting the seizure of narcotics, currency, and weapons.

From 2002-2006 the FBI Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF) in Long Island filled the void vacated by DEA-OCDETF. The SSTF was tasked with targeting the Salvadoran Gangs that operated in the Village of Hempstead, namely, La Mara Salvatrucha (MS), Salvadorans with Pride (SWP) and Eighteenth Street. As a member of SSTF, Investigator Alicea conducted hundreds of interviews, participated in the identification, arrest, and subsequent successful prosecutions of dozens of gang members. Investigator Alicea provided expert testimony in federal court leading to convictions and lengthy prison terms under the Federal Racketeering Corrupt Organization (RICO) statutes.

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From 2015-2019 Investigator Alicea was assigned to the FBI Buffalo Field Office - Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). During this period he conducted investigations with a terrorism nexus. Investigator Alicea developed human sources that assisted in identifying individuals with potential radical views posing a threat to the homeland. In addition Investigator Alicea assisted the NYS Police Community Narcotics Enforcement Unit (CNET), with monitoring wiretap intercepts on drug and weapons trafficking investigations with a nexus to South Florida.

Investigator Alicea has provided expert court testimony on MS-13 and Neta history in US District Court – Eastern District Central Islip. Testimony was provided in NYC and Fort Erie, Canada on behalf of Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in furtherance of removal hearings of MS-13 gang members. Investigator Alicea has also provided expert testimony in the State of New Jersey regarding MS-13 activities to include murders in the following cases, State of New Jersey v. Rodolfo Godinez and State of New Jersey v. Castillo.

Throughout his career Investigator Alicea has been a presenter on gang identifiers, criminal activities, and source development within the United States. He has also provided training in venues in Canada (Toronto, Thunder Bay, Fort Erie) in addition to providing training on US Federal Racketeering Influence Corrupt Organizations (RICO) at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador.

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