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Prosecutor Heck Appoints Two Special Investigators *Will Assist Law Enforcement with Cellphone Analysis*



DAYTON, OH (09/12/2022) – Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that two Special Prosecutor’s Investigators have been appointed to assist the prosecutor’s office and local law enforcement agencies with cell phone analysis.

The Special Investigators are retired FBI Supervisory Special Agents, who worked for the Bureau’s Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST). The CAST unit specialized in cellular record analysis and live tracking of cell phones as well as historical cell site analysis. Detailed cell site data is often instrumental in solving crimes.

Mr. Kevin Horan (right) is a 26-year veteran of the FBI as a Special Agent. Before joining the FBI in 1995, Mr. Horan was an Assistant Montgomery County Prosecutor. After joining the FBI, he was assigned to the Cincinnati Division, investigating violent crimes. He specialized in fugitives and homicides. Mr. Horan joined the FBI’s SWAT team, where he served for 22 years. In 2006, Mr. Horan was chosen to become a founding member of the CAST team and became a certified expert in the field of cellular record analysis. Mr. Horan has testified over 110 times in state and federal courts in 22 states.

Mr. Lance Kepple (left) is a 22-year veteran of the FBI as a Special Agent. Before joining the FBI, Mr. Kepple served in the U.S. Air Force as a Combat Controller and Special Tactics Team Leader. During his time as a Special Agent in the FBI, Mr. Kepple investigated organized crime, violent crime, major drug offenders, public corruption, domestic and international terrorism, and piracy. Mr. Kepple also served on the FBI Hostage Rescue Team for seven years. For the previous five years, Mr. Kepple was a member of the CAST team, successfully recovering numerous missing and kidnapped persons, and was key in solving dozens of homicides.

In addition to serving as Special Prosecutor's Investigators, Mr. Horan and Mr. Kepple also co-founded Precision Cellular Analysis, LLC. Their company provides cellphone expert services for criminal and civil litigation and provides law enforcement training nationally.

As Special Prosecutor's Investigators, Mr. Horan and Mr. Kepple will assist the prosecutors with case preparation and presentation. Additionally, their services as Special Prosecutor's Investigators will be made available to any law enforcement agency in Montgomery County that could benefit from their many years of expertise.

Prosecutor Heck added, "I am confident that the many years of investigative experience that Kevin and Lance bring to my office will be an enormous benefit to help law enforcement solve crimes and in obtaining justice for victims. Their unmatched expertise in the area of cellphone analysis is a tremendous resource and will be a game changer in identifying and locating offenders."

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