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## OIG Profile

### Ken Bach

#### Chief Technology Officer

Ken Bach returned to the OIG in 2005 to oversee and upgrade its information management systems. A former Army, State and Federal investigative agent, Bach also serves as the OIG's chief liaison with the Corporation on information technology issues.



Born and raised in Upstate New York, Bach enlisted in the Army in 1972 and initially worked as a photojournalist for "Stars and Stripes" and other publications while stationed in South Korea. He later moved to the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, where he specialized in economic crime. He retired in 1994 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Two after 22 years of service.

After stints as a workmen's compensation and Medicaid fraud investigator for the State of Florida, Bach joined the OIG as a special agent, focusing on grants and accounting fraud cases. He also served the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior, from 2003-2005 as an agent specializing in program integrity.

Bach holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal investigation from University of Central Florida and has undergone training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and from other sources in white-collar crime and computer forensic investigations. He is a 2006 graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership Development Academy, which is sponsored by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

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## Forensic Sleuths Put The Byte On Crime

Armed with the latest in forensic computer technology, the Office of Inspector General is taking a bite out of crime by building cases byte by byte.

The OIG's new Forensic Tool Kit software and Logicube Imager allow investigators to capture mirror images of the myriad information contained on computer hard drives. The data can then be mined to reveal financial data, e-mails, images and other documents which may be linked to instances of fraud, waste and abuse.

Forensic investigations are a must in an era when almost all key data, especially archived material, is now stored electronically instead of on paper in a file drawer.

"It absolutely makes our job easier," says OIG Senior Agent Bob Holland. "Anytime you can find, preserve and safeguard evidence, including data that a suspect may have tried to conceal, it makes your

case that much stronger."

The forensic investigation process starts when agents either request or subpoena a suspect's computer. The hard drive is removed and a mirror image is made and transferred to another hard drive by the

Logicube Imager. Getting a mirror image is crucial to maintaining the integrity and admissibility of evidence. If agents were to use the original hard drive to find



**Agent Holland Delves Into Data.**

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## Tenacious Morales Tracks Down His Man

"If you dig a little deeper, you tend to find more skeletons in the closet," says Office of Inspector General Special Agent Jeffrey Morales. His digging resulted in deep trouble for a former Michigan AmeriCorps member and program director who tried to conceal his sex-offender past and defraud the Corporation for National and Community Service of more than \$100,000.

Morales has been cited for his work on cracking the case, which also resulted in a strengthening of Michigan's criminal background check screening program, with an OIG Certificate of Appreciation from Acting Inspector General Carol Bates.

The past and the deception quickly unraveled for Arthur Kirk, formerly known as Arthur Kirkeby, after Morales joined local police in 2005 in investigating the director of a school-based AmeriCorps program. Kirk had initially been arrested on weapons charges. Checking State Department passport and Michigan Probate Court records, Morales determined that Kirk had legally changed his name from Kirkeby and had illegally altered documents in an attempt to cover up the fact that he was a convicted sex offender, including two crimes of sexual assault dating from the 1970s.

Kirk had also lied about his past on his AmeriCorps member and program director applications.



**Agent Morales On A Call**

Had his criminal record been revealed, he would have been barred from serving or working with children at the Michigan school. Morales pressed his case to recover more than \$100,000 in Corporation funds Kirk had received in the form of education awards, stipends and salary.

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information, the process would alter the structure and arrangement of the data and could raise the issue of evidence tampering.

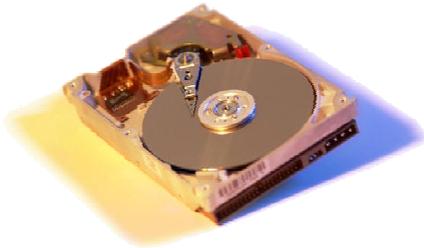
All steps of the removal and mirroring processes are photographed to ensure an unbroken chain of evidence. Using information gleaned from interviews and other preliminary investigations, agents then employ Forensic Tool Kit Software, using key words to search through the hard drive image and identify crucial evidence.

"The software can arrange the data in categories and even generate reports on what kind of information is contained on the hard drive," says Ken Bach, the OIG Chief Technology Officer who set up the new forensic lab. "That makes it much easier for agents to find what they are looking for."

Once the digital evidence has been obtained, it can be processed and presented to an Assistant U.S. Attorney, local law enforcement or Corporation officials to assist in criminal prosecutions or administrative actions.

The "delete" button is no defense against the OIG's forensic sleuthing. Information, including e-mails, documents and even visited Internet websites, is still retained in the data-rich depths of a hard drive, where it can be recovered using the OIG's forensic techniques.

The OIG's forensic tools are also portable, allowing agents to make mirror images of hard drives while conducting field investigations.



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Kirk, who pled guilty in April to three Federal counts of making false statements, is due to be sentenced later this year. The OIG is seeking to recover all Federal funds he earned as a result of his AmeriCorps service.

Morales made four trips to Michigan on the case and apparently spooked Kirk when he set up an interview. Kirk attempted to flee the country, but was tripped up and apprehended after he sought to place his pet rabbit, "Flopsy," in a local animal shelter.

Known for his tenacious pursuit of suspects, Morales had ample incentive to go all out after Kirk. For two years, Morales served on "Innocent Images," a joint Federal task force that exposed and apprehended more than 60 online sexual predators targeting kids. "I've been exposed to these types of individuals," says Morales, who notes that Kirk, a onetime teacher and school administrator, joined AmeriCorps in an effort to "get back to working with children again."

"We've taken a person like this away from children and prevented a potential situation that could have harmed children and hurt the reputation of the entire AmeriCorps program," adds Morales.

"And having the Michigan screening program strengthened as a result of this case was a real plus."

Morales, 40, joined the OIG Investigations Section after a 22-year Army career that included work with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). A Gulf War veteran, his CID assignments included providing security for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld during a number of visits to war-torn Iraq.

A New York City native, Morales has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Regents University. Married and a resident of suburban Maryland, Morales's son serves in the U.S. Navy and his daughter is a student at the University of Maryland.

### Benefield Returns To Duty In Iraq

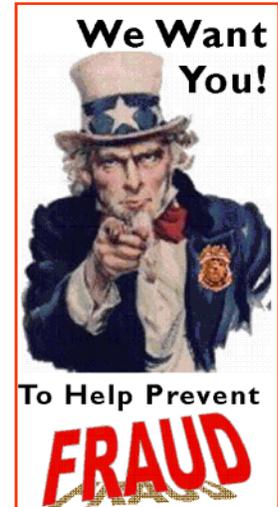
Senior Special Agent Kevin Benefield recently left the Office of Inspector General to join the battle against waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayers' dollars in war-torn Iraq. Benefield is investigating contract fraud as a Baghdad-based agent for the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, a joint effort of the Departments of Defense and State.

Benefield is on his second tour of duty in the war zone. He previously served in the Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), providing security to Paul Bremer and other officials of

the Iraq Provisional Authority that initially took control of Iraq following the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Other OIG agents who have served in the recent conflicts include fellow Army CID veterans Gardina Thatcher and Jeffrey Morales, who both provided war-zone security to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other officials on visits to Iraq; and Robert Holland, who conducted investigations of suspected Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists in Afghanistan.

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