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September 3, 2013  
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**Alex Lillington**  
To: John Jefferson; Ben Hamilton

Dear Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Hamilton:

I am writing to make you aware of the inexcusable behavior of Detail Security Guard Blair Hooper at the Latta Plantation encampment near Charlotte, North Carolina on Friday, August 30. During that event, without provocation, Officer Blair Hooper approached, confronted, and assaulted one of our regiment while that individual was alone, putting our member in fear of bodily harm. When I confronted Officer Hooper afterward, Hooper made wild accusations against our member, demonstrating that Officer Hooper is unstable and unfit to work as an armed security guard.

The details of the incident are as follows. At approximately 7:00 pm, said regimental member was reconnoitering the terrain at Latta Plantation in preparation for our skirmish reenactment the following day. Without warning, Officer Hooper approached our regimental member in a threatening manner, physically assaulted our member by grabbing their arm, and accused our member of injuring Hooper's child in a track and field competition more than a year ago. Not only did Hooper angrily make this personal and baseless accusation (the incident in question was investigated by the track meet officials and dismissed), Hooper went on to slander our member's family, accusing them of being "traitors and thieves." Hooper seemed obsessed with NC's copy of the Bill of Rights. Hooper concluded the tirade by declaring "you ought to stay out of North Carolina. Bad things might happen to you here." I sought out Officer Hooper and confronted the officer about this unacceptable behavior. Rather than apologizing, Hooper admitted to "investigating" our member online and in person for several months – in other words, stalking and inventing crazy tales about this upstanding individual.

Such behavior is completely unacceptable under any circumstance. Hooper assaulted and threatened our regimental member. Our entire regiment has grave reservations about the mental stability and trustworthiness of Officer Hooper. I trust that Hooper's behavior is not condoned by your organization. I insist that you investigate this incident and terminate Hooper's employment. Otherwise we may be forced to ask the police to file assault charges, as well as contacting all hosts of our encampments to strongly urge them not to hire Detail Security for any future events.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

With grave concern,

A.L.

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**Re: Hooper** Inbox x

**Ben Hamilton** September 3, 2013  
 To: Alex Lillington 10:52:31  
 Cc: John Jefferson

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your letter of September 3. We appreciate your taking the time to make us aware of your perceptions of the incidents you recounted.

As you know, Detail Security has a long history of providing excellent customer service at venues all along the East Coast of the United States. We pride ourselves on keeping attendees safe and providing a secure and fun atmosphere at events such as the Latta Plantation reenactment. The fact that sites such as Latta Plantation sign multi-year contracts with our company is a testament to our company values and success.

We have spoken with Officer Hooper and the staff at Latta Plantation to confirm the details of what happened. Due to our personnel policy, I am not at liberty to share our findings, but rest assured that we have taken appropriate action based upon what we have learned. We know and appreciate that Officer Hooper is a bit zealous when it comes to the duties associated with being a member of Detail Security. Sometimes that zeal can be misinterpreted. You are not the first person to raise concerns about Hooper. We will ensure that all future assigned guards to the Latta Plantation will be more mindful, respectful, and a better reflection of our values and core guidelines in the future.

We look forward to providing an excellent experience to the 16<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment and other reenactment groups in the future. Of course, should you have any questions or further comment on this matter, please let me know and I will do my best to address on behalf of Detail Security.

Very truly yours,

Ben Hamilton  
 North Carolina Director  
 Detail Security

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### **3-1.104 Hiring – Disqualification for Hire**

Detail examines each applicant as a whole person. Accordingly, only individuals with a history of psychosis, schizophrenia, or similar mental disorders, or individuals whose prior felonies render them unable to possess firearms are ineligible for employment with Detail.

For all other candidates, Detail will examine the facts and circumstances of the candidate's history, and it will seek to determine fitness with respect to what actually occurred. Everyone is not suited to employment in the security field, but not everyone who has made a mistake once or twice is unsuitable, either.

Individuals are not disqualified unless the totality of their history demands that result. A candidate should expect to be interviewed at length with respect to any history of violence or threats of violence, so that Detail can determine whether the candidate is fit to be hired.

#### **3-1.104.a Hiring – Background Checks**

Detail Security performs an investigation on each and every employee prior to the employee being hired. By applying to Detail Security, you agree to submit to a comprehensive examination of your fitness, including a criminal background check, credit examination, and additional investigation as necessary.

All new hires are considered provisional during the first three months of their first one year contract. If in the exclusive view of Detail, an issue arises during this time, the employee may be terminated without any additional pay and without any additional cause.

If an issue arises during the employee's background check, it is the employee's responsibility to assist the investigators in any way they request. Employees may be required to explain their past actions, provide contact information for witnesses to past incidents, and/or cooperate in allowing Detail access to additional records, including records that would otherwise be unavailable to Detail under federal, state, or local law. Failure fully to cooperate in the background investigation is grounds for immediate termination.

#### **3-1.105 Periodic Review**

Detail will conduct a re-examination of each employee's fitness for duty before the employee's annual contract is renewed. Such examination may include an updated background check, physical testing, mental testing, and/or mental health screening. Failure to cooperate fully in the periodic review is grounds for immediate termination. These examinations will come annually, but they may also be instituted in response to a complaint against the employee.



*Section 5-2.109 – Professionalism in Communication – Verbal Communication (Continued)*

which is why all Detail Security professionals are held to a high standard of professionalism in communication. Any Detail employee who engages in threatening, lewd, profane, racist, or sexist verbal communication - including the use of common epithets referring to a particular group of individuals - will be disciplined promptly and may be subject to termination.

All employees should use proper honorifics (usually "Sir" or "Ma'am") when addressing superiors, protectees, or members of the public.

### **5-2.110 Professionalism in Communication – Social Media**

Employees of Detail Security are free citizens, and Detail respects the rights of employees to speak freely in accordance with the wishes of the great men and women who founded the greatest nation on earth.

With that said, as described in greater detail in Section 9-3.204 Pre-Intervention Investigations - Know Your "Friends" and "Enemies," social media can provide a wealth of information about how your adversaries think, about potential threats to your protectees, or about habits of your protectees that could impact your ability to keep them secure. Simply put, you can learn a lot about what people think and how they behave when they think you're not watching.

Employees must recognize that social media postings can be transmitted immediately around the world and can attract massive - often unwanted - attention. Accordingly, all employees using Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or like services must allow the official Detail Security account to "friend," "follow," etc. their accounts. Employees who engage in social media can expect that their use of such media will be included in annual or periodic performance reviews. Employees who are able to stay on message with respect to Detail, spreading the news about the positive things Detail is doing for the people of the United States and the world, can expect that such messaging will be considered as part of their evaluation in "effective marketing." Contrariwise, employees who share slander, office gossip, or who use social media in a manner that calls to question the integrity of Detail operations can expect that to be considered as part of the decision of whether to renew the employees' annual contracts.

### **5-2.111 Professionalism in Communication – Electronic Mail**

Email may seem like a fast, easy means of communication of critical content. However, in fact, it is a trap. Emails can be easily archived, or forwarded. Emails are also often misinterpreted, because



*Section 8-4.204 – Specific Uses of Force – Intermediate Force – Chemical Weapons (Continued)*

Subject to the exceptions described above, chemical agents such as mace or tear gas should rarely be deployed in spaces where non-combatant members of the public, especially the very young or very old, are present or may be present in the near or intermediate future.

**8-4.205 Specific Uses of Force – Intermediate Force – ECDs**

Electronic Control Devices (or “ECDs”) are among the most useful tools in the Detail professional’s arsenal. Commonly referred to as TASERS, ECDs are pistol-like devices that can instantaneously immobilize a target, ending a threat rapidly without causing lasting harm.

However, the very qualities that make TASERS extremely effective can make them very tempting, even in circumstances where the TASER should not be used. To be clear, the TASER is an intermediate force weapon, and it cannot be deployed absent clear risk to the health or safety of another individual. As a general matter, TASER use should be considered on the Escalating Force Architecture (see Section 8-2.101 – Uses of Force Generally – Escalating Force), and it should therefore follow verbal and somatic (i.e. by physical gesture) attempts to confront a threat and control behavior.

Of course, in many circumstances, the TASER must be used immediately, before warnings can be given or the EFA followed. We trust you to know when there is a threat to life or limb, and Detail will stand behind you whenever you act to protect those who have hired us.

Because a TASER renders a target immobile and unable to stop or even break her or his fall, the context must be examined before a TASER is deployed. Firing a TASER at someone in water or immediately above water, for example, could lead to that person drowning. Likewise, using it on someone at an extreme height on a narrow ledge could cause a deadly fall. In such instances, TASER use should be avoided, if possible. Similarly, the use of a TASER against an individual running at high speed is not advised; the speed of movement can increase injury. Again, however, the circumstances of the situation control. If a TASER would safeguard a protectee from serious injury or death, it should be used, regardless of the increased risk to the assailant. Even though being hit by a TASER is uncomfortable, most people would still choose it over taking a bullet from your duty weapon.

Each Detail employee should expect to be subjected to an ECD during training and orientation. While this is rarely a pleasant experience, it is essential that you understand the nature of the device and its function and impact on the human body before you deploy it.

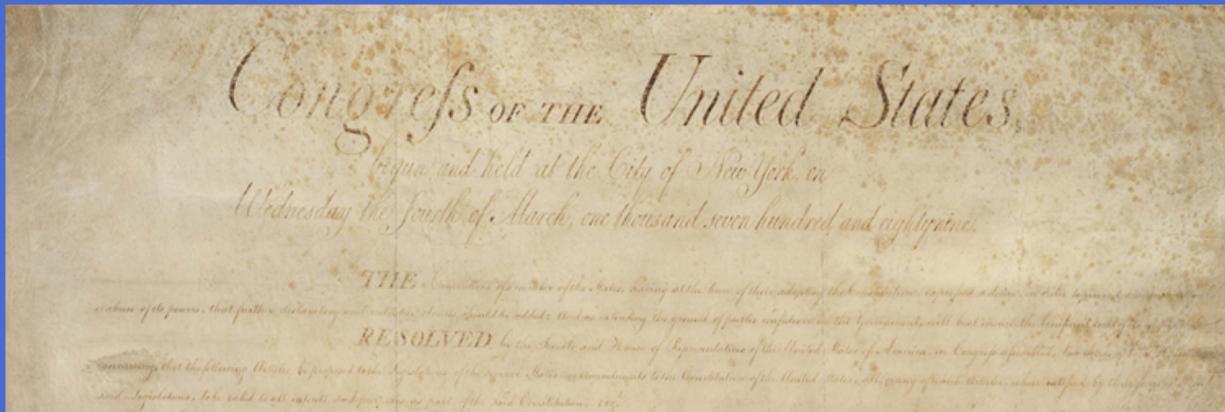
# Set the Story Straight

A BLOG FOR THE TRUTH ONLY ABOUT THE TRUTH - SO HELP US ALL



## North Carolina's Hidden Truth

By Andy Archer - March 25, 2012 191



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We all know about the US Bill of Rights, right? The document guaranteeing us freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and the right to bear arms? The right to a trial by jury, and the right to avoid self-incrimination? Well, did you know that fourteen handwritten copies were originally created, one for Congress and one for each of the thirteen original states? You'd think the states would have protected and valued such priceless items, wouldn't you? If so, you'd be wrong.

Back in the early days of our nation, many of these original documents were not considered important. Often they were thrown on trash heaps or burned. Several of the states even lost their Bill of Rights, including Georgia, Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania. And at the end of the Civil War, my family – the Archers of Ohio – bought a copy of the Bill of Rights from a Union soldier who rescued North Carolina's copy from a trash heap. A trash heap! Can you believe it?

Fortunately we preserved the Bill of Rights, passing it down through the generations as a treasured heirloom. If we hadn't cared for it, this important part of our nation's history would have been lost forever.

Several times in the late 19th and early 20th century we looked into returning it to NC, only asking a small honorarium in recognition for our work. But North Carolina didn't consider it important enough to follow up. So in 2000, my family sold it to a respected antiques dealer who promised to place it in a museum where it could be viewed and appreciated by others who value its principles. When he tried to sell it to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia – a perfect place! – the FBI seized it. North Carolina finally decided it was important after all, I guess. Too bad they didn't go about acquiring it in a more ethical way.

Without my family's efforts, North Carolina's Bill of Rights would have vanished long ago. I am proud of my family for their patriotism and dedication in making sure this historic document would survive to educate and inspire the next generation of Americans.

THERE ARE 9 COMMENTS. [ADD YOURS.](#)

Are you crazy, "stss"? Your family profited from the thievery of a Yankee dog during Sherman's destruction of our beloved South. North Carolina would never throw its Bill of Rights on a trash heap, not even during that horrible War of Northern Aggression. No, our Bill of Rights went missing because it was stolen. Your family knew it was stolen, and they refused to give it back, holding it for ransom. I'm proud our state wouldn't give in to your demands.

Your family is nothing but a bunch of common thieves, seeking to get rich off your stolen property. You should be ashamed.

by: [true.patriot-no.more.lies](#) | [March 26, 2012](#)

"True patriot"?! "No more lies?!!" What a joke. The only person telling lies here is YOU! Troll! If it weren't for my family, North Carolina's Bill of Rights would've been lost or burned long ago. We SAVED the Bill of Rights! The state should be thanking us! Better yet, they should pay us for taking care of the document for MORE THAN A CENTURY!! Maybe they need a reminder that the Second Amendment gives us the ability to deal with tyrants... What now, fool??!!

by: [Andy Archer](#) | [March 27, 2012](#)

You're the fool if you think your family "saved" North Carolina's Bill of Rights. Far from it! You are nothing but common criminals. You ought to be charged with "receiving stolen goods" and sent to jail. You're disgusting! Traitors like you don't deserve to live in this wonderful country.

Why don't you move to some banana republic, where you'll fit right in?! Maybe I'll come find you and 'help you on your way' using a bit of that "Second Amendment" persuasion....

by: [true.patriot-no.more.lies](#) | [March 28, 2012](#)

Andy, or "SSS" - Don't play games with the unnamed. Internet trolls prowl and prey on those who respond. Best to ignore stupidity and continue to let your voice be heard. There are far more of us that agree with you and know the truth. Stay strong, stay brave - remain a patriot!

by: [FifeForLife](#) | [March 28, 2012](#)

Sometimes I think we're in a banana republic now, when REAL patriots like my family are attacked by people like you - treason in patriot's clothes. You mess with my family at your own peril. I will continue to defend our honor and our rightful place in history. However, for now, and in this public forum, I am going to take Fife's advice. I refuse to argue any more with a crazy person like you. Remember, freedom of speech is for opinions, not hate!

by: [Andy Archer](#) | [March 28, 2012](#)

Enough already. Enough hurting people to get your way. Enough stealing from others, taking what's not yours. Enough acting like some sort of victim. You're pathetic, you and all your deluded reenactor friends. Someone has to stop you, someone has to protect the public. Maybe burning down your encampment at Latta Plantation will wake people up before it's too late...

by: [PaybackTime](#) | [August 30, 2013](#)

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What does it take to get our government's attention these days? An act of violence?

I've been contacting the N.C. Governor's office for the past month, asking to meet with Governor McCrory to set the story straight about my family's important role in preserving the Bill of Rights they'll be displaying at the Capitol in Raleigh on July 4. I'm sick and tired of my family being slandered and insulted when, if it hadn't been for us, that document would've been destroyed long ago. I was hoping if I could just explain the truth to Governor McCrory, he'd take our side and tell people that we should be rewarded, not cursed. What response have I gotten? No response, that's what. I've left probably a dozen messages for the Governor and his Chief of Staff Abigail Mason. But as they say, "The silence is deafening." If they keep ignoring me, I'll have to take matters into my own hands and do something to get their attention.

*by: Andy Archer | June 29, 2014*

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Follow up to yesterday: I finally heard from Ms. Mason. I quote: "Thank you for contacting us. But the Governor is too busy to meet with you at this time. Perhaps something can be arranged at a future date."

Sounds like a brush-off to me, holding out a carrot that will always remain out of reach. Well, I'm not stupid. I'll figure out a way to get my story to the Governor. Not sure how yet. But I'm not giving up.

*by: Andy Archer | June 30, 2014*

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Don't think for a second that I've stopped watching you. No one else might be paying attention to this blog, but I'm on to you and I will not let harm come to this country. Whether it be a document or life, you and your family cannot be trusted.

Think twice before you act - or else your pleas for justice will be your own from a cell block.

*by: true.patriot-no.more.lies | June 30, 2014*

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**Bill of Rights**

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**Andy Archer**

March 19, 2012

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Spent the weekend at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse with the 16th NC Regiment reenactors. Fabulous weekend – tho’ it didn’t start off too well. Crazy security guard made up lies about my family. Finally told my regiment how my family rescued an original copy of the Bill of Rights. Nice to know my buds “have my back” :)

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**Concerned Citiz**

What do you mean, your family rescued the Bill of Rights? How is that possible?

March 19 at 10:30pm · Like

**Andy Archer**

My great-great-granddad bought a copy from a Union soldier who rescued it from a trash pile in North Carolina. My family kept it safe and preserved it for more than 130 years. Awesome, huh?

March 19 at 11:00pm · Like

**Concerned Citiz**

Hey, didn’t the soldier steal it from NC, didn’t NC try to get it back but your family refused? And sold it to some shady antiques dealer? In 2003, the FBI pulled a sting and got it back! Isn’t that what really happened?

March 19 at 11:05pm · Like

**Andy Archer**

We bought it free and clear! My grandma was cheated. It’s worth millions - she got peanuts!

March 19 at 11:06pm · Like

**Concerned Citiz**

I think you’re delusional. Everything I’ve seen says it was stolen after the war. Your family is lucky they got any money. They should’ve given it back for free. Stealing art, even during war, is still stealing. You Archers are thieves!

March 19 at 11:07pm · Like

**Andy Archer**

Wow. YOU’RE the one who’s delusional. We were definitely cheated & our good name hurt. But I’ve got a plan to fix it - to make everyone realize the truth. It might take time. it might take force, but it will happen. WATCH OUT!

March 19 at 11:17pm · Like

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Blair Hooper

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February 28



Sky Illuminati

2/28 5:05am

Great meeting you this weekend. So rare to find someone who understands that terrorism takes many shapes and unsuspecting forms. Stay in touch! PM me anytime!

February 28



Blair Hooper

2/28 7:05am

I always keep a watchful eye. That's what has always set me apart from the rest of my colleagues on the force. Where they see sunshine, I see solar flares.

August 30



Blair Hooper

8/30 10:12 pm

I know we haven't chatted for a bit and we don't really know each other, but I feel like you are the only person I can trust with this information. Really concerned about a kid I saw at Latta Plantation today. One of the reenactors.

I'm afraid the kid is planning to do something crazy. I've been watching this kid for months now, and the evidence is clear that something's not quite right. But no one will listen to me.

#lonevoicecryinginthewilderness #hopelmwrong #dontwannaversaytoldyouso



Sky Illuminati

8/30 10:18 pm

What's going on? You've always had great instincts as a cop and as a security guard...



Blair Hooper

8/30 10:22 pm

Thanks. This kid has delusions of grandeur and a victim complex. The kid thinks the family are national heroes for saving NC's Bill of Rights. Reality is they were just pirates and now that everyone knows the truth the kid's on a revenge mission. #unhinged



Sky Illuminati

8/30 10:29 pm

That's ridiculous. They sound like traitors to me.



Blair Hooper

8/30 10:35 pm

Exactly! And now that the media has caught on to them, the kid is all up in arms, saying they've been mistreated and that they're going to "set the story straight" and get what's owed to them, or else. I'm afraid the kid is planning to do something that puts people at risk, but everyone thinks I'm crazy. Guess I'll just have to keep my eyes open and try to stop the kid before anyone gets hurt.



Sky Illuminati

8/30 11:52 pm

Wow. Sounds like a conspiracy! Get more evidence. Don't be fooled by the fool!

Write a reply...



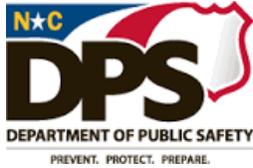
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RECEIPT NO: 15-201012

**Evidence Receipt Voucher**

Agency: *State Capitol PD*

Date: *July 4, 2014*

Property Of: *Andy Archer*

Arrest No: *N/A*

Nature of Incident: *Possible attempted battery (Subject 1), Possible battery (Subject 2)*

Seizing Officer: *Cpl. J. Hewes*

Badge No. *01776*

**PROPERTY SEIZED:**

Item #	Quantity	Description	Location Seized
1	1	<i>Brown wooden rifle/musket w leather strap</i>	<i>See notes</i>
2	1	<i>Coat, blue, w metallic buttons</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>
3	1	<i>Small leather pouch with strap, identified by witness Lillington as a "cartridge box" - empty</i>	<i>See notes</i>
4	1	<i>Three corner, colonial style hat, black</i>	<i>See notes</i>
5	1	<i>Bayonet, metallic, approx. 18" in length, fitted to scabbard, with strap</i>	<i>See notes</i>
6	1	<i>Tin cylindrical case, identified by witness Lillington as antique document holder - empty</i>	<i>See notes</i>
7	1	<i>Ivory colored cloth vest/waist coat w buttons</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>
8	1	<i>Knee breeches, torn</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>
9	1	<i>White cotton shirt w buttons</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>
10	2	<i>Black shoes w gaiters</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>
11	2	<i>Brown knee-length socks w garters</i>	<i>Removed by EMS from Subject 1</i>

**Officer Notes:** *Items recovered from Subject 1 following fall down stairs at State Capitol during Independence Day Event. On scene Detail Security officer (Subject 2) reports discharge of ECD at Subj. 1 when Subj. 1 threatened to assault VIPs. Reporting officer assigned Subj. 2 to collect all items Subj. 1 was carrying for evidence. After Subj. 1 removed by EMS personnel to Duke Med. Ctr., Witness Lillington claimed Subj. 2 shot Subj. 1 for personal reasons. Reporting officer cannot assess whether all items are properly accounted for here; Subj.2 was left alone for several minutes to recover items while reporting officer provided first aid, before reporting officer was aware of allegations against Subj. 2. ECD (TASER model X2, serial no. JG-PK201415) and two discharge packs recovered from Subj. 2. See receipt 15-201013.*

## Kelly Blount

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223 Mountain Gap Road • Asheville, NC 28804

### EXPERIENCE

**Blount Consulting**, Principal, 2012-Present

Consult regarding personal and physical security issues with private industry, government agencies, and police and law enforcement. Provide training for security officers in personal security, use of force, close quarters tactics, and weapons use. Provide annual use of force refresher for North Carolina State Highway Patrol. Counsel private security companies on operations, financial management, hiring and clearance protocols, policies and procedures, and marketing. Anticipate testifying as expert in court proceedings.

**Blount Force**, President and CEO, 1998-2012

Owned, operated, and managed private security operation eventually employing dozens of security professionals across North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Nevada. Trained officers in all aspects of professional conduct. Consulted with and provided services to federal agencies and foreign governments. Secured domestic and foreign dignitaries on travel in protective region and provided security for hospitals, retail shopping areas, and special events.

**Pinkerton Security**, Security Officer, 1992-1998

Provided night and weekend security for retail establishment as contracted security.

**United States Army**, Military Police, 1985-92

Provided facility security, personal security, and law enforcement investigative support for United States Army facilities. Retired as sergeant.

### EDUCATION

**George Washington University**, Master of Professional Studies in Security and Safety Leadership, 2007

**University of North Carolina**, B.A., Peace, War and Defense, 2000

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Protection Professional: ASAS International, 1996-Present

Certified Physical Security Professional: ASAS International, 2002-Present

TASER Certified Instructor, 2004-Present

TASER Certified User, 2002-Present

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

**ASAS International**, Member, 1994-Present

President, Appalachian Chapter, 2004-2006

Recipient, ASAS Medal, 2011

**TASER Training Academy**, Instructor, 2012-Present

Instructor for courses in TASER Certified User; TASER Use of Force, Risk Management, and Legal Strategies Seminar

**TERRY SPAIGHT, Ph.D.**

2341 Eyrie Lane | Red Hawk Landing | Raleigh, NC 27609

**EDUCATION**

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**University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill**, Ph.D., History, 2006

**University of North Carolina - Greensboro**, M.A., Museum Studies, 1998

**Duke University**, B.A., Public Policy, 1990

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NCAA Champion, Tennis Singles

**EXPERIENCE**

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**Spaight Security Consulting**, President and CEO, 2001-Present

Design and implement security systems for public and private enterprises displaying historical artifacts, artwork, and performances throughout United States and Canada. Work with clients and vendors to provide airtight security while still permitting public to enjoy the presentations fully. Clients include Smithsonian Institution, National Constitution Center, National Archives and Records Administration, North Carolina Museum of History, NASCAR Hall of Fame, Colonial Williamsburg, and many societies of Revolutionary War and War Between the States reenactors.

**University of North Carolina – Greensboro**, Adjunct Professor, Museum Science, 2004-Present

Teach courses in museum design and security operations to masters candidates and undergraduates in the museum sciences program.

**Piedmont Detective Agency**, 1984-1998

Security Operations Professional, Part Time, 1984-1990; 1994-98

Security Operations Design Supervisor, Full Time, 1990-1996

As SODS, designed security operations for numerous large and small individual and institutional clients, including multiple museum and artifact display enterprises. Worked closely with curators, preservationists, and re-constructionists/reenactors on projects budgeted from \$10,000 to \$10,000,000 in capital and annualized security costs. Full references available upon request.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AWARDS**

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International Association of Security Managers and Professionals, 2001-Present

Gold Medal for Achievements in a Specialty Field, 2010

IASMP Certified Security Design Professional, 2001-Present

Smithsonian Institution, Board of Advisors, 2006-Present

Special Commendation, 2009

Edenton Bell Battery, 1985-Present

President, 1996

TASER International, Certified User, 2007-Present

Paid Lecturer, TASER International Peer/Professional Marketing Group, 2009-Present

## North Carolina Places and People Appendix



North Carolina is proud to host this year's National High School Mock Trial Championship Competition. We hope you will enjoy your visit to the "Old North State" as much as we enjoy hosting you. Also known as "variety vacationland," North Carolina has something for everyone: forested mountains (the highest elevation on the east coast); rolling hills; vibrant cities and quaint towns, fertile farmland, and sparkling beaches. For information on places to go and things to do, go to <http://www.visitnc.com/> or <http://www.visitraleigh.com/>.

The 2015 Nationals case, while fictional, alludes to or is based on many actual people and places. Keep reading to learn more about these references!

### **Places:**

**State Capitol Building:** as you'll soon see, the site of the infamous incident with Andy Archer takes place in our actual State Capitol Building. Completed in 1840 and a National Historic Landmark, the capitol is "one of the finest and best-preserved examples of a major civic building in the Greek Revival style." Self-guided tours are available Monday – Saturday from 9 am – 5 pm, so take time while you're here to examine the stairs where poor Andy was injured and visit the presumed original location of the purloined Bill of Rights.

**Research Triangle or "the Triangle":** Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill make up the region known as the "Triangle," an area boasting more than 2 million inhabitants in 2013. Originally the term was used to refer to "Research Triangle Park," home to many high-tech companies such as IBM, SAS Institute, Cisco Systems, and Red Hat. Three outstanding research institutions anchor the region: UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University in Raleigh, and Duke University in Durham; and many fine smaller institutions add to the mix. Think "college tour time"!

**Guilford Courthouse National Military Park:** Located in Greensboro, NC, this military park marks the site of the "largest, most hotly-contested battle of the Revolutionary War's Southern Campaign." The battle occurred on March 15, 1781 when British general Lord Charles Cornwallis defeated an American force nearly twice his size, led by Major General Nathanael Greene. It was a pyrrhic victory, however, as Cornwallis' losses contributed to his eventual surrender at Yorktown seven months later. Each year in mid-March, Revolutionary War Reenactors set up camp at the park to recreate the battle.

**The Mecca Restaurant:** Located at 13 E. Martin Street, The Mecca is a downtown staple, serving freshly-prepared burgers, biscuits, and “Southern comfort food” at reasonable prices. This family-owned business upholds the values of honest, hard work, humility, and good humor. For more information, visit <http://www.mecca-restaurant.com/>.

**Latta Plantation:** Historic Latta Plantation is a circa 1800 cotton plantation and living history farm located 12 miles north of Charlotte, NC. Host to daily tours, summer camps, and special events, it also contains a nature preserve, raptor center, and equestrian center!

**The Lost Colony, Manteo, Roanoke Island:** Performed since 1937 in an outdoor amphitheater on Roanoke Island, *The Lost Colony* is a musical play based on historical accounts of Sir Walter Raleigh’s attempts to establish a permanent settlement on Roanoke Island in the 1580s. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, the performance is considered a precursor to Broadway musicals.

### **Organizations:**

**Sixth North Carolina Regiment:** Our fictitious 16<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment is based on the Sixth North Carolina Regiment, portrayed by the North Carolina Historical Reenactment Society (founded in 1960). Visiting historic sites in Virginia, North Carolina, and further afield, members reenact battles and demonstrate camp life from the Revolutionary War and French and Indian War periods, including events at Latta Plantation and Guilford Courthouse. For more information, visit <http://www.6nc.org/>.

### **People:**

**Charles Shotwell (inspiration for the Archer family):** In 1866, Ohio native Charles Shotwell purchased North Carolina’s original copy of the Bill of Rights – one of only 14 in the nation – from an unnamed Union soldier who took it from the North Carolina Capitol during Sherman’s march through Raleigh. In 1897 N.C. state officials tried to get it back, but Shotwell refused. In 1925 Shotwell, via colleague Charles Reid, contacted the NC Historical Commission, offering to sell it back to N.C. for “any reasonable honorarium.” The state refused, citing the fact that the document had been stolen. No other communications took place until 1995, when an attorney in Washington, D.C. contacted the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, offering to sell it back for \$3 – 10 million. N.C. officials again refused to use tax dollars to purchase the document. The Shotwell sisters, Anne and Sylvia, sold it to antiques collector Wayne Pratt in 2000 for \$200,000; three years later, Pratt tried to sell it to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Fortunately for N.C., an FBI “sting” operation was conducted, and the document was returned to North Carolina. For a brief recounting of the story, see <http://ncpedia.org/bill-rights>.

**Alexander Lillington:** Namesake of the town of Lillington in Harnett County, Col. Alexander Lillington was the first commander of the newly-formed North Carolina 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1776. He had earned renown as a hero at the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge in 1775 when he and his militiamen defeated British loyalists who were marching toward Wilmington. Lillington later served as a military brigadier general for the Wilmington District, assisting in the Patriot defense of Charleston. After the war he returned to his magnificent home in Pender County, which is located “down east,” outside of Wilmington.

**William Blount:** An American statesman and land speculator, Blount was a member of North Carolina's delegation to the Constitutional Convention, and he led efforts in N.C. to gain ratification. North Carolina originally voted not to approve the Constitution, ratifying it only after a Bill of Rights had been added. In the 1780s Blount pushed efforts to open lands west of the Appalachians to settlement, eventually helping Tennessee gain admission to the union.

**Richard Spaight:** One of North Carolina's three signers of the Constitution, Spaight attended every session of the Convention and supported a strong national government while also protecting the rights of the smaller states. He was a vocal advocate of the inclusion of the Bill of Rights and a key figure in ensuring North Carolina's ratification of the Constitution. Spaight was elected to three terms as governor of N.C. starting in 1792 and was a major force in moving the state capitol from New Bern to Raleigh. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**William Hooper:** An American lawyer, physician, and politician, William Hooper represented North Carolina in the Continental Congress from 1774-1777. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and campaigned heavily in N.C. for ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

**Joseph Hewes:** One of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joseph Hewes was a leading merchant in the Colonies. When Independence was declared, Hewes placed his ships at the service of the Continental armed forces, and he served in Congress as the Secretary of the Naval Affairs Committee until his death in 1779.

**Justice Paul M. Newby:** As an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Raleigh in 2003, current N.C. Supreme Court Justice Paul M. Newby worked with Attorney General Roy Cooper to recover North Carolina's Bill of Rights from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

**Governor Patrick McCrory:** Elected governor in 2012, Pat McCrory previously served a record 14 years as the mayor of Charlotte (the largest city in North Carolina). Governor McCrory was the first Charlotte mayor to win the governorship, and the first Republican elected governor since 1988.

**Charles Reavis:** U.S. Marshall Charles Reavis was involved in the FBI "sting" operation to retrieve North Carolina's stolen copy of the Bill of Rights when Wayne Pratt attempted to sell it to the National Constitution Center. Once the document returned to NC, it was entrusted to the custody of Marshall Reavis. As Reavis remarked, "To be holding a piece of the fabric of the formation of this country...and to be charged with the protection of it...it's sacred." For more information, visit [http://www.usmarshals.gov/history/north\\_carolina\\_bill\\_of\\_rights.htm](http://www.usmarshals.gov/history/north_carolina_bill_of_rights.htm).

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Other names in the case also reference heroes of the Revolutionary War period who do not have North Carolina connections: Abigail (Adams); (George) Mason; (James) Madison; (John) Hancock; (Thomas) Jefferson; Ben (Franklin); (Alexander) Hamilton. We'll leave it to you to research their contributions to our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

And keep your eyes open for references to North Carolina TV characters, current celebrities, and mish-mashes of people involved in the N.C. mock trial program. Happy hunting!