ANTHONY D. TURNBULL

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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Anthony D. Turnbull is a 32-year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Sacramento County Probation Department, with extensive experience in patrol, criminal investigations, jail operations, media relations, and personnel supervision, with a particular emphasis on training and investigative oversight. He has spent more than twenty years assigned to investigative units as both a detective and supervising sergeant and possesses approximately fifteen years of homicide-specific investigative experience, having participated in the investigation of more than 500 homicide cases.

Mr. Turnbull is nationally recognized in the areas of police practices, investigative procedures, and law enforcement training. He has trained approximately 10,000 law enforcement officers at the local, state, and national levels. His professional expertise includes criminal investigations; investigative policies, procedures, and protocols; search and arrest warrants; laws of arrest and probable cause; officer involved shooting investigations; in custody death investigations; interview and interrogation practices; jail and prison operations; probation and parole practices; gang and narcotics investigations; police misconduct investigations; and cellular telephone analysis, including call detail record and cell site analysis.

FORMAL EDUCATION

California State University, Sacramento
Bachelor of Arts – Ethnic Studies

Sacramento Sheriff's Academy
Basic Recruit Academy

Los Rios Community College
Continued Vocational Education – Law Enforcement

American River Community College
Continued Vocational Education – Law Enforcement

LAW ENFORCEMENT & INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office / County of Sacramento

April 2021 – Present
Sheriff's Deputy (Sergeant – Retired)
Homicide Bureau – Cold Case Investigations
• Investigation of unsolved homicide cases.

April 2018 – October 2020
Sheriff's Detective Sergeant
Homicide Bureau
• Supervision of detectives investigating murders, stranger abductions, officer-involved shootings, custodial deaths, missing persons, and cold cases.

October 2017 – April 2018
Sheriff's Sergeant
Patrol Division – Rancho Cordova Police Department
• Supervision of patrol personnel and field operations.

October 2015 – October 2017
Sheriff's Sergeant
Media Bureau
• Public Information Officer; liaison with local, state, and national media outlets.

May 2008 – October 2015
Deputy Sheriff – Detective
Homicide Bureau
• Investigation of homicides, officer-involved shootings, custodial deaths, missing persons, and stranger abductions.

May 2007 – April 2008
Deputy Sheriff – Detective
Narcotics Suppression Unit
• Authored and executed narcotics search warrants; conducted buy/bust and buy/walk operations; marijuana cultivation enforcement, undercover operations.

November 2006 – April 2007
Deputy Sheriff
Problem Oriented Policing Officer – Rancho Cordova Police Department
• Coordinated enforcement actions targeting drugs, gangs, prostitution, homelessness, code enforcement, and other quality-of-life crimes.

June 2004 – June 2008
Deputy Sheriff
Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT)
• Responded to hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal subjects, and high-risk warrant operations.

June 2004 – November 2006
Deputy Sheriff
Patrol Division – Rancho Cordova Police Department
• Responded to crimes in progress, initial investigation and documentation, and conducted traffic collision investigations, driving under the influence investigations, and other proactive enforcement.

April 2002 – June 2004
Deputy Sheriff
Sacramento County Main Jail – Gang/Intelligence Officer
• Supervised gang intelligence operations; compliance review and reporting under California Title 15 and 24 jail standards.

PROBATION EXPERIENCE

April 1999 – April 2002
Deputy Probation Officer – Gang Suppression Unit
• Multi-agency gang, drug, and violence suppression operations. Supervised a caseload of high-risk gang members; court reporting of probationers' conditions and violations of probation.

June 1998 – April 1999
Deputy Probation Officer – Juvenile Field Unit
• Supervision of high-risk juvenile offenders; court reporting of probationers' conditions and violations of probation; Defensive Tactics Instructor.

August 1997 – June 1998
Deputy Probation Officer – Institution
• Juvenile Hall security, staff supervision, emergency response, and in-service training of staff.

December 1994 – August 1997
Deputy Probation Assistant – Institution
• Juvenile Hall security and detainee supervision, conducted in-service training of staff.

TEACHING & INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED, BY YEAR)

2018–Present – POST Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations
• Core Investigations
• Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations
• Homicide Investigations
• Science-Based Interviewing

2018–2022 – International Homicide Investigators Association

Basic Homicide Investigation

- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Investigative Techniques
- Investigative Resources
- Suspect Development

2018–Present – Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority

Institute of Criminal Investigation-CORE Investigation

- Science Based Interviewing
- Cognitive Interview Methods
- Interviewing Practical Scenarios

Institute of Criminal Investigation-Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation-Stakeholders
- Administrative Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Administrative Interviews
- Shooting Officer Interviews
- Video Seizures
- In-Custody Deaths

Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations

- Interaction with Victim's Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

2018–Present – Government Training Agency (San Diego)

Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations

- Interaction with Victim's Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

2019–Present – South Bay Public Safety Academy

Institute Of Criminal Investigation-Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation-Stakeholders
- Administrative Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Administrative Interviews
- Shooting Officer Interviews
- Video Seizures
- In-Custody Deaths

Institute of Criminal Investigation-Basic Homicide Investigations

- Interaction with Victim's Families
- Homicide Interview and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation
- OIS Case Studies & Officer Down

Institute of Criminal Investigations-Science Based Interviewing (SBI)

- Cognitive Interviews
- Interrogation Techniques
- Strategic Use of Evidence
- Observing Report Based Interviewing Techniques (ORBIT)
- Branding
- Rapport Principles
- Interview and Interrogation practical scenarios

CERTIFICATIONS

• POST ICI & AICC Instructor
• POST Weaponless Defense Instructor

• POST Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)
• POST Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Supervisory Certificates

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California Gang Investigators Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- California Narcotics Officers Association
- California Association of Hostage Negotiators
- International Homicide Investigators Association
- Americans for Effective Law Enforcement

AUTHORED ARTICLES

2026
Turnbull, Tony, "Wrongful Conviction Cases Require Historically Grounded Police Practices Analysis," *LinkedIn*.

METHODOLOGY (RULE 702 / DAUBERT)

Mr. Turnbull employs a reliable, replicable methodology consistent with Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and the principles articulated in *Daubert* and its progeny. This methodology has been used repeatedly in criminal and civil rights litigation.

1. **Materials Review** – Comprehensive review of pleadings, discovery, reports, recordings, policies, training curricula, depositions, and physical evidence.
2. **Fact Pattern Reconstruction** – Chronological reconstruction of events using primary source materials.
3. **Standards Identification** – Identification of applicable constitutional standards, statutes, POST guidance, agency policy, and generally accepted law enforcement practices.
4. **Comparative Analysis** – Comparison of officer conduct and agency actions against identified standards.
5. **Causation Assessment** – Evaluation of whether acts or omissions were substantial factors in the alleged harm.
6. **Opinion Formation** – Opinions stated to a reasonable degree of professional certainty and subject to revision if additional information becomes available.

POLICE PRACTICES & INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW SCOPE

Mr. Turnbull may offer opinions regarding: • Arrests, detentions, and probable cause • Searches and seizures • Officer-involved shooting investigations • In-custody death investigations • Interview and interrogation practices (adult and juvenile) • Supervision, training, and policy adequacy • Jail, detention, and custodial operations • Gang and narcotics investigative practices • Homicide Investigations • Other Criminal Investigative Analysis • Monell Claims • Malicious Prosecution Claims • Investigative Analysis on Wrong Conviction Cases • Crime Scene Processing

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LITIGATION (§1983)

Each matter listed below identifies the year, jurisdiction, retention type, issue area(s), and expert role.

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Dauda Iliya v. City of Newark, Newark Police Department et al. 3:24-cv-04047-TLT
Issue Areas: 4th Amendment -search & seizure, use of force, Unlawful Detention
Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; use of force analysis

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Tishay Wright v. County of Alameda, et al. 4:25-cv-02603
Issue Areas: Monell liability-Failure to Train, Failure to Supervise; 4th Amendment -search & seizure, use of force
Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; use of force analysis, causation

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Estate of Damon Beitz; Lisa Perry v. Riverside Police Department, et al. 5:24-cv-2084-SSS-JPR
Issue Areas: Denial of Medical Care, Deprivation of Rights; Monell Liability
Role: Police Practices analysis; policy critique; conduct analysis

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review/Deposition)
Alejandro Arceo v. County of Placer, et al. 2:20-cv-02334-DAD-DB
Issue Areas: Monell Liability, Jail operations; detention; supervision
Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Row Vaughn Wells, Estate of Tyre Deandre Nichols v. City of Memphis, et al. 2:23-cv-2224
Issue Areas: Monell liability-Failure to Train, Failure to Supervise; 4th Amendment -

Unreasonable Stop, policy and training
Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; causation

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Anthony Wayne Lomas v. City of Riverside, et al., 5:25-cv-00261-KK
Issue Areas: Malicious prosecution; false arrest; search & seizure; Monell liability; policy and training
Role: Police practices policy critique; police practices analysis; causation

2026 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)
Ladarrius Perry v. Sgt. Acred, et al., City of Memphis, 2:24-cv-02986
Issue Areas: Arrest; 5th Amendment; probable cause; supervision; false imprisonment; malicious prosecution
Role: Investigative practices analysis; policy critique; probable cause

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Kristina Kerlus v. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department et al. 2:24-cv-02352-NJK
Issue Areas: Malicious Prosecution, Monell Liability
Role: Investigative practices analysis; policy critique; probable cause, training

2025 | Federal | Consulting Expert-Defense (Review)
Juan Rayford; Dupree Glass v. County of Los Angeles, et al., 5:24-cv-00473
Issue Areas: Wrongful Conviction; false arrest; malicious prosecution; failure to intervene; 4th &14th Amendment violations; Monell liability; Negligence
Role: Police practices consulting review; policy and conduct analysis: investigative analysis

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review)
L.J. v. Poway Unified School District, et al., 3:20-cv-01569
Issue Areas: Juvenile detention; false imprisonment/arrest; supervision; duty of care; Monell liability
Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

2025 | Federal | Consulting Expert-Plaintiff (Review)
Estate of Jade Castellanos, et al. v. Orange County, 8:24-cv-00479-DOC-ADS
Issue Areas: Custodial death
Role: Consulting review; policy and practices analysis

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Frank Gable v. Frederick Ackom, et al., 6:24-cv-01131-AA
Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; arrest; interrogation; investigative conduct; 4th & 14th Amendment; failure to intervene; supervision; false imprisonment
Role: Conduct analysis; standards comparison; causation; investigative analysis

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Clifford Farwell v. Curry County, et al., 1:24-cv-01109-MO

Issue Areas: Jail operations; detention; supervision
Role: Policy critique; conduct analysis

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Michael Thompson v. Dublin Police Services et al., 4:24:cv-00475-DMR
Issue Areas: 4th Amendment-Search & Seizure, Negligence
Role: Conduct analysis; policy critique, police practices techniques, investigative conduct

2025 | State | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review)
Nancy Iskander, Karim Iskander v. Rebecca June Grossman, Peter Grossman, Scott Erickson, 21STCV01600
Issue Areas: Negligence, Investigative Practices
Role: Conduct analysis

2025 | State | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review/Deposition/Trial)
Robert H. Dial v. Shannon Bruckbacher, individually, 2024CV30428
Issue Areas: Arrest; malicious prosecution; probable cause
Role: Conduct analysis; causation

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Ricky Davis v. County of El Dorado, et al., 2:22-cv-00262-MCE-JDP
Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; 4th & 14th Amendment; Interrogation
Role: Police practices critique; investigative conduct analysis; causation

2025 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review)
Lamar L. Young v. Sergeant Stenger, et al., City of Antioch, 4:21-cv-08131-DMR
Issue Areas: Arrest; investigation; supervision; use of force
Role: Conduct analysis; policy critique; causation

2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Plaintiff (Review)
Adrienne Henry v. Iron County Sheriff's Department, et al., 1:24-cv-00218
Issue Areas: 4th Amendment; search & seizure; false arrest
Role: Conduct analysis; policy critique; causation

2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)
Mark Enterprises Car Company, LLC, et al. v. Dilsher Ali, et al., CV-21-1681-PHX-DLR
Issue Areas: Investigative conduct; probable cause; search & seizure; supervision
Role: Conduct & investigative analysis; probable cause; search & seizure

2024 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)
Baljit Athwal; Daljit Atwal v. County of Stanislaus, et al., 1:15-cv-00311-TLN-BAM
Issue Areas: Malicious prosecution; arrest; interrogation; investigative practices
Role: Conduct & investigative analysis; interrogation analysis; policy critique

2024 | Federal | Consulting Review-Defense (Outsourced-Review)
Saldivar v. Officers Evan Wright, Abel Soria, et al., 2:20-cv-02081-CAS-PD

Issue Areas: Use of force
Role: Outsourced report review; crime scene interpretation

2023 | Federal | Testifying Expert-Defense (Review/Deposition)
Joaquin Ciria v. City & County of San Francisco, 22-cv-07510-KAW
Issue Areas: Wrongful conviction; interrogation, 4th & 14th Amendment
Role: Conduct & Investigative analysis; interrogation analysis

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STATE & FEDERAL CRIMINAL EXPERT TESTIMONY

- Gang Identification and Predicate Offenses
- Narcotics Sales and Drug Recognition
- Homicide Investigations
- Cellular Telephone Analysis (CDR and Cell Site Analysis)
- Interview and Interrogation Practices

This Curriculum Vitae is maintained in accordance with federal expert disclosure standards and is intended for use in civil rights and criminal litigation.

PRIOR CRIMINAL EXPERT TESTIMONY

Each matter listed below reflects prior criminal expert testimony or consultation.

2025 | State (AZ) | Consulting Expert-Defense
State of Arizona v. Jesse Farmer — Interview & Interrogation Practices

2018 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Joseph, Miles — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2015 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Sydnor, Jacobs — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2013 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Brown, Kennedy — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2012 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. James — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2012 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Rodgers, Rodgers — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2011 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Mitchell, et al. — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2009 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Sam, et al. — Gang & Cellular Telephone Analysis

2008 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Ortega — Cellular Telephone Analysis

2005 | State (CA) | Testifying Expert-Prosecution
People v. Snowden, et al. — Gang Expert