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PROFESSIONAL BIO

Gregory M. Vecchi, Ph.D., has over 30 years of law enforcement experience and is a U.S. Army veteran. He is a retired supervisory Special Agent, Chief of the FBI Behavioral Science Unit, and career FBI negotiator. During his career, Dr. Vecchi investigated targeted violence, kidnapping, sexual assault, transnational organized crime, international drug trafficking, international and domestic terrorism, and outlaw motorcycle gangs. In these positions, he gained extensive experience assessing and interacting with violent offenders, which he incorporates into his research, training, and consultation activities.

Dr. Vecchi is the Principal of Vecchi Group International, LLC, and the Director of Training at SafeDefend LLC, where he develops and deploys research- and evidence-based consulting and training programs in targeted violence assessment, prevention, and response. His clients include attorneys, corporate security, law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, school districts, and human resources.

Dr. Vecchi is a Professor of Criminal Justice who was formerly a full-time instructor at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is also a Certified Master Trainer in Threat Evaluation and Reporting with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and has authored books and articles on targeted violence and tactical negotiation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHIEF, FBI BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT (Ret.)

Led and managed 20 employees and contractors. Consulted on violent crime and hostage-taking cases. Researched offender motivation and behavior. Provided behavioral analysis services.

CAREER FBI HOSTAGE/CRISIS NEGOTIATOR (Ret.)

Responded to hostage and barricaded situations. Worked on international kidnappings. Trained and certified FBI and law enforcement crisis negotiators.

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR (Ret.)

Developed curricula and training programs in behavioral analysis, criminal investigation, crisis communication, terrorism, and violent crime. Taught senior-level law enforcement leaders.

CONSULTANT/EXPERT WITNESS | Vecchi Group International LLC

Provide contract consulting and expert witness services to legal, corporate, and educational organizations on targeted violence, security, behavioral threat assessment and management, risk and vulnerability assessment, violence and suicide prevention and intervention, behavioral analysis, and crisis communication.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING | SafeDefend LLC

Develop and train school and workplace violence programs related to behavioral threat assessment, prevention, and response to targeted violence attacks.

PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE | Keiser University

Develop and teach graduate-level courses in criminal justice and homeland security.

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFIED MASTER TRAINER

Threat Evaluation and Reporting

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

Criminal Justice

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Management/Human Resources

Park University, Parkville, Missouri