

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal Details

NAME: Craig James HAMILTON

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts Degree (Economics endorsed)
Massey University (2010).

Diploma in New Zealand Policing – Royal New
Zealand Police College (1990).

POLICE SERVICE 32 years

POLICE WORK HISTORY

March 2021 – present **Acting Detective Superintendent – National Manager
Financial Crime Group (NM: FCG)**

Key responsibilities:

- Management of New Zealand's Financial Intelligence Unit, Criminal Asset Recovery Units and Money Laundering Investigation Teams (total 125 staff).
- Police representative on New Zealand's AML/CFT national oversight committee.
- Ensuring nationwide capability, process consistency, good practice, and performance associated with management of financial intelligence, money laundering investigation and criminal proceeds recovery.
- Develops FCG strategy in support of organisational goals and objectives.

July 2020 – March 2021 **Detective Inspector - National Manager, Asset
Recovery Units (ARUs) and Money Laundering
Investigation Teams (MLTs). (NM: ARU)**

Key responsibilities:

- National co-ordination of criminal proceeds recovery and money laundering investigations (93 staff).
- Authorising the commencement of civil forfeiture proceedings across New Zealand in accordance with the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009 (CPRA).
- Providing advice to support the development of policy and strategy associated with asset forfeiture, money laundering and organised crime response.
- Delivery and co-ordination of national training associated with ML / FT investigation and criminal proceeds recovery.
- Co-ordination of New Zealand's support to Pacific Island countries training needs associated with AML / CFT and criminal proceeds recovery.
- Involvement in the FATF AML/CFT Mutual Evaluation Reports (MER).
 - China MER 2018-2019 (LEA Assessor money laundering and confiscation)
 - Fiji Mutual Evaluation Follow-Up Report 2019
 - Malaysia mock 5-year evaluation (LEA Assessor)
 - Trainer FATF Stands Training Course 4-8 March 2019

March 2019 – July 2020

**Acting Detective Superintendent – National Manager
Financial Crime Group (NM: FCG)**

Key responsibilities:

As per above.

Sept 2016 – 19 March 2017

**Detective Inspector - National Manager, Asset
Recovery Units (ARUs) and Money Laundering
Investigation Teams (MLTs). (NM: ARU)**

Key responsibilities:

As per above.

Dec 2009 – Sept 2016

**Detective Senior Sergeant (Officer in Charge)
Waikato / Bay of Plenty Asset Recovery Unit (ARU).**

Key responsibilities:

- Providing strategy for the overall management of the investigation of money laundering and proceeds of crime (POC) forfeitures for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Police Districts
- Supervision of Detectives and Forensic Accountants providing direction, and leadership, to identify criminal proceeds and initiate criminal prosecutions and forfeiture proceedings as required.
- Approving recommendations for investigation plans and setting priorities.
- Analysing large complex financial investigations and the preparation of that material in a logical concise manner for presentation in court.
- Liaising with financial institutions and other key partners in the asset confiscation and money laundering investigation process.
- Liaising with stakeholders such as Crown Law, Crown Solicitors, Police Investigators, Inland Revenue Department, the Official Assignees Office, Police Policy Advisors and Department of Justice officials in relation to proceeds of crime/money laundering matters.
- Initiating and complying with mutual legal assistance requests as they relate to financial crimes and proceeds of crime investigations.

Key achievements:

- Recipient of the prestigious 'Police Meritorious Service Medal' for leadership and performance in criminal proceeds recovery and organised crime policing (2013).
- Being recognised as an expert in the investigation and management of criminal proceeds investigations.
- Lead investigator in the 3-year complex investigation involving frauds that occurred in China circa 1999 (15 years earlier). Outcomes included successful prosecutions (in both China and New Zealand) and the forfeiture of \$42.75 million of criminal proceeds.
- Involvement in the assessment of FATF standards;
 - Fiji Mutual Evaluation Follow-Up Report 2017
 - Fiji Mutual Evaluation 2016 (FIU and law enforcement assessor)

- Papua New Guinea Mutual Evaluation Follow-Up Report 2015
- Papua New Guinea Mutual Evaluation Follow-Up Report 2014
- Papua New Guinea Mutual Evaluation Follow-Up Report 2013
- Cook Islands Detailed Assessment Report 2012
- Chinese Taipei Detailed Assessment Report 2011

Aug 2002 - Dec 2009

Detective Sergeant (Supervisor) Proceeds of Crime Unit Waikato / Bay of Plenty (POCU).

Key responsibilities included:

- Supervising investigators and undertaking investigations of serious income generating crime (almost exclusively drug crime) together with associated money laundering and proceeds recovery.

Key achievements:

- The development of a high performing and effective investigation unit which was nationally recognised as delivering quality service and results and providing innovative solutions to complex financial investigations.
- Involvement with the development of civil forfeiture legislation which included presenting to the Law and Order Parliamentary Select Committee on behalf of the Commissioner of Police and being a member of the Ministry of Justice Working Group which developed and drafted associated regulations for the CPRA.
- Involvement in the assessment of FATF standards;
 - Cook Islands Mutual Evaluation 2009
 - Chinese Taipei Mutual Evaluation 2008
 - Indonesia Peer Review Mutual Evaluation 2008

Nov 2000 – Jul 2002

Detective (Investigator) – Proceeds of Crime Unit Waikato / Bay of Plenty

Key responsibilities included:

- Investigating money laundering and other serious crime and the recovery of crime actions.

Dec 1997 – Nov 2000 Detective – Waikato District Organised Crime Squad

Key responsibilities included:

- Investigating organised crime groups primarily involved in serious drug offending.

Key achievements:

- Experience in the investigation of individuals and groups involved in serious drug / organised crime. These investigations used a wide range of covert policing methods including, electronic interception (wiretap); undercover deployment; utilising mobile and static surveillance teams; informants and covert camera surveillance.
- Experience gained in the preparation and seeking of applications to intercept private communications through the High Court. In addition, experience in the management and subsequent preparation of those investigations for prosecution.

- As a recognised drug expert, routinely providing expert evidence in respect of District wide drug trials.

Dec 1993- Nov 1997

Detective Constable / Detective – Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) General Squad

Key responsibilities included:

- General CIB duties including the investigation of all aspects of serious crime such as homicide, serious violence, sexual crimes, dishonesty, general fraud and property crime.

Oct 1988 – Dec 1993

Uniform Constable – general duties policing

May 1988 – Oct 1988

Police recruit training