



ASHLEY KNIGHT

DIGITAL INVESTIGATIONS, INTELLIGENCE & TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY LEADER

Profile

Experienced digital investigations, cybercrime, operational analysis, and public safety technology professional with more than 25 years' experience across law enforcement and the private sector. Specialist background in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Online investigations, digital forensics, cyber security, intelligence, data management, and technology-enabled investigative capability.

Experienced in analysing complex operational environments, identifying whether challenges are driven by people, process, technology, or wider organisational constraints, and translating findings into practical recommendations for technology-supported improvement. Combines operational policing credibility with strategic market development, programme coordination, stakeholder engagement, product adoption, and international public safety collaboration.

Trusted by senior stakeholders across police, government, technology, academia, NGOs, and international public safety organisations. Strong record of building cross-functional alignment between operational users, commercial teams, product specialists, professional services, and executive leadership.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Digital investigations, CSEAO, cybercrime, and digital forensics
- Public safety technology, automation, and digital evidence management
- Strategic market development and international growth
- Operational and strategic process analysis and improvement
- People, process, technology, and organisational diagnostics
- Senior stakeholder and executive relationship management
- Programme delivery, proof of concept coordination, and product adoption
- Data management, governance, risk, and investigative process improvement
- Qualitative and quantitative research, workshops, interviews, and questionnaires
- Communicating operational needs, challenges, and opportunities through clear storytelling, tailored messaging, and audience-specific methods
- Training design, public speaking, and cross-functional leadership

EDUCATION

- MSc Cyber Security, Open University
- BSc (Hons) Information Management Systems, Glasgow Caledonian University
- Diploma in Police Service Leadership and Management, SQA
- Certified Data Management Professional, DAMA International
- Cisco Certified Networking Associate Course Instructor
- Cyber Security Operations Course Instructor
- Advanced Intelligence, Detective Training, Digital Forensics, Information Security, and Data Management professional development

AWARDS, PATENTS & VETTING

- Police Officer of the Year, 2019
- Outstanding Woman in Cyber, 2021
- Named Inventor, SAS Institute Inc. US Patent US 12,436,986 B2: Systems, methods, and graphical user interfaces for predicting and analyzing action likelihood
- Developed Vetting Security Clearance, 2013-present

CONTACT

+447399401211

contact@ashleyknight.me

Fairview, Lanark, ML117RL

www.ashleyknight.me



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAGNET FORENSICS

Platform Consultant - Strategic Market Development & Business Growth

March 2025 - Present

- Lead strategic market development across international law enforcement regions with limited market penetration and low product adoption, including the UAE, France, Italy, Spain, and Africa.
- Conduct market, customer, competitor, product-usage, and operational analysis to identify growth opportunities beyond core digital forensics products.
- Design region-specific business development and engagement strategies aligned with law enforcement operational challenges, executive priorities, and technology adoption barriers.
- Analyse current operational processes to identify whether delivery challenges are driven by people, process, technology, or wider organisational constraints.
- Translate operational findings into practical recommendations for technology-supported process improvement, focused on business value, efficiency, productivity, and investigative outcomes.
- Use qualitative and quantitative research methods, including questionnaires, stakeholder interviews, workshops, and process reviews, to understand user needs and operational barriers.
- Built strategic relationships with Dubai Police, the UAE Ministry of Interior, senior policing leaders, practitioners, and international public safety partners.
- Secured the first regional Magnet Automate sale opportunity with Dubai Police, expanding the organisation's footprint beyond traditional digital forensics products.
- Coordinated Proof of Concept programmes from opportunity through to implementation planning, aligning Sales, Professional Services, Solutions Consulting, Product, and Executive Leadership around shared customer outcomes.
- Established relationships with international funding organisations, government agencies, and NGOs to identify sustainable funding models for large-scale public safety and child protection initiatives.
- Developed long-term strategies focused on sustainable programmes rather than one-off technology deployments, supporting continued operational impact and scalability.
- Contributed to international initiatives focused on improving online child sexual exploitation investigations through digital forensics, automation, intelligence sharing, and cross-border collaboration

SAS SOFTWARE

Senior Law Enforcement Consultant

February 2027 - March 2025

- Collaborated with global R&D, product, sales, and customer teams to shape digital investigation solutions for law enforcement and national security users.
- Supported product development focused on child sexual exploitation online investigations and end-to-end digital investigation ecosystems.
- Named inventor on SAS Institute Inc. US Patent US 12,436,986 B2, Systems, methods, and graphical user interfaces for predicting and analyzing action likelihood, alongside Teresa S. Jade and Julia Moreno.
- Translated operational investigative requirements into product feedback, customer insight, training, demonstrations, and adoption support.
- Analysed operational processes and user challenges to distinguish between people, process, technology, and organisational barriers to adoption.
- Delivered workshops, product demonstrations, and training for law enforcement professionals across UK, European, and global markets.
- Gathered insight into multinational investigative approaches and fed learning into product development, positioning, and market strategy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POLICE SCOTLAND

Data Management, Process Improvement & Technology Delivery

May 2020 - February 2022

- Developed and implemented a DAMA-aligned data management framework to improve service delivery and support criminal investigations.
- Reviewed data-led investigative processes, evidential and intelligence challenges, operational risks, and barriers to effective delivery.
- Used process reviews, stakeholder engagement, and operational analysis to identify practical improvements in investigative efficiency.
- Worked with senior management and operational practitioners to shape technically viable, operationally meaningful recommendations.
- Supported implementation and delivery of technology projects into policing, ensuring alignment with investigative practice and operational requirements.

Cisco Networking Academy - Cyber Training Programme Instructor / Coordinator / Creator

June 2018 - May 2020

- Designed and delivered a national cyber training programme for the Home Office to address digital skills gaps across UK Policing.
- Recruited, coordinated, and managed 12 UK investigator instructors to support local forces and strengthen cybercrime capability.
- Delivered tailored training solutions to strengthen law enforcement capability in cybercrime and digital exploitation.

Child Sexual Exploitation Online Investigations - Detective Sergeant / Constable

August 2017 - June 2018

- Managed complex investigations into online child exploitation and abuse, safeguarding vulnerable children and supporting offender outcomes.
- Worked with digital forensics specialists to analyse large evidence volumes and direct police resources effectively.
- Applied cyber, digital investigation, intelligence, and safeguarding expertise in high-risk and sensitive investigations.

Covert Intelligence Investigations - Serious and Organised Crime

August 2014 - August 2017

- Supported sensitive national and international serious and organised crime operations within a STRAP / DV-cleared environment.
- Coordinated intelligence-led activity to identify criminal network vulnerabilities, support disruption opportunities and reduce harm to UK communities.
- Worked with internal and external partners to shape operational strategies, inform senior decision-making and maintain strict confidentiality, risk and security standards.

Earlier Police Scotland Experience - Local Intelligence & Frontline Policing

February 2004 - August 2014

- Built extensive experience across frontline policing, local intelligence, serious and organised crime, public protection and investigation support.
- Engaged directly with local communities, partners and grassroots projects to understand harm, build trust and support practical activity that made a visible difference in the areas I served.
- Supported community-focused policing and intelligence activity that helped identify risk, protect vulnerable people and improve local outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IBM

Graduate IT Specialist

September 1999 - February 2004

- Contributed to IT system design and development for major public and private sector projects.

BOARD, ADVISORY & VOLUNTARY LEADERSHIP

- Marie Curie Voluntary Shop Staff Member 2025 - Present
- Raven Ambassador 2025 - Present
- Board Member, Scotland Women in Technology, 2019 - 2023
- Executive Board Member, Scottish Women's Development Forum, Police Scotland, 2018 - 2023
- Founder, Police Scotland Young Networking Volunteer Programme, 2017 - 2019

Closing Statement

Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to supporting the people, organisations and communities around me, with a consistent focus on protecting those most at risk. My work has been shaped by a strong sense of purpose, particularly in relation to child sexual exploitation and abuse online, where I remain deeply committed to helping improve prevention, investigation, disruption and safeguarding outcomes. I am motivated by work that creates real-world impact and contributes to safer communities.