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Mark began his career with the British Army in 1999, eventually serving as an ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition & Reconnaissance) Electronic warfare Patrol Commander, where he was trained by UK Special Forces to support airborne operations and lead reconnaissance missions in multiple environments.

After leaving the army, Mark went on to join the UK government in 2004 serving in a number of senior intelligence roles including: Team Leader of the Specialist Communications and Team Leader of the Global Operation Security Centre. In these roles he was responsible for a wide-range of key intelligence and communications functions including: specialist communication and covert secure online messaging systems; actionable intelligence to support live global operations; information security; and investigations reporting directly to senior government policymakers and the military in a real-time environment.

Mark was also responsible for the analysis team's successful integration and operation within all UK intelligence services and the 5 Eyes community, including CSIS, CIA, ASIS and NZSIS. And, in the lead-up to the 2012 Olympic games Mark managed the global all-source database used to monitor individuals on key watch lists.

Since 2014, Mark has split his time between acting as Artemis Risk Consulting's Director of Cyber Investigations & Digital Forensics and the management of numerous investigations and training packages for a wide range of NGOs and government bodies such as: the International Criminal Court (ICC), United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh (UNITAD), Institute for International Criminal Investigations, the Canadian Secret Intelligence Service (CSIS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the London Metropolitan Police, the Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA), the Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) and the Clooney Foundation for Justice (CFJ).

Mark's professional qualifications & presentations include:

1. Certified Expert in Cyber Investigations (CECI)
2. Certified Professional Criminal Investigator (CPCI)
3. Certified Cyber Intelligence Investigator (CCII)
4. Certified Human Trafficking Investigator (CHTI)
5. ICC list of experts for digital investigations 2021 - Present
6. Digital Evidence in International Criminal and Human Rights Investigation – International Nuremberg Principles Academy – January 2021
7. RUSI Expert-Led Roundtable: Understanding recent developments in the collection and use of battlefield and witness evidence in security prosecutions – December 2020
8. Digital Open-Source Investigations Protocol UNOHCHR – UC Berkeley Human Rights Center, Lake Como, Italy – July 2017
9. Collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University to develop Natural Language Processing software to extract key relevant information through video analysis and verification – April 2018.