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Bureau of Criminal Investigation Cyber Crime Unit - What do we do?

- 1. Specialize in recovering and analyzing digital evidence from computers, cell phones and cloud platforms.
- We use specialized tools not normally available to other agencies to retrieve deleted or encrypted files and unlock devices.
- 3. We focus on combatting child exploitation, working closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to identify, track and apprehend offenders.
- 4. We provide expert testimony in court on digital evidence findings.
- 5. We assist and support local, state and federal agencies with high-profile and complex cases.
- 6. We handle massive amounts of recovered data, making sure the data is secured and efficiently analyzed.
- 7. Beyond investigations Cyber agents continually stay current on emerging trends and certifications.
- 8. Cyber agents educate schools and communities on internet safety.

What processes do we use?

- When Cyber agents received a case through CyberTips, law enforcement referrals or direct investigations, they prioritize the case based on urgency. Those involving children or an immediate public threat are a priority.
- 2. Cyber agents collect the digital evidence and use specialized tools to collect the data.
- Cyber agents analyze and interpret the data, locating photos, videos, chat messages, or financial transactions, connecting this information to suspects, then share that information with law enforcement and courts.
- 4. Cyber agents write detailed reports of their findings and provide expert testimony.







