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Carol Gudbrandsen is a Cyber Crimes Analyst with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office in the Cyber/White Collar Crimes Division. Carol has been with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office since 2010. Carol has specialized training in digital evidence forensics of computers, mobile devices and computer networks. Carol has performed thousands of forensic examinations on various types of digital evidence and has been the forensic point of contact and resource in criminal cases investigated by the Lake County, Illinois Police Departments and the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force.

Carol's forensic examination abilities have made her an integral part of criminal investigations including homicides, crimes against children, sexual assault/abuse, drug investigations, theft, burglary, and white collar crime cases. Carol's forensic examinations on computers and mobile devices have been crucial to many criminal cases, due to her unique abilities in bypassing, or locating security barriers that otherwise would not have been discovered by traditional forensic methods.

Carol provides investigation and analysis services in the area of digital evidence forensics for all of the Lake County, Illinois police departments. Carol has also worked criminal forensic cases with Homeland Security, FBI, DEA, Illinois Attorney General's Office, and the U.S. Marshals. Carol has actively participated in executing search warrants with local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Carol has been qualified as an expert witness in the area of digital forensics for Lake County, Illinois criminal cases. Additionally, Carol provides support to law enforcement in the areas of search warrants, court orders, social media, and various forms of cybercrimes.

Carol trains law enforcement in the matters of technology, seizure of digital evidence, internet investigations, and transportation and chain of custody issues related to digital evidence. Carol conducts community presentations to schools, parents, staff, and professionals on cyber-related matters, including internet safety, cyberbullying, sexting, and identity theft.

Carol is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Carthage College, and has 30+ years of experience in the areas of Information Technology and Accounting. Carol is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Forensic Task Force, International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), and High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA).