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Jason is Chief, Innovation and Special Programs for Thomson Reuters Special Services where he facilitates, oversees, and executes long-term solutions to emerging technology threats. He works closely with governments, the private-sector, and non-governmental organizations to identify challenges and opportunities that will shape the future intelligence and national security environment. Jason is a leading authority on the illicit use of technology and is consulted extensively on a variety of emerging issues within the US Intelligence Community. He is an experienced intelligence professional with a practical understanding of terrorism, information operations, cybersecurity, data science, cryptocurrencies, identity, threat finance, and social data.

He is the recipient of several awards including the FBI Director's Award for Exceptional Service in the Public Interest, the Thomson Reuters Inventor of the Year award, the Thomson Reuters Oval Office Award for Innovation, the NW3C Cynthia Kay Hipsman Award, and was a nominee for the US Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service. Most recently, Jason was selected by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) as the Principal Investigator (PI) on multiple DARPA programs.

Jason is a creator and founding director of the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). Within twenty-four hours after the 11 September terrorist attacks, IC3 was reprogrammed to become the sole Terrorist Tip portal for the US federal government, collecting invaluable open source information. This information was then fused with other intelligence resulting in the prevention of other planned terrorist attacks inside and outside the United States. In 2002, IC3 won the Excellence.gov award. This award is presented to federal government agencies that demonstrate innovative electronic government initiatives.

Prior to coming to Thomson Reuters Special Services, Jason was faculty at West Virginia University in the International Studies department. He was also the Director of the Open Source Intelligence Exchange and Fusion Center (OSIX) and served as the Associate Director of the Center for Intelligence and National Security Analysis (CINSA). Each of these programs has the specific mission of enhancing capability and competitiveness in disciplines related to open source intelligence collection and analysis. Prior, while employed at the National Cyber Forensics and Training Alliance (NCFTA), Jason provided leadership and subject matter expertise in cyber-intelligence collection. Previously, Jason served as the Associate Deputy Director, Operations for the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

Jason is a member of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) Council on Technology and Innovation, the INSA Cyber Research and Development Task Force, the Arlington County Open Data Advisory Group (ODAG), and serves on the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) Cybersecurity and Privacy Committee and the NVTC Technology Innovations Committee. He is an Advisory Board Member of Coincenter.org and is also a credentialed Risk Expert for the Risk Assistance Network + Exchange (RANE).

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