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CQ Forensics Launches Senior-Led Digital Forensics and Incident Response Firm

LAS VEGAS — APRIL 24, 2026 — After years of responding to some of the most complex and high-impact cyber incidents — including ransomware attacks, wire fraud, nation-state intrusions, and large-scale data breaches — industry veterans **Joey Victorino** and **Derek Hinch** today announced the launch of **CQ Forensics**, a digital forensics and incident response (DFIR) firm built to deliver expert-led support when organizations need it most.

CQ Forensics was founded to address a growing gap in the incident response market: the need for experienced, senior-level practitioners to lead engagements during critical moments. The firm is designed to provide direct access to seasoned experts, ensuring speed, clarity, and accountability throughout every phase of an investigation.

“Organizations facing a cyber incident don’t just need a vendor — they need trusted experts who can operate under pressure and deliver clear, defensible results,” said Victorino. “We built CQ Forensics to provide that level of expertise from the first call through the final report.”

Between them, Victorino and Hinch bring decades of frontline DFIR experience, with backgrounds spanning organizations such as CrowdStrike, Microsoft Detection and Response Team (DART), IBM X-Force Incident Response, Amazon, and NCC Group. Their work has included collaboration with breach counsel, cyber insurance carriers, law enforcement, and executive leadership teams navigating high-stakes incidents.

The launch of CQ Forensics is driven by consistent challenges observed across the industry, including:

- Critical incidents being delegated to junior analysts
- Forensic reporting that fails to meet legal or insurance standards
- Limited transparency during investigations
- Large firms losing the human element in incident response

CQ Forensics addresses these issues through a senior-led model. Every engagement is personally led by Victorino or Hinch, with no subcontracting or handoffs, ensuring continuity, expertise, and accountability throughout the response lifecycle.



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Services Offered

CQ Forensics provides a full suite of digital forensics and incident response services, including:

- Ransomware response and recovery
- Business email compromise (BEC) investigations
- Malware analysis and threat intelligence
- Data theft scoping and breach notification support
- System restoration and remediation
- Incident response retainers and preparedness planning


The firm works closely with law firms, cyber insurance carriers, brokers, and organizations of all sizes, offering nationwide support and 24/7 availability.

About CQ Forensics

CQ Forensics is a digital forensics and incident response firm dedicated to delivering expert-led, transparent, and defensible cybersecurity services. Built by experienced practitioners, the firm focuses on helping organizations respond to and recover from cyber incidents with speed, clarity, and confidence.

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