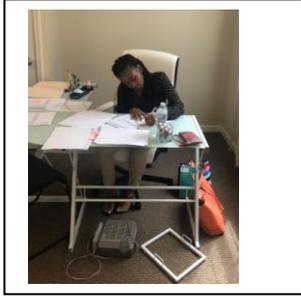


Jordan Joseph
Aspiring Crime Scene Investigator



I was blessed to intern with not only homicide detective Travis Oliver Sr. (during a one-week ride along) but I also had the pleasure of shadowing, Mrs. Ekee Ehrlich who is an attorney at law. Through this amazing internship experience I was able to see both sides of the criminal justice field and ultimately figure out what I wanted to pursue exactly.

During my very first week I had the pleasure of riding along with detective Oliver from the Jacksonville Sherriff's Office. He is a very prominent detective who is known for being the lead detective on the Jordan Davis case. During the week I was with him, I sat in on interrogations, worked with crime scene investigators, saw dead bodies, and got to understand the mindset it takes to investigate/solve murders. I learned to problem solve and determined that the solving aspect of of the criminal justice field is what I wanted to pursue.

During weeks two through six, I was placed at E3 Law Firm with Mrs. Ekee Ehrlich. During this experience, I learned more about the process of legal immigration, divorce settlements, and lawsuits. I worked diligently filling out applications, reviewing cases, doing active research, as well as working hand in hand with Mrs. Ekee to use my problem-solving skills to make sure everything was in perfect shape for court. This open my eyes to another aspect of the criminal justice field, the law aspect. My mom has always said that she envisioned me as a prominent lawyer, honestly, I wouldn't mind working in law and I can see myself possibly being a lawyer.

This experience has prepared me to reach my ultimate goal by helping me to hone in on what exactly it is I want to do and what I don't want to do. I got to witness two sides of criminal justice that has ultimately helped me to realize I like a bit of both. Without this experience I would have gone through life with a commercialized image of what I wanted to do, this experience helped me realize that things are way more complex than what you see on television and that what you think you might like isn't always what you like.

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