

MINNESOTA HIGH-TECH COMPANY HELPS DETECTIVES AND PROSECUTORS FIGHT CRIME AND TERRORISM

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The VOOM Shadow 2 (Shadow) is instrumental in investigating and convicting criminals and terrorists worldwide, including the recent high-profile conviction of wife-murderer Mark Jensen seen on 20/20 and Court TV(TruTV).

Voom Technologies, Inc., a high-tech company located along the St. Croix River just outside of St. Paul, Minnesota, is gaining worldwide recognition for its Shadow computer investigation/presentation device. Cited by the prosecutors in the Mark Jensen murder trial as critical and powerful, the Shadow enables the direct investigation of a suspect's computer without elaborate computer forensic software or the extensive, time consuming and expensive forensic software training required. As demonstrated in the Mark Jensen trial held in Walworth County Court in Wisconsin, the Shadow enables the prosecution to show the actual suspect PC in operation, without requiring elaborate explanations to the judge and jury as is the case when forensic software is used to produce evidentiary reports. **With the Shadow, police departments, private investigators, prosecutors, and computer forensic labs are obtaining computer evidence faster and using that evidence more effectively than ever before. Prosecutors are getting more plea agreements because defendants must otherwise face the live presentation of their computer in court. And in court, no computer forensic tool is as effective at quickly and intuitively presenting digital evidence in a form that is simple for a judge and jury to understand.**

Will Docken, a retired U.S. Customs Special Agent, who is now a licensed private investigator working all across the U.S. and on cases in Europe as well, states, "I use the Shadow on every case. I've been using the Shadow since 2002 when it was first released, and *there is nothing like it* [italics added for emphasis]."

Will Docken goes on to say "*I remember David [Voom Technologies, Inc., founder and C.E.O., David Biessener] calling me up every couple of months, asking if the Shadow was being used in court yet, but because the Shadow is so powerful, every case I handled ended up in a plea bargain over the years.* When you show the defendant (and defense attorney) the evidence directly from his or her own computer, he knows his goose is cooked because there is no way to confuse the judge or jury. Without the Shadow (i.e., with computer forensic software), first it takes months or years to get the evidence, due to backlog in computer forensics crime labs. Second, *without the Shadow, if the case does go to court, the defense has plenty of opportunity to pick apart the forensic reports and obfuscate the facts by redirecting focus onto the computer forensic evidentiary process and interpretation.* Third, the jury understands and is comfortable with seeing as evidence a PC that is operated normally, whereas, *without the Shadow, the jury is never quite sure if an evidentiary report reasonably reflects what the defendant was up to.* The Shadow eliminates the burden on the prosecution that they otherwise have when presenting computer evidence in court, plus, *using the Shadow, the prosecution gets to see the evidence.*

at the outset of the investigation, rather than waiting. Not only that, but I have frequently encountered program data that none of the computer forensic software handles because it is created by an obscure or unique computer program, but with the Shadow, I can easily determine what the data is since I am operating the suspect computer, itself. To see the data and to understand its implications immediately, I simply need to operate the obscure software program in question using the Shadow. Every professional investigator I know who uses the Shadow absolutely loves it! I know prosecutors who say they won't go to court on a computer evidentiary case without the Shadow, if they can help it. The Shadow is THAT good!" [Italics and underlining added for emphasis.]

According to David Biessener, VOOM's C.E.O., the Shadow is a sophisticated, but very easy to use device. "The Shadow, like all of our products, is engineered to accomplish very sophisticated tasks, yet requires only minutes of training for one to become an accomplished user. We developed the Shadow because we saw a real need in law enforcement and in the courts. Traditionally, investigating a suspect's computer has required a certified computer forensic expert utilizing complex computer forensic software, which is very time consuming. Once digital evidence is found using such software, the task has just begun. A report must be generated and explained to the prosecutor, then explained again to the defense attorney and defendant and yet again to the judge and jury if the case goes to court. Meanwhile in court, the defense is busy challenging and probing for any weaknesses in the chain of evidence. To make matters worse, the crime labs are backed up, which delays the whole process and the more time that passes, the more difficult it becomes to prosecute the case due to other factors (e.g., witness memories, etc.). The Shadow not only presents the evidence in a natural and intuitive form, it speeds the investigation and catalyzes quick plea bargains, clearing over-extended court dockets and freeing up the overwhelmed crime labs. In court, the prosecution is able to immediately present the evidentiary content using the Shadow, instead of devoting a lot of court time and expensive expert testimony explaining how the complex computer forensic software works and how it was utilized to produce the reports generated and what those reports really mean, in lay-terms."

Voom Technologies, Inc., is a high technology company founded in 1999 and is based in Lakeland, Minnesota. Voom designs, develops, and patents computer technology devices for computer forensics, computer system assurance, and computer data storage. The company's products, built for unparalleled performance, affordability, and remarkable ease of use, are sold and distributed worldwide.

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