# DARLENE MCNEAL

## SUMMARY

I am a proactive and versatile professional with a background in modeling, photography, and law enforcement. I adapt quickly to new challenges and environments, bringing strong problem-solving abilities and a commitment to achieving positive outcomes. I have a proven track record of building strong relationships with clients, team members, and creative professionals, and I consistently contribute to collaborative, goal-driven environments. My experience spans from managing high-pressure situations in the military to delivering high-quality work in creative settings such as photoshoots and on-camera performances. I take pride in my professionalism, work ethic, and ability to balance creative vision with practical execution. I am passionate about continuous improvement and thrive in roles that allow me to grow, support others, and make a meaningful impact.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Model/Actor Freelance, 04/2025 - Current

#### Miami - Miami

I am a dedicated and passionate performer with hands-on experience in character development, collaboration, and stage preparation. I consistently bring authenticity and depth to every role through in-depth research, physical expression, and creative improvisation. Working closely with directors, designers, and fellow actors, I contribute to building compelling stories and dynamic performances that resonate with audiences. My commitment to the craft is evident in my attention to detail, from character study to costume and makeup coordination.

- Collaborated with directors and actors to shape characters and refine performances.
- Applied voice, movement, and improvisation techniques to enhance audience engagement.
- Maintained costume, makeup, and overall appearance to meet production standards.
- Conducted thorough character research to ensure authentic portrayals.
- Participated in fittings and creative sessions to align with the production's vision.



### CONTACT

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#### SKILLS

- Retouching, color correction
- Lighting setup and expertise
- Workflow and time management
- Crime scene processing
- Law enforcement operations knowledge
- Conflict resolution techniques
- Scene awareness and improvisation
- Professionalism on set
- Patience, focus & endurance
- Collaboration with creative teams
- Petite, promotional & fit modeling
- Catalog & still photo modeling
- Fitness maintenance & body awareness
- Self-promotion and personal branding
- intelligence gathering
- photo editing

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## **Digital Certified Photographer Freelance**, 06/2021 - Current **Lexington, KY**

- Photographed events, parties, and portraits with a focus on quality and client satisfaction.
- Set up lighting, backdrops, and props to support shoot requirements.
- Captured original shots using creative ideas and modern techniques.
- Kept up with photography trends, gear, and editing tools.
- Applied filters and edits to enhance photo quality in post-production.

#### Military Police Officer United States Army, 06/2001 - 06/2006 Fort Knox, KY

- Resolved tense situations using effective negotiation and conflict deescalation skills.
- Enforced military laws, regulations, and standard operating procedures.
- Documented incidents and daily activities, including theft, property damage, and unauthorized access.
- Assisted in joint operations alongside civilian law enforcement agencies.
- Conducted patrols by foot and vehicle to respond quickly to calls and ensure area security.

## **EDUCATION**

**Digital Photographer Certification** Cornell University – Ithaca, NY *July 2021* **Bachelor of Science in Business Management** Indiana Wesleyan University – Marion, IN *August 2020*