



## CSI in EKY

# Stidham Reconstruction and Investigation Leslie County, Kentucky

It may be hard to believe for some, but attorneys across Kentucky are coming to Wooten, Ky., in Leslie County for ballistics and evidence analysis and digital forensics services. The small eastern Kentucky community boasts one of the most comprehensive and highest-quality labs in the state: Stidham Reconstruction and Investigation (SRI).

Former Kentucky State Trooper Joey Stidham opened SRI in 2001, and has been helping clients ever since. In 2014 alone, SRI generated about \$51 million for civil clients, and has saved its criminal defense clients about 350 years in prison.

Stidham knew how to help his clients; but helping his own business' finances and taxes was a bit more challenging. He reached out to Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, who provided Stidham with business support services. A MACED business consultant helped SRI get the right financial management system in place.

MACED also made SRI a loan to train their digital forensics investigator and to buy lab equipment, which together makes SRI one of the most innovative and high-tech small businesses in eastern Kentucky.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

### Development Impact

One job created/saved



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