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Hiring Team
Northstar Cyber Advisory
Fort Worth, TX

Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Cyber Advisory,

I am applying for the Lead Penetration Tester role at Northstar Cyber Advisory. I have more than four years of hands-on experience delivering network, web, API, **Active Directory**, cloud, and Microsoft 365 assessments for consulting clients. The chance to lead practical offensive security work for clients in a consulting setting is a strong fit for my background.

In my current role, I define objectives and **rules of engagement**, coordinate access, perform reconnaissance and authenticated testing, and validate **High and Critical findings** from start to finish. I use Kali Linux, Burp Suite, Metasploit, Nmap, Nessus, and BloodHound to test real attack paths. My Active Directory work covers permissions, Group Policy, Kerberos, NTLM, privilege escalation, and lateral movement.

Clear reporting is a central part of my work. I write test plans, technical reports, executive summaries, proof-of-exploit evidence, and retest memoranda. I present risk and remediation steps to engineers, security teams, and executives. I have supported **red team and purple team exercises** through Splunk and Microsoft Sentinel review, detection validation, and threat-hunting scenarios.

I am OSCP-certified and have practical experience with Python, PowerShell, Bash, Git, GitHub Actions, Azure, and Microsoft 365. I have reviewed LLM-enabled applications for prompt injection, sensitive data exposure, insecure output handling, and tool-calling abuse using **OWASP Top 10 for LLM Applications** guidance. Northstar Cyber Advisory's mix of client testing, clear communication, and shared tooling is the work I want to continue doing.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome a conversation about how my assessment and client delivery experience can support Northstar Cyber Advisory.

Sincerely,

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