



Russell SMITH

Commercial Drone Operator

Freelance | Contract

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SKILLS & Equipment

- Aerial Photography / Videography
- Video & Photo Editing (Adobe Premiere Pro, Lightroom, Photoshop)
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro | DJI Avata 2 (FPV)
- Waypoint missions

Airspace Approvals
(flight planning)

Color grading log footage

Part 107 UAS operator with 3 years in drone operations, and a passion for aerial cinematography, storytelling, and authentic visual impact. Skilled in creative composition and delivering aerial imaging that moves projects forward.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Drone Operations

Capital Drone Pros – Aug. 2022 – Present

- Building a consistent client base across Jackson, Mississippi — still paying my dues and growing every project.

Capital Body Shop – Collision Repair Technician

Ridgeland, MS | 2009 – 2022

- I-CAR certified and trained in steel and aluminum welding, manufacturer-specific procedures, safety practices, and SOPs.

Managed project timelines, quality control, and detailed repair processes — skills that directly transfer into efficient drone operations and creative consistency.

Certifications & Training

- Pilot Institute – Online Training
- FAA Part 107 UAS Certification (Aug 17, 2023)
- Drone Maneuvers Mastery
- Drone Business
- Drone Photography & Videography Fundamentals
- Real Estate Photo & Video