

Intro to Financial Crimes & Cryptocurrency Investigations

Two day hands-on course learning about current trends in Financial Crimes with an emphasis on cryptocurrency related investigations. Students will learn a basic understanding of cryptocurrency and how it is utilized by criminals. Students will be able to identify, trace and possibly seize cryptocurrency as part of their investigation.

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Intro to Financial Crimes & Cryptocurrency Investigations (2 days)

Law Enforcement, Government Crime Analysts, Prosecutors/District Attorneys, and Fraud Investigators will learn of current trends in Financial Crimes with an emphasis on cryptocurrency related investigations. Instruction focuses on identifying the type of financial crime along with collecting proper information for the initial report, through investigative techniques, and ultimately possible seizure of assets. Students will be able to identify, trace and possibly seize cryptocurrency as part of their investigation. Students will be introduced to using High-Tech Investigative Techniques to help identify the offender, identify funds or property subject to seizure, and bringing the offender to the criminal justice system for a successful prosecution. Students will learn a basic understanding of cryptocurrency and how it is utilized by criminals. Students will learn the skills needed to conduct internet-based investigations, using open-source techniques. **Students will need a laptop or windows tablet (NO IPAD) with internet capability.**

Topics Covered:

- Initial Information Gathering
- Asking the proper Questions of Complainants
- Identifying the Type of Financial Crime Being Reported
- Prevalent Scams
- Methods Scammers Obtain Money from Victims
- Basic Investigation Methods
- Focus of a Financial Crime Investigation
- Subpoena's
- Value of Mobile Phone Data
- Freezing/Securing Funds from Banks
- Understanding Cryptocurrency
- Investigation Methods Involving Cryptocurrency
- Open-Source/Membership Tools
- Crypto Investigation Contacts
- Tracking Cryptocurrency
- Freezing/Seizing Cryptocurrency

Upon Completion:

Participants will know Hi-Tech Investigative techniques that can be used to investigate different types of current Financial Crimes. Participants will gain knowledge of how to identify, trace, freeze, secure and seize Cryptocurrency as part of a Financial Crime Investigation. Participants will receive current references related to Financial Crime and Cryptocurrency Investigations.

Instructor Biography:

Darin McVicker is a Detective with the Village of Mokena, Illinois Police Department. Detective McVicker has over 23 years' experience as a Police Officer and over 10 years' experience as a Detective and an Investigator for the Will/Grundy Major Crimes Task Force. Detective McVicker is certified in Cellebrite, and TraX. Detective McVicker is a Lead homicide Investigator, has extensive training/experience and case history involving financial crime and crypto currency, and is one of the first local investigators to seize cryptocurrency as part of an investigation (March 2021).