



HOST AGENCY: CENTRAL VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

INTRO TO FINANCIAL CRIMES & CRYPTO INVESTIGATIONS

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register at www.PATC.com or [click here](#) to view more course information and register.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course offers a practical overview of financial-crime investigations with an emphasis on cryptocurrency. Students learn to identify fraud types, gather key information, use open-source and high-tech tools, trace digital assets, and pursue potential freezes or seizures to support successful prosecutions.

TRAINING LOCATION

**Central Virginia Criminal Justice
Academy**

1200 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Courtyard Lynchburg

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QUESTIONS?

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Instructor

Introduction to Financial Crime & Cryptocurrency Investigations

Instructor: 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).

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 bring 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 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.

Introduction to Financial Crime & Cryptocurrency Investigations

Day 1

8:00-9:00	Sign-In/Introductions/Common Scams
9:00-10:00	Types of Offenses/ Gathering Proper Information
10:00-11:00	Open Source and LE Tools (Basic Investigation Methods)
11:00-12:00	Value of Mobile Phone Data/Subpoena's
12:00-1:00	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00-2:00	Focus of Financial Crime Investigation (Seizure/Recovery)
2:00-3:00	Case Review/Examples
3:00-4:00	Intro to Crypto/Creating a LE Crypto Account/ Terminology/Crypto Exchanges

Day 2

8:00-9:00	
9:00-10:00	
10:00-11:00	Gathering Proper Information
11:00-12:00	Meet the Scammer/Bitcoin ATM's
12:00-1:00	Open-Source Tools
1:00-1:30	Bitcoin (UTXO) vs. Tether (Gas Money)/Exchanges/Transaction Mapping
1:30-2:30	Lunch (On Your Own)
2:30-4:00	Chainalysis Presentation
	Case Review/Seizure/PD Storage Methods
	Practical's