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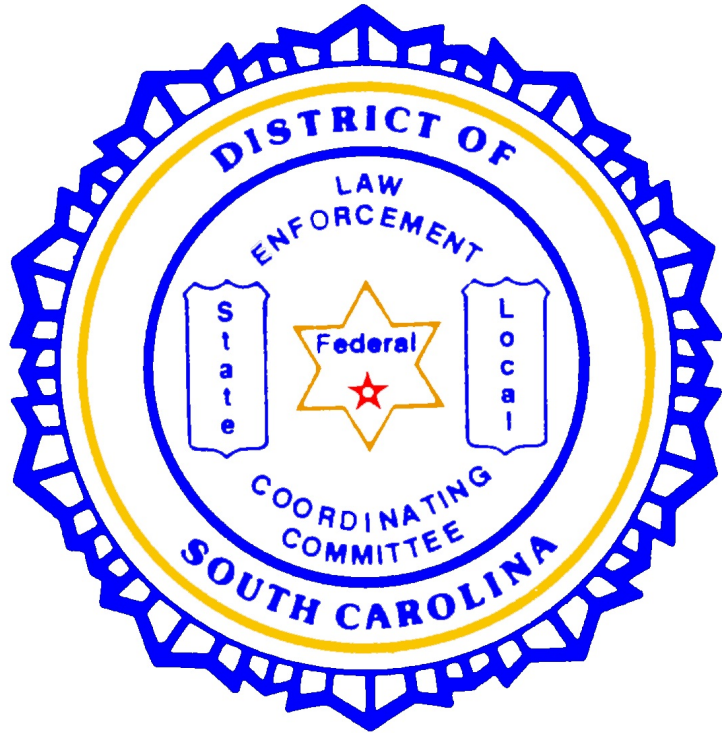
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Solving Cases Through Communication

White Collar Crime Issues for South Carolina Law Enforcement

“Solving Cases Through Communication”



Columbia Conference Center
169 Laurelhurst Avenue
Columbia, SC

September 9, 2009

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The phrase "white collar crime" was reportedly coined in 1939 by Professor Edwin Sutherland and has since become synonymous with the full range of frauds committed by business and government professionals. Today's con artists are more savvy and sophisticated than ever, engineering everything from slick online scams to complex stock and health care frauds.

This course is designed to provide local law enforcement with an awareness of the many white collar crimes investigated and prosecuted in South Carolina. We will focus on how to help protect the public from common scams, the emerging trends in these crimes, and what to do if you identify these issues in the course of your investigations. A general overview of white collar crime cases prosecuted in this District and the state and federal statutes utilized will be presented. These topics will include mail and wire fraud, public corruption, child pornography, computer crimes, ponzi/investment schemes, social security fraud, educational loan fraud, HUD fraud, and asset forfeiture.

A presentation by the U.S. Postal Service will be made regarding the recent spike in methamphetamine use in the southeast and the resulting upswing of financial crimes including; mail theft, identity theft, counterfeit checks, and bank fraud. The session will include such topics as drug trafficking organizations, investigating recidivist and organized groups ranging from Atlanta to Charlotte, case studies of the S.C. Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force, and effective information sharing.

A discussion of immigration fraud will include tips in identifying fraudulent documents and individuals illegally obtaining state and federal assistance. The impact of mortgage fraud on South Carolina will be examined and the new mortgage lending legislation passed during this last session by the South Carolina General Assembly will be explained. Two Secret Service agents will highlight their work on the South Carolina Electronic Crimes Task Force and the investigation of identity theft.

Overall, the course will provide tips for successful investigations and will familiarize officers with state and federal resources available to them. Presentations by SLED and the FBI will focus on their respective roles in these prosecutions. Attendees will gain a greater understanding of which agency to call to assist them in their investigations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ◆ All South Carolina Law Enforcement, including:
 - Chiefs
 - Sheriffs
 - State & Local Investigators
 - Detectives
 - Patrol Officers
 - Campus Police
 - State & Local Prosecutors

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- 8:00 a.m. Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. Working Together to Curtail White Collar Crime in South Carolina**
W. Walter Wilkins, United States Attorney, District of SC & Chairman, LECC
Perry A. Herod, Law Enforcement Coordinator, Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC)
- 9:15 a.m. White Collar Crime Overview –**
 - State and Federal Statutes
 - When to take a case state or federal*13th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office*
U. S. Attorney's Office
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. White Collar Crime Overview, Continued**
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:15 a.m. Meth and Financial Crimes**
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 12:45 p.m. Immigration Trends in South Carolina**
U.S. Attorney's Office
DHS/Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- 1:30 p.m. Break**
- 1:45 p.m. Real Estate/Mortgage Fraud Investigations**
U. S. Attorney's Office
S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs
- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45p.m. Identity Theft**
U.S. Secret Service
- 3:30 p.m. Break**
- 3:45 p.m. SLED's Role in White Collar Crime Investigations**
S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
- 4:15 p.m. White Collar Crimes Investigated by FBI**
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn**

Our presenters include . . .

Deborah B. Barbier is Deputy Criminal Chief of the General Crimes Section in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Ms. Barbier has worked for thirteen years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina. She was the lead attorney for the district's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Division where she prosecuted civil health care fraud, procurement fraud, food stamp fraud and drug diversion from 1996 through 2000. Ms. Barbier has been in the Criminal Division for the past nine years, prosecuting criminal health care fraud, white collar fraud, violent crimes and drug crimes. She has served as both the civil and criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator and as the ACE Coordinator for the District of South Carolina. She was the Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Division for two and a half years.

Kenneth R. Burkhardt is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for South Carolina Offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Prior to his current position he was the Resident Agent in Charge of the Columbia office. Before coming to Columbia in 2006, he led the Charlotte sub-office where he had responsibility of all criminal and administrative investigations throughout the state. He previously served as a Supervisory Special Agent with INS in Chicago, Illinois. In Chicago, he led the United States Attorney General's Violent Task Force (VGTF) and the Sex Offender Task Force for 13 years. Prior to joining INS (which merged into the Department of Homeland Security in 2003), he worked as a Police Officer for the Blytheville Police Department in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Neal J. Dolan is the Deputy Director for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Prior to joining SLED in 2008, he was the Special Agent in Charge for the United States Secret Service for the South Carolina District where he was responsible for U.S. Secret Service operations and offices in Columbia, Greenville, and Charleston.

Jack Galvin is the Supervisory U.S. Postal Inspector for the state of South Carolina. He supervises 9 Inspectors located throughout S.C. in all criminal investigations involving the U.S. mail. Mr. Galvin has more than 28 years in federal law enforcement and has worked in Baltimore, Miami, Jacksonville, and New Orleans (where he was the Incident Commander for Hurricane Katrina). Mr. Galvin has been in Columbia for the past 2 ½ years.

Christopher Garrett is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Columbia Field Office. Before joining the FBI, he worked in public accounting for 4 years after graduating with a degree in accounting from the University of West Florida in 2001.

Perry A. Herod is the South Carolina Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC) and is responsible for updating ROCIC members about services, training, and procedures. Prior to joining ROCIC in 2009, he was Major of Operations at the Sumter Police Department and is a retired Lieutenant from SLED.

Sylvia Harrison is an Assistant Solicitor and head of the White Collar Crime Unit for 13th Judicial Circuit. She handles all cases involving white collar crimes, bank fraud, computer crime, exploitation of vulnerable adults and additional violent crimes. She also handles all civil forfeiture work for Greenville and Pickens County. She graduated with a degree in Economics and a Minor in French History from Clemson University in 1978, an MBA from Furman in 1980 and earned her JD from Georgia State University in 1990. After getting her MBA she was a financial computer analyst designing software systems and decided to attend law school when her firm relocated.

Charles M. Knight is a staff attorney at the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Knight is responsible for licensing and regulation of mortgage brokers in South Carolina and assisting with the enforcement of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code. Much of his work focuses on real estate mortgage law enforcement, including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. In addition, Mr. Knight is a regular speaker at seminars and conferences.

Special Agent Homer E. (Trae) McAbee III has served as a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in the Columbia, S.C. Field Office since 2004. In 2005, he entered into the Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program (ECSAP) and completed the Computer Investigative Specialist 2000 training curriculum in computer evidence recovery at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Upon completion of this training, Special Agent McAbee was assigned to the South Carolina Electronic Crimes Task Force based at the South Carolina Computer Crime Center.

Kevin F. McDonald serves as First Assistant United States Attorney and the Public Information Officer for the District of South Carolina. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Acting United States Attorney for the District. He has also served as the Chief of the White Collar Crime Section of the Criminal Division. Since joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in October 2000, Mr. McDonald has handled numerous cases involving embezzlement, tax and securities violations, identity theft, immigration crimes, computer crimes, counterfeiting, and other white collar violations. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2000, Mr. McDonald was in private practice in Columbia and worked as a state prosecutor in Sumter.

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston is the Administrator for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. In recent years, she has directed an expansion of the Department's outreach services by opening consumer locations across the state and advancing ongoing dialogue with businesses. She led the Department in establishing the S.C. Mortgage Fraud Task Force and partnered with the S.C. Attorney General to launch the S.C. Mortgage Fraud Hotline. Ms. Pinkston has been featured as a guest lecturer on a wide variety of consumer issues across the United States, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Canada.

Special Agent Branden Rhoades has 12 years law enforcement experience. He started his law enforcement career as a State Constable with the South Carolina State Ports Authority in 1996 and graduated from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in February 1997. Special Agent Rhoades worked with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office from 1997 – 2005 as a patrol deputy and a narcotics investigator. He also spent the last 3 years with Charleston County assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. Special Agent Rhoades began his career with the U.S. Secret Service in May 2005 and has spent the last 6 months analyzing the CFT FRN past history and trends in the Columbia Field Office district.

W. Walter Wilkins was appointed United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina on May 7, 2008, and confirmed by the Senate on June 5, 2008, as the 49th United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina. In this capacity, U.S. Attorney Wilkins serves as the chief federal prosecutor for the State of South Carolina and chairman of the district's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee. Prior to becoming the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Wilkins served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Greenville office and handled several noteworthy cases, including one of the largest mortgage fraud cases in the district, a large-scale gambling operation which resulted in one of the largest forfeiture cases in the upstate, and a high-profile human trafficking case.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 28, 2009

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00/person (includes lunch & refreshments)

Complete separate form for each person. Form may be duplicated.

NAME: _____
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AGENCY: _____
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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PARTICIPANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
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1. **Enclosed is Check #** _____ **Amt. \$** _____
Checks must be made payable to:
South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Assn. (SCLEOA)
Federal I.D. # 57-0403293.
Mail registration to: U.S. Attorney's Office, 1441 Main Street, Suite 500, Columbia, SC
29201 Attention: Becky Plyler

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- Confirmations, required for admittance at the seminar,** will be e-mailed to each participant by registration deadline.
- Use Registration Form as Invoice. No other Invoice will be issued**
- Questions** regarding registration may be directed to: Becky Plyler, LECC Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, Phone: 803/929-3009 E-Mail: becky.plyler@usdoj.gov

DATE & LOCATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule:

Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Seating Capacity: 150

Law Enforcement agencies are not limited to the number of officers who can attend; however, all participants must pre-register.

Hotel Accommodations: Participants who need overnight lodging will be responsible for making their own arrangements.

Conference Confirmations: Participants must present Confirmation Sheet at registration. Confirmation information will be e-mailed to each participant prior to the seminar. *(If e-mail confirmation has not been received by registration deadline, please call Becky Plyler at 803/929-3009.)*

Cancellations: Registration fee is fully refundable up to 5 business days before the seminar. Substitutions may be made any time prior to the day before the seminar. *No-shows are liable for the entire fee.*

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