“Narcotic Related Financial Investigations”

Course Description: Did you get the dope but not the money? Did you find the cash but thought there might be more that you missed? Billions of dollars in illicit money are laundered in California every year and very few cases are ever investigated even though there are hundreds of violations in every county in the state.

Money laundering cases are not as complex as they appear and you do not need an accounting degree to investigate them. This class is designed for the detective, investigator, or task force officer who wants to learn the basics of money laundering investigations.

Chasing Money attendees will learn:

• How to work money laundering cases with limited resources
• Federal v. State criminal violations and which one is better
• How to proactively search the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and Transaction Record Analysis Center database to identify money laundering activity in your jurisdiction
• How to identify criminal indicators in Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) and use them to develop probable cause
• Non-traditional sources of evidence and information including bank records (without a search warrant), business records, and other overlooked resources
• How to locate a suspect’s undiscovered bank accounts

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