

California Narcotic Officers' Association, Region VII

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Digital Detective: Practical Tools for Modern Investigations

*****NEW CLASS*****

Thursday, April 24, 2025 · 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT (registration begins at 7:30)
1735 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 (CA DOJ Fresno Regional Office)

Course Description:

This scenario-based, hands-on course teaches practical skills for conducting digital investigations. Students will work through a simulated criminal case, focusing on key digital evidence concepts. The course covers investigating social media platforms, preserving digital evidence, writing search warrants using Warrant Builder, and interacting with law enforcement warrant service portals.

Participants will develop the skills needed to handle cases involving digital evidence from start to finish. The course also covers essential cybercrime investigative techniques as well as advanced skills including Area Search Warrants and Google Geofence searches, providing tools and knowledge that can be applied immediately. Students will receive a 1-year license to Warrant Builder to support ongoing investigations.

Instructor:

Destin Watkins is a seasoned cybercrime and digital forensic investigator with extensive experience in high-technology investigations. He began his career with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, where he spent the majority of his service as a detective specializing in Vice and Criminal Intelligence. Currently, Destin serves as a Digital Forensic Analyst for the Clovis Police Department, overseeing the forensic analysis of digital evidence in complex investigations. As a founding member of the FBI's Fresno Cyber Crime Task Force, Destin focused on high-technology crimes and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), both of which require a strong command of search warrants and legal processes. He is also the co-creator of the Warrant Builder search warrant writing system; a tool that has helped law enforcement agencies nationwide enhance investigative capabilities and streamline the warrant process.

Steve Stover is a California Highway Patrol Officer and 18-year veteran in law enforcement. He is currently assigned to the California, Central Valley, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) as a Task Force Agent and Forensic Examiner. He has a bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. In 2018, Officer Stover became a Digital Forensic Examiner. He has received extensive training from the United States Secret Service, National Computer Forensic Institute for cellular phones, Windows/Macintosh operating systems, and vehicle forensic examinations. Officer Stover has worked on a significant number of high-profile cases during his time as a forensic examiner and has completed thousands of investigations involving digital devices. Before his career in law enforcement, he served 8 years on active duty achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps stationed in Washington D.C. and San Diego, CA.

Curtis Petrich is the CIO and co-creator of WarrantBuilder.com and is primarily responsible for the code behind the Warrant Builder project. Curtis' primary experience is in information security, program and systems development, and information technology with many years of experience working in law enforcement environments.

Registration:

- Register: www.cnoaregionaltraining.org
- Questions/Payment arrangements: cnoaregion7@gmail.com
- Cost: \$250 CNOA members/non-members which includes a full 1-year license for Warrant Builder
 - Venmo: CNOAregion-7
 - To pay by credit card or make arrangements for agency check, email cnoaregion7@gmail.com