



High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

CRYPTOCURRENCY INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING

No cost to attend

WHEN: October 14-15, 2025 (Tues-Wed)

Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Huntsville Public Safety Training Academy
5365 Triana Blvd
Huntsville, AL 35805

CO-SPONSOR: Huntsville Police Department

DESCRIPTION:

The use of cryptocurrency as a form of payments and investments has exploded over the past several years. Due to the decentralization that cryptocurrency offers criminals have tapped into this market to pay for illicit activity as well as engage in money laundering methods. There are thousands of cryptocurrencies available ranging in costs from less than a penny to \$69,000 for Bitcoin at its peak. Cryptocurrencies operate on decentralized public ledgers known as blockchains. These blockchains rely on several key concepts that will be explained in detail during the course. Understanding these concepts can assist with the “de-anonymization” process to try and identify criminals. This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using cryptocurrency exchanges, wallets, peer to peer networks, CoinJoin multiparty services, and various other methods. Class participants will learn how to manually track cryptocurrency transactions using public blockchain explorers. Several real-life case studies will be presented to demonstrate methods to initiate a cryptocurrency case from start to finish. In-depth practical exercises will take place during this course. Tablets will be provided to all students so that they can engage in a variety of practical exercises to include setting up cover wallets, initiating transactions, and tracking crypto transactions. All class participants will receive a demo account to Crypto Track Pro which is a powerful blockchain analytical engine. They will use Crypto Track Pro to participate in advanced tracking exercises. Sample policies and procedures will be discussed to properly seize and store cryptocurrency until awarded during asset forfeiture hearings.

INSTRUCTOR:

Byron Boston served 20 years with Dallas Police Department before retiring in May 2017. He spent over 14 years in the Narcotics Division as an undercover officer. For five years, Byron was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Task Force Officer (TFO) to investigate Mexican Drug Cartels impacting the Southwest border of the United States. These investigations involved drug trafficking, extortion, kidnappings, and homicides. Byron is co-owner of PLET and has been a national training instructor for over 12 years. During that time, he has created a variety of courses and has successfully trained thousands of law enforcement officers across the United States and Canada with exceptional reviews.



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- **Enrollment:** Open your web browser and log into The link for Gulf Coast HIDTA
 - <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatraincalendar/events/1> or go to our GCHIDTA website at <http://www.gchidta.org>. Click on the training tab and find the event on the calendar.
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- Select "Cryptocurrency Investigations" class. Oct. 14 - 15, 2025
 - Fill in the Online Application
 - Select Complete Registration
 - You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

Attendance: Open to all certified law enforcement officers and support personnel

Contact: Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Don DeSalvo at (337) 849-1996 or donald.desalvo@gchidta.org.

All students registering: Please use [Gulf Coast HIDTA](#) as your HIDTA category.