

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

No cost to attend

ADVANCED CRYPTOCURRENCY INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING

WHEN: February 24-25, 2026 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

Time: 8:30 AM – 5: 00 PM

WHERE: Bartlett Police Department (Training Center)

3730 Appling Road Bartlett, TN 38135

CO-SPONSORS: Bartlett Police Department

POST CERTIFIED- Pending

DESCRPTION:

Cryptocurrency crimes continue to evolve as more and more criminals utilize bitcoin and altcoins to carry out their illicit activities. These crimes range from trafficking activities on the dark web to fraudulent activity and scams on regulated cryptocurrency exchanges. There has also been a tremendous uptick in criminals using NFT's and staking platforms as a way to launder proceeds of criminal activity.

The Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations course is designed to prepare law enforcement officials to conduct these complex investigations. In-depth information will be presented on the most current cryptocurrency crimes with successful case studies to show how criminals can be positively identified and prosecuted.

Coinjoins and mixing services are becoming increasingly popular with criminals to attempt to obfuscate their cryptocurrency. Information will be presented on the most common types of coinjoins and mixing services and techniques to identify when a criminal is using these services on the blockchain. Information will be presented on advanced heuristics to de-mix the addresses and successfully track the transactions.

Class participants will be provided with Windows-based tablets and a demo account with Crypto Track Pro Analytical Tool. This will be used for the in-depth practical exercises focusing on advanced analytics and tracking. Real-life case studies will be presented, and the class participants will use their Crypto Track Pro demo account to successfully trace the transactions.



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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 16 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.

Enrollment: • https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1 or go to our GCHIDTA website at https://www.gchidta.org/. Click on the training tab and find the event on the calendar.

- Select "Cryptocurrency Investigations" class. February 24-25, 2026
- Fill in the Online Application.
- Select Complete Registration
- Save the application number for further use if necessary
- You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

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

<u>Contact:</u> Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Brian Chambers at 901-378-7706 or Brian.Chambers@gchidta.org.

All students registering: Please use **Gulf Coast HIDTA** as your HIDTA category.