# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
# Gulf Coast
# Training Alert

## FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

***No cost to attend***

**WHEN:** **November 3, 2026 –November 4, 2022** (Tuesday-Wednesday, Two-day class)
Time: 8:30 AM – 5: 00 PM

**WHERE:** University of South Alabama
650 Clinic Drive (Classroom/Suite 1100)
Mobile, AL

**CO-SPONSOR: University of South Alabama Police Department**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Topics Covered: • Money Laundering Overview • Financial Institutions & Bank Secrecy Act • FINCEN Oversight & Compliance • Traditional Money Laundering Activities • Establishing Shell Companies • Smurfing Activities • Trade-based Money Laundering • Digital Financial Services • Cryptocurrency Regulations • Investigative Analysis Tools • In-depth Case Studies Course Overview: This Money Laundering & Digital Payment Methods course is designed to equip law enforcement officers with essential skills to detect, investigate, and dismantle money laundering operations tied to drug trafficking. Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the financial processes that support criminal organizations, and the methods used to launder illicit proceeds. Through a combination of theoretical insights and practical exercises, officers will explore how to identify fraudulent business practices and conduct financial interviews aimed at uncovering hidden assets. The course will cover the different stages of money laundering, from placement to integration, as well as various techniques employed by drug trafficking organizations to conceal proceeds from illegal activities. Officers will learn about indirect methods of accounting to trace illicit funds and how to apply financial search warrants to seize criminal assets. Additionally, participants will examine case studies of notable money laundering operations, both domestic and international, with a special focus on modern-day digital payment systems like Venmo, PayPal, Cash App, and Zelle, which are increasingly used by criminals to evade detection. By the end of the course, law enforcement officers will have practical knowledge of how to conduct financial investigations, work with multi-agency teams, and employ tactical methods for gathering and analyzing financial evidence. The interactive exercises and case studies will ensure that participants leave with real-world skills to counter the sophisticated money laundering operations that fuel drug trafficking organizations.

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**Colin Haynes** began his law enforcement career with the Metropolitan Police Service in London, England in 1987. After seven years as a police constable, Colin was promoted to sergeant and managed a patrol response team. During his career with The Met, Colin also gained experience working as a training officer and a Sector Intelligence Officer.

In 1997, Colin relocated from London to Las Vegas, NV, joining the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in 1998. Between 1998 and 2004, Colin worked as an Abuse/Neglect Specialist investigating cases of child abuse, elder abuse, and elder financial exploitation. In 2003, Colin was instrumental in proposing and testifying before the state legislature to change the definition of exploitation to better protect Nevada seniors from financial abuse.

Between 2004 and 2010, Colin was employed as a criminal investigator with the State of Nevada, working first for the Nevada Attorney General and then for the Secretary of State, where he investigated complex white-collar fraud cases, including securities fraud, Medicaid fraud and mortgage fraud.

In 2010, Colin returned to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, joining the Criminal Intelligence Section, Public Integrity Squad as an Intelligence Analyst specializing in financial analysis and money laundering investigations. In 2019, Colin again successfully testified before the state legislature in support of a bill to amend the definition of money laundering under Nevada law.

Colin is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, and a Criminal Intelligence Certified Analyst. Over the last 26 years Colin has attended thousands of hours of training in fraud investigations, money laundering investigative techniques, and financial analysis. Colin also instructs on these topics to state and local agencies as a POST certified instructor.

Colin authored the Financial Analysis module of the Foundations of Intelligence Analysis (FIAT) training program offered by the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts.

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**Enrollment:**

Open your web browser and log into The link for Gulf Coast HIDTA
https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/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.

- Select Gulf Coast
- Then select "Financial Investigations" class. November 3, 2026-November 4, 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**

**Contact:** **Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Don DeSalvo with GC HIDTA at 337-849-1996 or Donald.Desalvo@gchidta.org.**

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