



## Elder Financial Exploitation Investigations

### DATES:

**May 31, 2023**

### TIME:

**8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### COST:

**\$33.19**

### LOCATION:

**WCTC  
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The goal of this course is to understand what types of Elder Financial Exploitation exist and resources that are available to assist in these types of investigations. This course will dive deeply into those that can be investigated along with a review of case studies regarding what has/has not worked from previous investigations. The instructor will also discuss collaborations early in the investigation which can provide the best possible outcomes in prosecution.

Multiple Aspects of the Following Topics Include:

- Scams that target the elderly
  - How to identify
  - Resources available
- Power of Attorney Theft
  - Criminal vs. Civil
  - How to focus your investigation for successful prosecution
- Theft by Trustee
  - What it is
  - How to prove it
- Benefit Fraud
  - State vs Federal Benefits
  - Resources Available
- Legislation
  - Elder Abuse Theft Enhancers
  - General Penalty Enhancers
  - Freezing Defendant's Assets

The course will also include a review on the basics of Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint and how each of them can be used to assist in preparing your case for prosecution. Please bring a laptop with you to class.

### Instructor:

April DeValkenaere, SBWCP, CFCI is the owner of Fortress Financial Education LLC ([www.protectyourfortress.com](http://www.protectyourfortress.com)), skilled in white collar criminal analysis, investigations, trainings, and consulting. She is also an experienced Certified Paralegal through the State Bar of Wisconsin. April began in the Waukesha County District Attorney's office in 2014, as a paralegal specializing in white collar crime. She has served on the Wisconsin Attorney General's Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team since 2019 and locally she participates in the Waukesha County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST). In March 2021, AARP and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation published a study, *Addressing the Challenge of Chronic Fraud Victimization*, April participated as a subject matter expert. In May of 2021 April was recognized by the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) as a WEAAD (World Elder Abuse Awareness Day) Warrior for teaching law enforcement how to investigate white collar and elder financial exploitation cases as an adjunct professor.

