

Advanced Cryptocurrency: Unraveling the Digital Currency Maze

DATES:

June 17-19, 2025

TIME:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COST:

\$329

LOCATION:

WCTC 800 Main Street Pewaukee WI 53072

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This 3-day course is designed for law enforcement, prosecutors, or financial/fraud investigators involved in investigations (drug trafficking, fraud, child pornography, identity theft, "sextortion", human trafficking, etc.). Attendees will learn cryptocurrency basics, tracing cryptocurrency, how to identify suspects, and seizing illicit cryptocurrency even when located outside the state or overseas. Real world case studies will be discussed. Students will receive a flash drive with presentation, resources, and cryptocurrency policy templates.

We are pleased to be partnering with Merkle Science, a leader in the cryptocurrency tracing community. They will provide both instruction and hands-on experience with their crypto tracing software. Each attendee will also receive a free demo license.

Course Topics Include:

- Discuss how crypto is used in investigations
- Cryptocurrency, blockchain, & wallet types
- Review types of crypto transactions
- Prepare cases for prosecution and testimony
- Hands-on tracing (free & paid-for tools)
- Use skills to conduct interviews
- Identify, seize, and process evidence
- Best Practices crypto seizures & policies

Required Equipment – Laptop w/WiFi capability and USB port.

Instructors:

Greenfield PD Det. Scott Simons is a subject matter expert in cyber/cryptocurrency investigations. Scott was assigned to the DEA Task Force from 2013 through 2023 and focused on significant financial and cyber investigations domestically and overseas resulting in the seizure of illicit assets in excess of \$20mil, to include cryptocurrency in excess of \$3mil. Since 2023, Scott has prioritized various cryptocurrency related fraud investigations to include investment frauds, Bitcoin ATM scams, sextortion, and more. Scott has presented case studies and instructed cyber investigations throughout the U.S. and overseas to foreign law enforcement and is a current member of the Midwest Cryptocurrency Task Force.

Merkle Science staff will provide a demonstration on their cryptocurrency tracing tool and discuss current trends in cryptocurrency.

