

## Craigslist Investigations™

Investigating criminal behavior on the Internet's largest market place

### Course Overview

Craigslist's has replaced traditional media (newspapers and magazines) and many online sources (chat rooms) as a primary online source for classifieds, jobs and sales...and for criminal activity. This course provides law enforcement personnel with the foundation to begin investigations on Craigslist. Starting with Craigslist's basic operations, the course quickly develops into preferred methods and tools for logging communication, utilizing undercover regressed photos, best practices for investigations, and incorporating Google Voice (a phenomenal new tool for law enforcement). Students will also learn how information easily obtained from Craigslist can eliminate the need for using decoys in undercover operations. Case examples in class will include property related crimes, drug investigations, prostitution, and enticement of juveniles.

This course is intended primarily for law enforcement investigations personnel; associated department personnel may attend: any sworn officers, support staff, administrative personnel, Supervisors and Management. Attendees need only a basic understanding of computers. No technical or analytical background is required.

### Day 1

1. **Understanding how Craigslist works** – CL Basics: History, who, what and why?
2. **What to look for in a Craigslist posting** – What's hot, what's not
3. **Needed utilities and tools for Craigslist** – Undercover email addresses, PDF tools, LE databases
4. **Tips to make your operation a success** – Meat and potatoes
5. **Obtaining information from Craigslist** – Administrative subpoena or search warrant

### Day 2

6. **Property related crimes** – Why are criminals more inclined to now use Craigslist?
7. **Drug investigations** – How are narcotic sales occurring via Craigslist?
8. **Prostitution investigations** – Did shutting down the "erotic services" section make a difference?
9. **Enticement operations** – Sexual predators are now using Craigslist versus traditional chat clients
10. **Using Google Voice in your investigation** – Even if you've never heard of it

### Day 3 (Optional)

1. **Hands On Activities** – Attendees develop their own materials in a structured hands-on environment.
2. **Custom Development** – Attendees work with instructor on existing case materials in need of support.



## Wayne Nichols

Detective Wayne Nichols currently works for the Henderson, NV Police Department and has over 9 years of law enforcement experience. Currently assigned to the department's Computer Crime Unit, Detective Nichols is a forensic examiner and also conducts proactive enticement and P2P investigations. With the success of traditional chat cases experiencing a decline in recent years, Detective Nichols has begun to focus efforts on online classified websites, social networking sites, and other popular devices (iPhone, iPad, etc) that offer social applications.

Detective Nichols holds degrees from University of Phoenix (Master of Criminal Justice, 2011; Bachelor of Criminal Justice, 2008). He currently resides in Henderson, NV with his wife and two children.

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