

# Craigslist Investigations

Investigating Criminal Behavior on the Internet's Largest Marketplace

## Course Details

Host by: New Mexico HIDTA

Location: 2450 Lakeside Drive, Bldg. A Las Cruces, NM

Dates: 09/11/2017 to 09/12/2017, 8am - 4pm

Cost: \$420.00, \$450.00 or \$475.00 (depending on registration date) Includes training manuals, access to online materials, sample data

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## Course Highlights

This course provides law enforcement personnel with the foundation and expertise to investigate any crime occurring on Craigslist. Starting with the history of Craigslist's and the evolution of the Craigslist criminal, the course then quickly and easily provides the student with an in-depth understanding of how to navigate Craigslist and identify indicators and red flags indicative of criminal activity. Students will learn how to use innovative and cutting edge methods in obtaining evidence, locating and identifying suspects and conducting online undercover operations involving prostitution, drugs, enticement of juveniles and property related crimes.

## Who Should Attend

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.

## Material Requirements

Students should bring a laptop with Microsoft Access, Excel, Word and PowerPoint (version 2003 or higher). Additional materials (data sets) will be provided to students upon arrival.

## Agenda

- | Day One  | Day Two   |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Understanding how Craigslist works - CL Basics: History, who, what and why?</li><li>2. Navigating Craigslist - From beginner to advanced</li><li>3. How to speak Craigslist - Become fluent in Craigslist speak</li><li>4. Understanding Craigslist postings - Learn how criminals post and how to find them</li><li>5. Obtaining information from Craigslist - Administrative subpoena or search warrant</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Craigslist toolkit - Resources available to you at no cost</li><li>2. Criminal indicators and red flags - Proactively target criminals through subtle postings</li><li>3. Building blocks of an undercover operation - Roles, responsibilities and building your online profile</li><li>4. Undercover operations - Go undercover from a patrol car or your desk, no long hair or beard needed</li><li>5. What's next? - Identifying the next Craigslist and what to do with it</li></ol> |



### Instructor: Mike Tosti

Mike Tosti is a Lieutenant with a police department in Northern California. A 28-year law enforcement veteran he began his career with the LAPD in 1987. During his tenure with the LAPD, Mike was assigned to LAPD's prestigious OWB C.R.A.S.H. Unit and the Special Problems Unit. Mike has a wealth of experience having been a Motor Officer, FTO, Narcotics Detective, Homicide Detective, Hostage Negotiator, K9 Sergeant and SWAT Commander. Mike has devoted approximately half of his career to working in an undercover capacity and participating in hundreds of sensitive undercover operations involving online investigations, murder for hire, narcotics and weapons trafficking, store front operations and stolen car buy programs. Mike recently supervised a DEA Task Force targeting international drug trafficking organizations and is currently an Investigative Division Bureau Commander. Mike is an Army veteran, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and lives with his wife and two children in Northern California.