



LANSING CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS

Board:

All four nominees were elected to the board: Mark Lee, Christopher Arsenault, Jennifer Edmonds, and Jennifer Ostwald. Thank you for your votes! Officer positions will be elected at our next board meeting, October 5th.

Training:

Who knew finding a speaker could be so difficult? We have contacted multiple sources to get our Fall Conference on the calendar without much success, but we will continue to work toward setting a date! LACFE members will receive an email from Mark Lee as soon as we have something to share.

Part of the difficulty in finding a speaker/date is because there are so many training opportunities from other ACFE chapters already on the calendar. Check out the Events section and posters for some high-quality training.

Too many choices? Check out the ACFE South Florida Chapter Annual Event on November 10th. The South Florida Chapter has generously offered revenue sharing with our chapter for every LACFE member that attends the webinar. Everybody gains!

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Fraud Talk Podcast

Justice for Fraud Victims - Remembering Who We're Fighting For - Dr. David Glodstein - Fraud Talk - Episode 123

In the fight against fraud, it can be hard to remember why we do it, especially when the fraudsters never seem to quit. Associate professor of accounting, taxation and business law at SUNY Old Westbury, Dr. David Glodstein, began the Justice for Fraud Victims Project to teach his students -- and remind fraud examiners -- who we're fighting for: the victims. In this episode, join Dr. Glodstein, CFE, and Kate Pospisil, CFE, the Communications Specialist at the ACFE, as they discuss the Justice for Fraud Victims Project, why programs like this matter and what we can do to further the fight for justice.

<https://acfe.podbean.com/e/justice-for-fraud-victims-remembering-who-we-re-fighting-for-dr-david-glodstein-fraud-talk-episode-123/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOCAL:

Southwest Ohio ACFE Chapter: Fundamentals of Cellular Record Analysis and Geolocation

In person or Virtual

October 14, 2022 (registration closes this week!)

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Learn more: <https://swohacfe.org/event-4920813>



Western Michigan Chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors

Webinar: How to Communicate with People that Don't Think Like You

October 20, 2022

8:00 – 9:00 am

Learn more: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/716085>

The Twin Cities and Georgia ACFE Chapters present a seminar to discuss the psychology of a fraudster, the importance of data in healthcare, and cognitive biases to set the stage for the "Bad Blood" story

Zoom Seminar

November 9, 2022

11:00 – 4:15 pm

When registering, LACFE Members should select the Other ACFE Chapter (or other participating organization) Member Ticket and enter the name of their Chapter or participating organization.

Learn more: <https://twincitiescfe.org/meetinginfo.php?id=63&ts=1656693218> and see poster below!

ACFE South Florida Chapter #11 presents *Annual Year-End Fraud Event*

Webinar on Ponzi schemes, money laundering, and overseas fraud

November 10, 2022

8:30 – 3:30 pm

The LACFE will receive a 40% allocation of revenue for our members that attend this event!

Learn more: <https://acfesouthflorida.org/event-4829253> and see poster below!

Dayton Fraud, Cyber & Ethics Conference - Southwest Ohio ACFE Chapter

Virtual

November 16 - 17, 2022 (early registration ends October 31st)

Four sessions available over the two-day conference: Liar Liar Pants on Fire, deepfakes, SEC's Accounting and Auditing Enforcement Releases, and white collar crime

LACFE Members have access to the Local Chapter Member virtual price of \$100

Learn more: <https://swohacfe.org/event-4928667> and see poster below!

Maryland Chapter of the ACFE Meeting/Training Event

Virtual - Root Cause Analysis: Getting to Know the Root of the Matter

November 18, 2022

8:00 am – 12:10 pm

Learn more: <https://www.cfemd.org/md-fraud-conference>

Lansing Chapter of the ACFE is working on topics and to procure a speaker for the Fall Conference. Details will follow as soon as we have a date and topic.

NATIONAL:**ACFE**

Keeping Your Guard Up – Insider Cyber-Risk for Small and Medium-Sized Organizations
Webinar

October 18, 2022

2:00pm EST

Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/mt5sctnn>

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2022 ACFE Government Anti-Fraud Summit

Virtual

November 4, 2022 (early registration ends October 5th)

Learn more:

https://www.fraudconference.com/governmentsummit2022.aspx?_ga=2.249887365.2010161558.1661945286-1723614460.1601549018

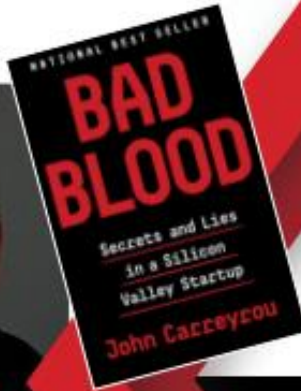
If you have an event that you would like posted in our newsletter or if you wish to share an article, please contact Jennifer Ostwald at jenny1661@hotmail.com



Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

TWIN CITIES AND GEORGIA CHAPTERS

Present:



NOVEMBER 9TH

DATE: November 9, 2022
FROM 11:00AM - 4:15PM CST
(5.25 CPE credits)

SPONSORS:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

● **John Carreyrou**
– Elizabeth Holmes Case

- **John Gill** – Psychology Mindset of a fraudster
- **Rebecca Mendoza** – It's All About the Data
- **Mary Breslin** – Cognitive biases



GOLD SPONSOR:



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PRICES:

**EARLY BIRD
TIER ONE:**

July 1st-July 31st
Members = \$75 | Non-Members = \$100

**EARLY BIRD
TIER TWO:**

August 1st-August 31st
Members = \$100 | Non-Members = \$125

**REGULAR
PRICING:**

September 1st -November 4th
Members = \$125 | Non-Members = \$150



Register Now!

at Twin Cities Chapter of the ACFE - Home Page
<https://twincitiescfe.org>

For more information on this speaker please visit <https://prhspeakers.com>



ACFE
South Florida Chapter

ANNUAL YEAR-END

FRAUD EVENT

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

HILTON MIAMI AIRPORT BLUE LAGOON

8:30AM - 3:30PM

Eligible for
7 CPE credits

PONZI
SCHEME PANEL

SPEAKERS:

**CURRENT STATE OF
PONZI SCHEME INVESTIGATIONS
AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.**



Alex CHARAP
Counsel at the Securities
and Exchange Commission,
Enforcement Division,
Miami Regional Office.



Jordan MAGLICH
(Moderator) – Assistant
General Counsel for
Raymond James and
Author of website and
blog: Ponzi Tracker.



Kathy PHELPS
Attorney at Raines
Feldman. Serves as and
represents Federal Equity
Receivers. Author of
the Ponzi Book: A Legal
Resource for Unraveling
Ponzi Schemes.



Naim SURGEON
Serves as chief counsel
in several federal equity
receivership matters.



What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best course of action from a lawyer's perspective.

Edward H. DAVIS, Jr.
Founding Shareholder of Sequor Law. Heads the firm's asset recovery and financial fraud group.



Case Study on Money Laundering, Bustout Fraud

Carlos BAIXAUL, Jr.
Special Agent with the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General.



What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best Courses of action from a financial investigator / forensic accountant's perspective.

Chip HOBEKE
Director in charge of the Consulting and Turnaround, Restructuring and Insolvency Practice for Rehmann. Fellow of INSOL International.



Facing the cyber challenge/data privacy and security.

Mike CAPOTE
22 years of IT security, governance, and regulatory compliance initiatives in a variety of industry sectors.

COST= VIRTUAL: \$100 for members | \$125 for non-members | IN-PERSON: \$125 for members | \$150 for non-members

REGISTER NOW! <https://acfesouthflorida.org/event-4829253>



Southwest Ohio Chapter

4th Annual DAYTON

FRAUD, CYBER & ETHICS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2022

12:00PM-4:30PM EASTERN

8 total hours of CPE* (4 each day)
(including 2 hours of Approved ACFE Ethics/Ohio PSR Ethics credit)

Pricing: EARLY BIRD (By October 31, 2022)
\$75 one day | \$100 both days

Regular Price: \$100 one day | \$125 both days

REGISTER AT:
<https://swohacfe.org>

NOV. 17TH

1 CPE:
Mason Wilder
ACFE Research Manager
"Deepfakes: An Increasing Threat with Wide-Ranging Implications"



The advent of deepfake technology, or the manipulation of images, video, or audio using artificial intelligence, prompted many well-founded and wide-ranging concerns for society. This presentation will cover the current capabilities and applications of deepfake technology from an anti-fraud perspective.

NOV. 16TH

4 CPEs:
Traci Brown
Fraud-Busting Body Language Expert and Executive Producer of a new TV series "Truth, Lies and Coverups"

LIAR LIAR PANTS ON FIRE
An eye-Opening Keynote with Traci Brown, CSP



In this fast-paced, interactive keynote, Traci teaches the lie, fraud, and identity theft detection skills she's used to get to the truth in billion-dollar business deals, crimes, and politics.

You'll **quit second-guessing your instincts and immediately tell fact from fiction, when you discover:**

- Nine telltale signs that a person is lying
- How to quickly uncover the truth
- How to keep nefarious people from making you a victim



Robert Lashway Andrew Taffurelli Marni Kaufman

1 CPE:
Floyd Advisory
"SEC AAER Year in Review - Observations and Lessons Learned"

Members of Floyd Advisory will present their major findings and observations from the SEC's Accounting and Auditing Enforcement Releases (AAERs) for the year ended September 30, 2022. Floyd Advisory will discuss the key facts, notable trends, and material events.

2 Ethics CPEs:
Joseph Grmovsek:
Former Inside Trader and Former Securities Lawyer
"Collared: Information Protection and White-Collar Crime Prevention Through a Focus on A Crime's Unforeseeable Personal Consequences"

Joseph is the subject of the educational-documentary film "Collared." He served time in two maximum security prisons and four jails, and is the first and still only person in Canadian history to serve a federal sentence of imprisonment for insider trading. Joseph's talk will examine how he and his partner-in-crime obtained information from unwitting professionals, allowing them to trade with inside information in over 120 separate deals spanning fifteen years before discovery, imprisonment ... and suicide.



*CPE credits are based on a 50-minute hour. CPE is offered through the ACFE as well as the Accountancy Board of Ohio (sponsor number CPE.00467).

Identity Theft Resource Center 2022 Consumer Impact Report Reveals Effects of Social Media Account Takeover

September 21, 2022

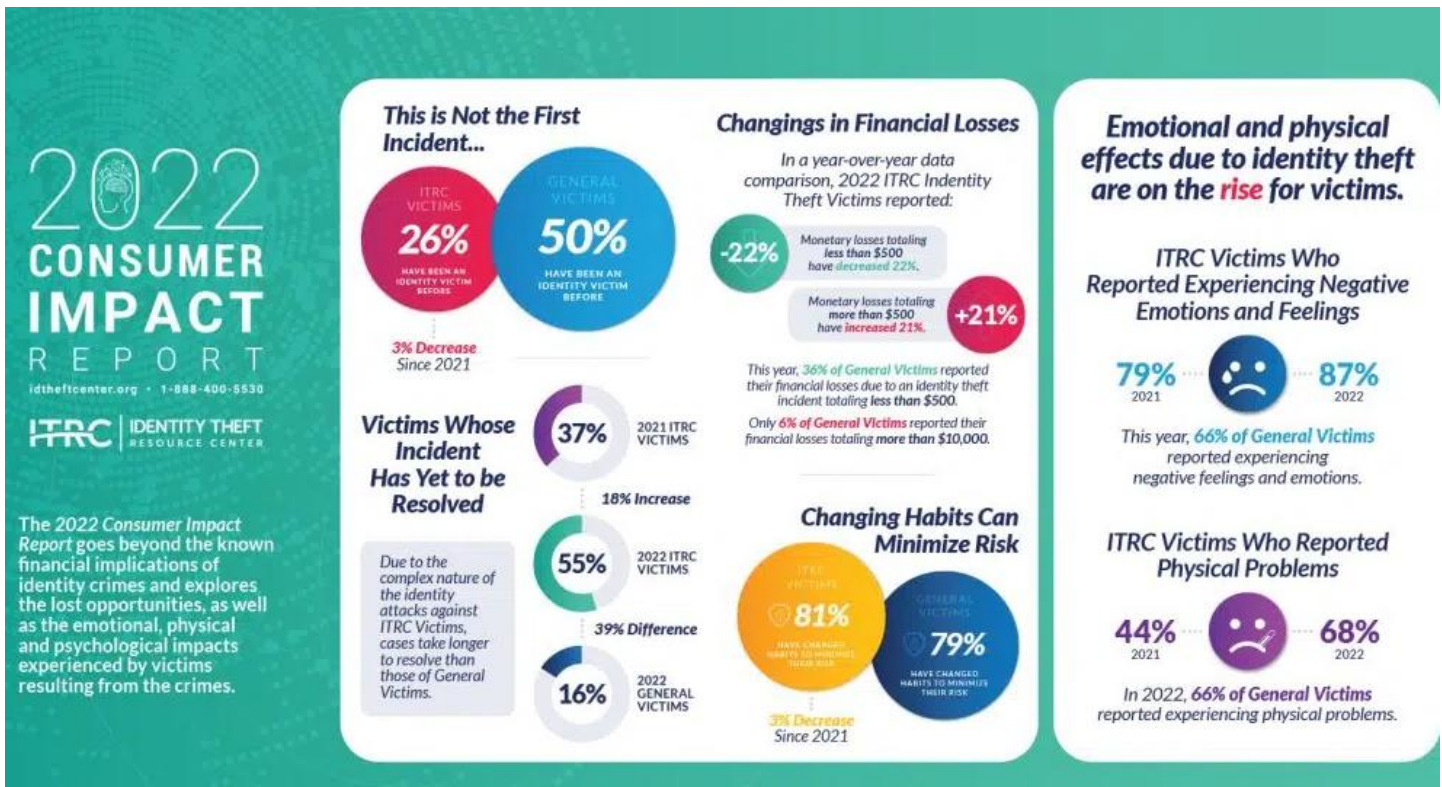
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The Identity Theft Resource Center® (ITRC), a nationally recognized nonprofit organization established to support victims of identity crime, has published research that shows nearly 40 percent of ITRC victims say their personal information was stolen, compromised or misused in the past year. The 2022 Consumer Impact Report released today, goes beyond the known financial implications of identity crimes and explores the lost opportunities as well as the emotional, physical and psychological impacts experienced by victims resulting from the crimes.

For the report, the ITRC surveyed victims who contacted the ITRC and victims who did not. According to the responses, the number of repeat identity crime victims dropped year-over-year among ITRC victims. However, half of the general victims surveyed claim to have been victimized more than once. Also, ITRC victims experienced more complex attacks that require longer to resolve. The percentage of “unresolved cases from the previous year” has grown from 37 percent to 55 percent since 2020. Some other key takeaways from the 2022 Consumer Impact Report include:

- Overall, identity crime victims are losing less money. Most ITRC victims and general victims report losing less than \$500. However, one group of ITRC victims grew from nine (9) percent in 2020 to 30 percent in 2021 – those victims who lost \$10,000 or more.
- The number of ITRC victims who reported experiencing negative emotions increased in 2021 to 87 percent from 79 percent in the previous year, while the number of ITRC victims who reported physical impacts jumped from 44 percent to 68 percent in one year. Two-thirds of general victims reported emotional and physical effects of being an identity crime victim.
- The number of ITRC victims who have changed their behaviors due to an identity crime dropped slightly overall and in five of seven possible actions. More victims reported freezing their credit and using an Identity Protection PIN from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) when filing taxes.

“Some of the comments in the report are heartbreaking,” said Eva Velasquez, President and CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center. “One victim told us their life was ruined after discovering that someone stole more than \$200,000 in their name. Another victim expressed their frustration that no one appeared to care. However, at the ITRC, we do care. This report further energizes us to spearhead our mission of supporting consumers through what may be one of the most difficult experiences of their life.”



The ITRC has seen one type of attack grow by over 1,000 percent in the last 12 months – social media account takeover. The 2022 Consumer Impact Report includes the results of a snap survey of victims who reported a social media account takeover. According to the victims who responded to the micro-survey:

- Eighty-five (85) percent had their Instagram accounts compromised; 25 percent had their Facebook account compromised.
- Forty-eight (48) percent clicked on a link they believed was from a friend; 22 percent responded to a cryptocurrency scam.
- Fifty-one (51) percent of victims lost personal funds or sales revenue when their account was compromised.
- Seventy (70) percent have been permanently locked out of their social media account; 71 percent contacted friends listed in the social media account; 67 percent report the criminal continued to post as the account owner after the lockout.
- Sixty-six (66) percent of victims report having a strong emotional reaction to losing control of their social media account, including feeling violated (92 percent), feeling worried or anxious (83 percent), angry (78 percent), vulnerable (77 percent) and suicidal (7 percent).

Consumers and victims of identity crimes and compromises can receive free support and guidance from a knowledgeable advisor by calling 888.400.5530 or visiting www.idtheftcenter.org to live-chat.

About the ITRC Consumer Impact Report

Since 2003, the ITRC has surveyed the identity crime victims who have contacted the Center to gauge the impact of identity compromises on individuals. Numerous studies by government agencies and private organizations focus on the financial impacts of identity-related crimes. However, the primary purpose of the ITRC Consumer Impact Report is to gauge the emotional, physical and practical effects on the day-to-day lives of victims, including lost opportunities.

This year's report reflects the responses of 120 victims who contacted the ITRC between April 2021 and March 2022. In the time period covered by this report, new forms of identity attacks emerged. Social media account take-over grew by more than 1,000 percent in just one year. We sought additional input, specifically from victims whose social media accounts were compromised. This survey includes the responses of 97 victims who contacted the ITRC and shows the impacts of the loss of access to a social media account are more significant than first believed.

Previous Consumer Impact Reports dating back to 2003 only reflected the experience of victims who contacted the ITRC. To get a broader view of the trends and impacts affecting consumers in general, this year, the ITRC asked 1,371 consumers in an online survey if they had been the victim of an identity crime and, if so, how it impacted them. Responses from this broader set of self-identified victims using similar questions asked of victims who contacted the ITRC show both significant differences and common experiences.

Video of the Month

[OIG Audits: A Case Study - YouTube](#)

National Council of University Research Administrators presentation from Ken Lish, Supervisory Audit Manager, National Science Foundation Office of Inspector General and Cynthia Hope, Assistant Vice President for Research and Director of Sponsored Programs, The University of Alabama.



From Their Plates to Our Pockets — \$250 Million Stolen from Pandemic Food Program

September 23, 2022

by Rihonna Scoggins

<https://www.acfeinsights.com/acfe-insights/2022/9/23/from-their-plates-to-our-pockets-250-million-stolen-from-pandemic-food-program>

The Justice Department charged 47 defendants on September 20th for allegedly defrauding a federal program that provided food for needy children during the pandemic, describing the scheme — totaling nearly \$250 million — as the largest uncovered to date. The charges also underscore that criminals have been quick to take advantage of new programs set up by the U.S. government to curb fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, and they're exploiting weaknesses in systems designed to quickly distribute funds.

The indictments announced Tuesday involve six groups and one individual, all connected to a Minnesota nonprofit called Feeding Our Future. The defendants are charged with federal crimes including conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering and paying or receiving illegal kickbacks. The DOJ alleges that Aimee Bock, the founder of Feeding Our Future in Apple Valley, Minnesota — which actually did serve federally funded meals to underserved kids before the pandemic struck — masterminded the plot. According to the DOJ, Bock recruited other individuals to create websites falsely claiming they were sponsored by her group. The sites purported that donations would be used to feed needy children — but no such donation receipt records could ever be found when federal agents investigated this allegation.

Records show that Feeding Our Future's disbursements grew from approximately \$3.4 million in 2019 to nearly \$200 million in 2021.

"This was a brazen scheme of staggering proportions," said Andrew M. Luger, U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota. "These defendants exploited a program designed to provide nutritious food to needy children during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, they prioritized their own greed, stealing more than a quarter of a billion dollars in federal funds to purchase luxury cars, houses, jewelry, and coastal resort property abroad."

The theft of \$250 million from the food program is a serious crime, but it is also just one more example of how fraud and corruption threaten our world's ability to meet the needs of its people.

Fraud of the Day: The White Lab Coat

September 13, 2022

by Larry Benson

<https://fraudoftheday.com/medicare-fraud/the-white-lab-coat/>

Often seen as a symbol of authority and professionalism, the white lab coat frequently is conferred on new students during a ceremony held at the very beginning of medical school. The tradition began in the late 1800s, when trained surgeons, followed by physicians not too long thereafter, began wearing white lab coats as a way to distinguish themselves from the fraudulent health care providers who pawned miracle cures and did not practice traditional, evidence-based medicine. There was no uniform for fraudster doctors of the 1800's but there is one now- the black and white striped union suit.

On July 10, 2022, a federal jury convicted Jankowski, a doctor of Summit Medical Group in Dearborn Heights, of running a \$35 million pill mill that prosecutors say not only stole money from the government and private insurers but fed America's opioid addiction.

According to evidence presented at trial, Jankowski wrote medically unnecessary prescriptions for highly addictive pain pills, including Oxycontin, Oxycodone, morphine, hydrocodone, and Xanax. Jankowski prescribed more than 1.7 million pain-related pills for no legitimate medical purpose in exchange for money. He used his access to opioids to lure patients, who were attracted to his practice by the easy access to pills.

Jankowski would then submit false insurance claims asserting that he had provided necessary treatment to these patients. He received more than \$29.3 million from the auto and private insurance companies he conned, and more than \$6 million from Medicare and Medicaid.

Jankowski is not the first doctor turned fraudster/drug dealer in Michigan. Over the last five years more than 65 other doctors in southeastern Michigan have been charged and/or convicted with running pill mill operations. Hope the ceremony to receive the uniform of a criminal at the State of Michigan Department of Corrections is as grand and emotional for Jankowski, as the ceremony to receive the white lab coat at Medical School was.

Jankowski will be sentenced on November 15, 2022.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI and the Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General.

Today's Fraud of the Day is based on an article "Michigan physician convicted of drug and health care fraud charges" published by Click On Detroit on July 12, 2022

A physician was convicted by a federal jury in Detroit on 30 charges related to a \$35 million controlled substance operation. David Jankowski, a 62-year-old man from Bingham Farms, faced the charges in connection to his operation of Summit Medical Group, a purported medical clinic formerly located in Dearborn Heights and Southfield.

According to the evidence presented at the two-month-long trial, Dr. Jankowski wrote medically unnecessary prescriptions for controlled substances such as Oxycontin, Oxycodone, morphine, hydrocodone, and Xanax.



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Quote of the Month

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

— Benjamin Franklin, American printer and publisher, author, inventor and scientist, and diplomat.