

Internet Working for Organized Crime and Terrorist Groups

Economic Crime Summit session to spotlight topic, methodologies, and law enforcement efforts to hinder these organizations.

RICHMOND, VA - March 20, 2003 - Crime is an export commodity. Terrorists and organized crime have used extortion, gambling, theft, money laundering, and countless other means to further illegal business for decades. With the explosion of technology and the proliferation of computers, traditional and financial crimes are finding their way to the Internet and helping criminal enterprises, locally and abroad, find money and commit unlawful acts in ways never before imagined.

In a two-part seminar entitled Crimes Migrating to the Internet representatives from U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United Kingdom National High-Tech Crime Unit, Visa International, and InteCap will offer details on some of the new methodologies terrorists and organized crime groups are utilizing to achieve their goals.

"Many companies are investing in state-of-the-art technology to assist law enforcement agencies in their continuing fight against Internet crime," said Michael J. Stannard, Managing Director of InteCap Risk Solutions, a division of InteCap, Inc. Visa has developed Web crawling software that can travel through millions of .htm pages searching for specific text and images. "The software initially had applicability in screening for stolen credit cards and is now being offered to law enforcement to help develop cases involving the sale of child pornography."

A discussion on recent worldwide initiatives by law enforcement to identify culprits and hinder their use of the Internet will also be presented.

This topic and many more will be presented at the seventh annual Economic Crime Summit hosted by NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center) and the Coalition for the Prevention of Economic Crime (CPEC) in Washington, D.C., on May 4-7, 2003. The Economic Crime Summit will present 30 sessions covering the impact of economic and cyber crimes, case studies, and public and private sector best practices.

In addition to the Crimes Migrating to the Internet seminar on Monday, May 5, the 2003 Economic Crime Summit will offer ample opportunity to gain a more global perspective on crime through its many networking possibilities. More than 50 speakers from national and international corporations, law enforcement, and other enforcement professionals from federal, state, and local agencies, will travel to Washington, D.C., for this event. The conference will provide attendees an exhibit hall dedicated to fraud prevention products

and services and will include topics and research on identity theft, money laundering, health care fraud, insurance crime, and e-fraud.

Private and public sector co-sponsors include the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, the Middle Atlantic - Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), Visa International, LexisNexis, PaineWebber, Inc., Merrill-Lynch & Co., ChoicePoint, Forensics Explorers, Internet Crimes, EvidentData, Experian, Data Systems Analysts, Joint Council on Information Age Crime, Merlin Information Services, ID Theft Resources, and Money Laundering Alert.

The cost to attend the conference is \$395 per registrant for government and law enforcement attendees; \$495 per registrant for private business attendees. Day passes will sell for \$200 on-site.