



BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance Fact Sheet

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National White Collar Crime Center

The National White Collar Crime Center, through funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the U.S. Department of Justice provides national support for the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of white collar and economic crimes. The Center is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, and has a training and research institute associated with West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Center staff include enforcement analysts, intelligence technicians, research analysts, computer crime specialists, and training coordinators.

The Center's mission is to maintain a formally structured national support system for State and local law enforcement and regulatory agency members and to facilitate multi-State investigations of white-collar and economic crimes. These crimes include, but are not limited to, investment fraud, telemarketing fraud, boiler room operations, securities fraud, commodities fraud, and advanced-fee loan schemes.

The Center operates under the direction of an elected board of directors, and has a membership composed of State and local law enforcement, prosecution, and regulatory agency professionals with criminal investigative authority. The Center operates under BJA funding guidelines and meets the requirements for operating a criminal information pointer database, as established in 28 CFR Part 23.

Background

The Center's predecessor, the Leviticus Project, was initially formed by 14 agencies from 7 States that were experiencing a high incidence of criminal activity in the Appalachian coal industry. The project expanded in 1987 and 1988 to cover criminal activity in the oil, natural gas, and precious-metals industries. In 1992, BJA mandated a broader scope of activities to include all white-collar and economic crime, and, with Leviticus Project participation, the Center was founded.

Program Services

The Center provides a number of no-cost services to its members, including:

- ❑ **Information sharing**—Computerized databases maintained by the Center disseminate case and investigative information on individuals and organizations suspected of involvement in economic crimes. Analytical services are conducted by center staff trained in areas such as financial analysis, check analysis, qualitative compilations, and background information gathering for specific member agency investigations.
- ❑ **Case funding**—Limited financial assistance is provided to selected multijurisdictional member agency investigations.

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- Training and research**—The Center operates a national training and research institute that serves as a national resource in combating economic crime by developing partnerships with public and private agencies to address white-collar crime. Training sessions covering a range of white collar crime issues are held at the Center and at locations around the country for white collar crime investigators and prosecutors. Some of these training sessions are open to nonmembers for a fee. For additional information about Center training sessions, refer to the address and telephone number listed in the “For Further Information” section below.

As consultant to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection, the Center analyzes information on telemarketing frauds stored in the FTC’s automated database. The Center provides other research services as well.

Program Accomplishments

Between January 1, 1989, and June 30, 1995, member agency cases assisted by Center services resulted in the following recoveries:

- \$29 million in assessed fines.
- \$349 million in ordered restitution.
- \$4 million in recovered property.
- \$330 million referred to the IRS from tax fraud cases.

For Further Information

To learn more about the National White Collar Crime Center, contact:

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