

Olin Rankin High-Tech Crime Specialist

Olin Rankin is a High-Tech Crimes Specialist with the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), joining in 2019. Olin teaches throughout the United States focusing on basic and intermediate instruction on classes such as Dark Web, Virtual Currency, and Basic Digital Forensic Analysis. Additionally, he develops and tests course content that specializes in Computer Forensics and Investigative Techniques. Olin also lends his expertise to instruct law enforcement and regulatory agency members in Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigations.

Olin began his career in 2002 as a law enforcement officer in Arkansas. In 2007, Olin joined the Benton County Sheriff's Office. While there, he received numerous achievement awards, was awarded Detective of the Year 2017, collaborated with local prosecutors to establish new procedures in forensic reporting, and

initiated a bill proposal which ultimately helped create Cyber Legislation in Arkansas. To note, Olin implemented the first Bitcoin mining program by a law enforcement agency in the country designed to fund undercover operations.

During his fifteen-year career in law enforcement, Olin found a way to combine his passion for technology and serving the public. Olin rounded out his tenure as the supervisor for the Computer Forensics Lab which oversaw all aspects of cases which had a digital or technical element to them including Evidence Collection, Evidence Preservation, Acquisition, and Analysis.

Olin maintains active member status in industry and professional associations including the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). Olin maintains his Arkansas Law Enforcement Certificate as a reserve deputy with the Benton County Sheriff's Office currently assigned to the Cyber Crimes Division. In January 2013, he became a Certified Police Professional Instructor through the State of Arkansas. Olin has been an instructor in multiple facets during his law enforcement career including a Defensive Tactics and Firearms. He instructs during Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academies as a subject matter expert in High Tech Crimes.

Olin is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) and has worked to find innovative ways to assist those in the forensic community, including researching and providing insight to future examiners and experienced examiners alike. Olin acts as a Peer Review Coach for the CFCE process with IACIS.

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