

SPIN CYCLE 2025

Date: February 25th - 27th, 2025

Location: Ottawa Marriott Hotel and Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Facilitator: Public Safety Canada

Day 1 - Tuesday, February 25th

8:00 - 8:45 — *Doors Open (Breakfast Served)*

8:45 - 9:00 — *FC3 Welcome Corner*

9:00 - 9:15 — *Blessing*

Knowledge Keeper - Dan Ross

9:15 - 9:40 — *Opening Remarks*

Minister of Public Safety Canada - The Honourable David J. McGuinty, MP

Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada – Tricia Geddes

9:40 - 10:15 — *Keynote Speaker*

Director and Chief Executive Officer - Sarah Paquet (FINTRAC)

10:15 - 10:45 — *Coffee Break*

10:45 - 11:45 — *Crypto-Enabled Fraud and Organized Crime*

Anthony Plante-Ajah (RCMP)

Exploring the intersection of cryptocurrency and organized crime, this presentation delves into how digital currencies facilitate fraud and illicit activities, highlighting emerging trends and preventive measures. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) plays a crucial role in combating crypto-enabled fraud and organized crime by training officers to investigate cryptocurrency-related crimes, tracing digital currency transactions, and collaborating with other agencies to counter illicit activities.

11:45 - 13:00 — *Lunch*

13:00 - 14:00 — *Interprovincial investigation against trafficking in identifying information; a collaboration between the Edmonton police Service, Surete du Quebec and DPC; The case R. c. Westerlin JEAN-PIERRE [FRENCH]*

Julie Beauchamp-Laliberté (DPCP). Gabriel Sénécal (DPCP), Roxanne Heppner (EPS) and Investigator (SQ)

Examining the interprovincial investigation into the fraud and trafficking of identifying information, this presentation focuses on the landmark case of R. c. Westerlin Jean-Pierre. The case of R. c. Westerlin Jean-Pierre involves an interprovincial investigation into fraud and trafficking of identifying information. Westerlin Jean-Pierre, a 24-year-old from Terrebonne, Québec, pleaded guilty of fraud after taking control of victims' cell phones remotely to steal personal information and funds. He defrauded 154 individuals, amassing approximately \$700 000 which he used to fund a lavish lifestyle. Jean-Pierre was sentenced to four years in prison and a fine of \$ 250 000 for his crimes.

14:00 - 14:45 — *Trade-Based Money Laundering*

Chris Griffiths (CBSA) and Joel Gibbons (CBSA)

Highlighting the complexities of trade-based money laundering, this CBSA presentation examines how illicit financial flows are disguised as legitimate trade transactions and outlines the agency's strategies to combat these activities through its Trade Fraud and Trade-Based Money laundering Centre of Expertise.

14:45 - 15:15 — *Coffee break*

15:15 - 16:15 — *TPS (Fraud)*

David Coffey (TPS)

Detailing how the rise of fraud on a global level impacts fraud on both the national and local levels and how the Financial Crimes Unit of the Toronto Police Service is responding. This presentation covers the strategies and initiatives of the Financial Crimes Unit in investigating and preventing fraud within the city and challenges attendants to come up with solutions on a national level.

16:15 - 17:00 — *SPMD Updates*

Nils Juppe (SPMD)

This presentation on the Seized Property Management Directorate (SPMD) in Canada will provide an overview of the SPMD's role in managing assets seized or restrained under laws such as the Criminal Code and the Proceeds of Crime (Money-Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act. The presentation will discuss the processes involved in pre-seizure financial analysis, asset management during legal proceedings, and the disposal of assets post-forfeiture. Additionally, it will aim to highlight the importance of collaboration with law enforcement and the Department of Justice to ensure the effective handling and safeguarding of seized property.

Day 2 - Wednesday, February 26th**8:00 - 8:45** — *Doors Open (Breakfast Served)***8:45 - 9:00** — *Opening Remarks*

Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada – Daniel Mills

9:00 - 9:45 — *Fraud and Asset Recovery: Importance and Challenges [FRENCH]*

Danny Laflamme (SQ)

This presentation will discuss the critical role of asset recovery in combating fraud, the investigative techniques used, and the challenges faced, such as jurisdictional issues and sophisticated schemes, while emphasizing the need for inter-agency collaboration and public awareness.

9:45 - 10:30 — *Financial Crime Trends Panel*

Kevin Farrell (FINTRAC), Albert (Public Safety Canada), Mona Klein (CRA) and Kyle Dawson (RCMP)

This panel will be providing updates for their respective organizations and discussing specific issues seen as priorities for each of them.

10:30 - 11:00 — *Coffee Break***11:00 - 11:45** — *The Fundamentals of Possession of Proceeds, Money Laundering and Forfeiture (Legal and Investigative Issues)*

Chad Babin (RCMP) and Robert Morin (PPSC)

This session will discuss the fundamentals of possession of proceeds, money laundering, and forfeiture. Both legal and investigative issues will be discussed, including recent legislative changes aimed at enhancing the tools available for combating financial crimes.

11:45 - 13:00 — *Lunch***13:00 - 14:00** — *Policing Cryptocurrency: Public Safety Through Innovation*

Dan Dusto (OPP) and Chris Sutton (OPP)

The Ontario Provincial Police will be discussing the challenges and opportunities presented by the rise of cryptocurrencies in law enforcement. The OPP will speak about the use of blockchain technology for tracing illicit transactions, the impact of cryptocurrencies on traditional crime patterns, and the development of advanced tools and techniques for investigating crypto-related crimes. This session will highlight the importance of public-private partnership and international cooperation in addressing these issues.

14:00 - 14:45 — *Project ICARUS: Experience with uMSB investigations and outcomes*

Ashley Heffernan (RCMP) and William Lewadniuk (RCMP), Tracey Ferreira (PPSC) and Pamela Meneguzzi (PPSC)

RCMP investigators will provide an overview of an investigation of a network of uMSBs. Completed case files will be presented to illustrate the practical application of PCMLTFA provisions. PPSC counsel will highlight five successful prosecutions, the sentences and forfeiture orders. Each of the RCMP and PPSC will discuss the challenges faced in enforcing these laws and the nature of interagency collaboration in economic crime investigation.

14:45 - 15:15 — *Coffee break***15:15 - 16:15** — *Project PIVOT: A Deep Dive Into a Proceeds of Crime Investigation*

Valerie Dahan (TPS)

The Toronto Police Service will explore the lifecycle of a major proceeds of crime investigations. It will cover the investigative techniques used, challenges faced, and the strategies for asset recovery. This session aims to provide valuable insights into the complexities of financial crime investigations and the importance of inter-agency collaboration in successfully disrupting criminal enterprises.

16:15 - 17:00 — *AI Facilitated Fraud*

Pamela (Public Safety Canada)

CSIS will explore how advancements in artificial intelligence are being exploited for fraudulent activities. It will cover the latest trends in AI-driven scams, the challenges in detecting and preventing such fraud, and the strategies for enhancing cybersecurity measures. This session aims to provide valuable insights into the evolving landscape of AI-related financial crimes and the importance of vigilance and innovation in combating these threats.

Day 3 - Thursday, February 27th**8:00 - 8:45** — *Doors Open (Breakfast Served)***8:45 - 9:00** — *FC3 Welcome Corner***9:00 - 9:45** — *Emergency-Grandparent Scams*

John Armit (OPP)

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will delve into emergency-grandparent scams that preyed on vulnerable individuals across Canada. It will cover the collaborative efforts between OPP and, 11 Ontario police services and the Sûreté du Québec, the investigative techniques used, and the outcomes of the operation, including the arrest of 15 individuals and the disruption of significant funds. The session aims to highlight the importance of inter-agency cooperation and the challenges in protecting vulnerable populations from sophisticated fraud schemes.

9:45 - 10:45 — *Impact of Bykovets*

Michael Fawcett (Ontario MAG)

The Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) will explore the significant legal and privacy implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *R. v. Bykovets*. The discussion will cover how the ruling, which established the IP addresses attract a reasonable expectation of privacy under section 8 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, affects law enforcement practices and digital privacy rights. This session aims to provide insights into the balance between privacy and investigative needs in the digital age.

10:45- 11:00 — *Coffee Break***11:00 - 11:45** — *What is UPAC and What do we do?*

Guy Paquet (UPAC), Eric Coulombe (UPAC) and Kavin Tondreau (UPAC)

This presentation will provide an update on the Unité permanente anticorruption (UPAC) with an overview of UPAC's mission and structure, emphasizing its role in coordinating efforts to combat corruption in Quebec. The presentation will then highlight recent activities and achievements, including statistics on investigations and prosecutions. The presentation will cover the investigation process, the evidence gathered, and the legal proceedings of a specific case file.

11:45 - 13:00 — *Lunch***13:00 - 14:00** — *Legal Foundations of Cryptocurrency Seizures*

Alysa Holmes (Ontario MAG)

The Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) will explore the legal frameworks and challenges associated with seizing digital assets in criminal investigations. Topics will include an introduction to cryptocurrencies, a discussion of the current legal framework for cryptocurrency seizures, recent legislative developments, and case studies highlighting successful cryptocurrency seizures. The session aims to provide insights into the evolving legal landscape and best practices for law enforcement and legal professionals.

14:00 - 14:45 — *CAFC Updates*

Chris Lynam (Director General National Cybercrime Coordination Centre (NC3) and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), and Jeffrey Thomson (CAFC)

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) will provide the insights into the fraud operating environment, emerging fraud trends, and financial crime prevention strategies. The session aims to equip attendees with knowledge to collaboratively combat financial crimes in an evolving threat landscape.

14:45 - 15:00 — *Coffee break***15:00 - 16:00** — *Chinese Underground Banking: Canada's Growing Trend*

Nicolas St-Antoine (RCMP)

The RCMP will explore the rise of underground banking networks in Canada, particularly those linked to China. It will cover the methods used to launder money through informal value transfer systems, the challenges in detecting and disrupting these networks, and the impact on Canada's financial system. This session aims to provide insights into the collaborative efforts between law enforcement and financial institutions to combat the growing threat.