SPEAKERS BUREAU

Presentation Information

Presentation Category	Miscellaneous Topics
Presentation Title	Organized Sports Bookmaking
Presentation Length	4 - 8 Hours
Presentation Objective	Upon completion of this four-hour course, participants will understand the structure and operation of organized sports bookmaking enterprises, recognize the methods and accoutrements used by bookies and sports gamblers, understand handicapping and point spreads, and will be able to develop strategies for successful investigations. Students will also examine the influence of organized crime, point shaving, game manipulation, and insider information while gaining practical knowledge to identify, investigate, and prosecute sports gambling investigations in today's rapidly changing sports betting environment.
Presentation Description	The legalization and rapid expansion of sports wagering has created new challenges for law enforcement. While regulated sportsbooks operate legally in many jurisdictions, illegal sports bookmaking operations continue to thrive, often generating millions of dollars for organized crime and other criminal enterprises. This course provides investigators with a practical understanding of how sports betting works, how illegal bookmakers operate, and how to recognize and investigate sports gambling offenses. Participants will learn the fundamentals of sports wagering, including point spreads, money line betting, totals, proposition bets, handicapping,

	parlays, and prediction markets. The course also examines the role of organized crime, money laundering, point shaving, game manipulation, insider information, and emerging threats to the integrity of sporting events. Through actual case studies, current trends, and practical investigative strategies, students will gain the knowledge and confidence to identify illegal sports bookmaking operations, recognize criminal indicators, gather evidence, and support successful prosecutions. This course is designed for law enforcement officers, investigators, prosecutors, gaming regulators, and others responsible for protecting the integrity of sports and enforcing gambling laws. No
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Speaker's Biography	Tom Oberweiser is a retired Criminal Investigations Supervisor from the MT Dept. of Justice who specialized in Organized Sports Bookmaking. While with the Montana Department of Justice, Oberweiser was a Montana POST-certified instructor teaching Organized Sports Bookmaking, Ethics, and Gambling, Tobacco, and Liquor investigations. He has taught and lectured on the topic of sports betting across the U.S. and in Canada. In addition, Oberweiser is a retired NCAA Division 1 Football Official and is currently the Chairman of the Montana Pro Football Hall of Fame Committee. He is an adjunct instructor at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT, where he teaches high school football officiating.
