

"Big Money" Debuts at 2002 Economic Crime Summit

RICHMOND, VA - May 7, 2002 - The FBI and National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) today announced the upcoming release of a new resource and training CD. The "Big Money" CD offers information designed to help law enforcement officers conduct financial investigations and covers timely topics like money laundering, identity theft, Internet fraud, securities fraud, telemarketing fraud, healthcare fraud, insurance crime, and gambling.

"Each day law enforcement faces challenges in understanding and successfully prosecuting emerging economic and high-tech crime," said Jean Andersen, Supervisory Special Agent, Money Laundering Unit at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"As states make the move to strengthen law enforcement strategies to combat fraud at many levels, added emphasis needs to also be placed on training officers, investigators, and prosecutors to respond more effectively and aggressively to offenses involving these crimes and their victims," said Richard Johnston, Director, NW3C. "We believe this type of information effort is key to managing the growing threat posed by financial crime."

The CD will be distributed to state and local law enforcement agencies and all FBI field offices through the NW3C. It will be available for first time preview at the NW3C Annual Membership meeting taking place on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the organization's sixth annual Economic Crime Summit at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Washington, D.C. Details on the Economic Crime Summit are available at www.summit.nw3c.org. Post conference, information on obtaining the CD can be obtained by calling (800) 221-4424, ext. 383.