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**“Case Review: Business Email Compromise and Social Engineering”**

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Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register [here](#).

**Registration deadline: October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

Cost: Members & Associates of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter: \$10  
All others: \$20

CPE: Qualifies for 1 credit hour of continuing professional education. Attendance certificates will be emailed after the event.

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## TWO HOUR VIRTUAL ETHICS TRAINING

**Coming November 2020**

The Chapter will be hosting a virtual two hour ethics training event in November this year. Stay tuned for further information!

Anyone with information on suspected fraud, abuse, or victimization related to long-term care or assisted living facilities, please report it to the Western PA #COVID19 Fraud Task Force:

- Toll Free Hotline:  
1-888-C19-WDPA or 1-888-219-9372
- Email:  
[Usapaw.covid19@usdoj.gov](mailto:Usapaw.covid19@usdoj.gov)

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(<https://twitter.com/USAttyBrady/status/1301493721012342784?s=03>)

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U.S. Postal Service Agent Neil Hennigan and Special Agent Chase Clowser will discuss an ongoing Business Email Compromise/Social Engineering case. Business email compromise (BEC) is one of the most financially damaging online crimes. In a BEC scam, criminals send an email message that appears to come from a known source making a legitimate request. Scammers might spoof an email account or website, send spear-phishing emails, or use malware. Learn more [here](#). Social engineering is the most common technique deployed by criminals, adversaries, competitors, and spies to exploit humans and computer networks using deception through manipulation of human behavior. Phishing, phishing campaigns, and spear-phishing are just a few examples of social engineering. Learn more [here](#).

Agent Neil Hennigan is a Pittsburgh area native and graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. Neil served as an Artillery Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps before becoming a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service, where he served at the Pittsburgh Field Office on the Financial Crimes Task Force and in the Presidential Protection Division. He currently serves as an Inspector with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigating external crimes, mail theft and workplace violence.

**Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.**

**Register [here](#)!**

### **Diversity Committee Chair**

In recognition and support of the diverse Greater Pittsburgh community we serve, the Chapter seeks to fill a newly created Diversity Committee Chair position. Anyone interested is encouraged to consider self-nominating for the position, which will hold a 1-year term by emailing chapter president Bernie Rafferty at [brafferty@schneiderdowns.com](mailto:brafferty@schneiderdowns.com). The person self-nominating for the position must be a chapter member. To join the Chapter, please visit <https://acfe-pgh.org/join.php>. The Chairperson will report to the board of directors and executive committee. This new position creates opportunities for the Chapter to foster more diversity in the community of fraud examiners in service to the larger community.

### **\$8 MILLION HEIST FROM THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH**

Smithsonian Magazine featured an article in September about rare books, maps and artworks that vanished from the library over the past 25 years. In the spring of 2017, library administration learned that many rare books and archives were gone. It was the most extensive theft from an American library in at least a century, with the value of stolen objects estimated to be \$8 million. Read the fascinating story [here](#).

## Student of the Month

The Chapter is seeking nominations for Student of the Month. If you know of a student with interest in the field of fraud prevention and deterrence, investigation and/or law, and who has excelled academically, shown leadership initiative, or provided notable service within their college and/or community, please consider nominating them to be recognized by the Chapter! Anyone interested in submitting a nominee or learning more about the Student of the Month program should email Higher Education Director Aaryn Hogue at [ahogue@gleasonexperts.com](mailto:ahogue@gleasonexperts.com).

## New Report Reveals How Cyber Attackers ‘Cash Out’ Following Large Scale Heists

SWIFT and BAE Systems Applied Intelligence published ‘Follow the Money,’ a new report that describes the complex web of money mules, front companies and cryptocurrencies that criminals use to siphon funds from the financial system after a cyber-attack. Download the report [here](#).



### Federal Agents Execute Search Warrants at Brighton Rehabilitation, Mt. Lebanon Site

Federal agents executed search warrants at Mt. Lebanon Rehabilitation and Wellness Center and Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Beaver County, which had already been under scrutiny by the state attorney general’s office in a separate investigation. [Read More](#)

### Former Employee Pleads Guilty to Stealing \$189,000 From Pittsburgh Tech Company

An Oakmont man pleaded guilty on charges that he stole about \$189,000 from a cybersecurity firm that he used to work for. [Read More](#)

### Four Charged With Helping Inmates in Scam to Get Pandemic Unemployment Payments

Federal authorities have charged four people with helping inmates to apply for pandemic unemployment assistance benefits for which they were not eligible. [Read More](#)

### Congressional Panel Seeks Review of Philips Ventilator Contract

A congressional subcommittee is seeking a government probe of a \$646 million contract that was awarded in April to the parent company of Philips Respironics for hospital ventilators. [Read More](#)

### Ex-Executive at Two Companies Indicted on Fraud Counts

A West Mifflin woman was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of defrauding two companies for which she worked as a top executive. [Read More](#)

### Local Contractor And His Wife Accused Of Fraudulently Receiving More Than \$1M

A local contractor and his wife are facing charges, accused of getting more than \$1 million through fraud. [Read More](#)

### U.S. Marshals Seek Fugitive Woman Accused of Social Security Fraud, False Imprisonment

U.S. Marshals are searching for a Washington County woman who is accused of Social Security fraud and resident payee fraud after investigators discovered she failed to spend the payments for the benefit of her sister. [Read More](#)

### Father And Son Accused Of Collecting Thousands Of Dollars From Homeowners And Failing To Complete Improvement Jobs

A father and son are facing felony charges spanning multiple counties. [Read More](#)

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### Upcoming Events

- [Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – Virtual Meeting](#)
- [November 2020 TBD – Two Hour Virtual Ethics Training](#)
- [Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Virtual Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – Meeting TBD](#)  
Speakers: Stephanie Rosenthal (CMU) and Rachel Chung (William & Mary)  
Topic: Ms. Rosenthal and Ms. Chung will share their work funded by the ACFE Research Institute
- [Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – Meeting TBD](#)
- [Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – Meeting TBD](#)
- [Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – Meeting TBD](#)
- [Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – Meeting TBD](#)
- [May 2021 TBD – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar \(Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs\)](#)
- [Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – Meeting TBD, Officer and Director Elections](#)

[Watch for more information on upcoming events!](#)