



2024 AONE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AUG 6-9, 2024



***AONE Annual Survivors Fund Golf
Tournament***

August 5, 2024-Battle Creek Golf Club



Conference Class Schedule

Tuesday, August 6, 2024-

0800-1200-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

1200-1300 -OPENING CEREMONIES- (HARD ROCK LIVE)

1300-1700- Surviving "The Job" and the American Mafia: Mental and Physical Stressors/Trauma and Substance Abuse Associated with the Duties of Law Enforcement (HARD ROCK LIVE)

Giovanni Rocco- Retired FBI Task Force Officer

Giovanni Rocco was the FBI undercover at the epicenter of several federal undercover operations. His most recent assignment in Operation Charlie Horse ultimately brought down several high-ranking members and associates of the infamous NJ DeCavalcante Mafia family, the criminal organization known as "The Real Sopranos". Giovanni's successes have been covered in dozens of newspapers, television, and social media channels throughout the world and are now told in his critically acclaimed book "Giovanni's Ring: My Life Inside The Real Sopranos". Giovanni's Ring is not just simply a chronicle of Giovanni's heart-stopping adventures in the murky and dangerous criminal underworld he inhabited, but also a fascinating window into the psychological and physiological struggles that such a life inevitably entails.

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

0800-1200

- **Fentanyl/Opioid OD Death/Murder investigations- Tim Beck -SEQUOYAH-1**



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- *Human Intelligence and Risk Mitigation-Selby Smith -***SEQUOYAH 2**
 - *Building a Conspiracy Case Local and National- Matt Leonard/John Bandle-***SEQUOYAH-3**
 - *Synthetic Drugs and Investigations -Bruce Gentner* **SEQUOYAH 4**
 - *Currency of the Hustle: Intersection of Narcotics & Human Trafficking -Nichole King/ Steven Gunderson-***SEQUOYAH 5**
 - **WORKSHOP:** *Hacking the Apple Airtag- Josh Person-***DEER 1**
 - *\$50 per student, see description for details (registration needed for materials, email Patty at pfigueroa@obn.ok.gov)*

0800-1700 *Prosecutors School* **SEQUOYAH 6**

1200-1300 **LUNCH PROVIDED BY AONE**

1300-1700

- *Seeking Justice: A Case Study of Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Committed by LLDM Megachurch Leader Naason Joaquin Garcia - Rachel Capello/Steve Stover* **SEQUOYAH 1**
- *Marijuana-Induced Homicide and Prosecution-Case Study -Steven Jenkins/Audry Nafziger* **SEQUOYAH 2**
- *Evolution of Criminal Patrol-Branson Perry-***SEQUOYAH 3**
- *Drug ID and Trends - Tamara Keller-***SEQUOYAH 4**
- *Contraband Identification and Investigation- John Tice-***SEQUOYAH 5**
- *Courtroom Testimony/Legal Update- James Hutchison/Mitch Thrower -***DEER 1**
- *Money Laundering in a Casino Environment -Danielle Brashear-***DEER 2**

0800-1700 *AONE Drug Prosecutor School-***SEQUOYAH 6**



Thursday, August 8, 2024

0800-1130

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0800-1700 PROSECUTOR SCHOOL **SEQUOYAH 6**

1130-1200

Region One Meeting-Sequoyah 1

Region Two Meeting-Sequoyah2

Region Three Meeting-Sequoyah 3

Region Four Meeting-Deer 1

Region Five Meeting-Deer 2

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1900- AONE Awards Banquet (Doors Open at 1830) Sequoyah Ballroom

Friday, August 9, 2024

0800-1200 (4 hrs MH)- **"Shots Fired" Officer Wellness and Resiliency**

Michael Martinez- San Diego PD

Michael Martinez is a San Diego native and has been an Officer with the San Diego Police Department for 7 years. He was hired by the San Diego Police Department in 2016. Officer Martinez has been involved in four Officer Involved Shootings and two off-duty critical incidents. In November 2019, he took advantage of a career and life-changing opportunity offered by the San Diego Police Department's Wellness Unit. Officer Martinez entered a first responder-only treatment center where he was diagnosed with PTSD. By accepting the help that was offered to him, he was able to save his life, marriage, career, and spirituality.



Officer Martinez now shares his story of struggle and resilience with fellow law enforcement officers. Officer Martinez is currently assigned to the San Diego Police Department Wellness Unit and truly believes his new assignment is his calling to help others who are struggling in silence

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS :

Marijuana-Induced Homicide and Prosecution-Case Study

Captain Steven Jenkins-23 year Veteran Ventura County Sheriff's Office, CA

Senior Deputy D.A. Audry L. Nafziger- Ventura County District Attorney's Office

The case study will be given by the lead prosecutor and lead homicide investigator for a case that attracted international media attention. The case involved a 27-year-old female audiologist, Bryn Spejcher, and a 26-year-old male accountant, Chad O'Melia. After dating for just two weeks, Bryn and Chad decided to smoke marijuana together at his apartment. After smoking marijuana, Bryn experienced auditory and visual hallucinations, including violent command hallucinations. Bryn took Chad by surprise in his living room stabbing him over 100 times with three different knives. Body camera footage captured the deputies entering a horrific bloody crime scene wherein they found Bryn hovering over Chad while stabbing herself in the neck. Bryn was arrested and initially prosecuted for murder. Defense experts opined that Bryn was in a state of cannabis-induced psychosis at the time of the homicide. This presentation will discuss the challenges, pitfalls, and legal limitations in the California justice system relating to drug-induced crimes, along with how cannabis-induced psychosis was not understood or initially investigated, and the proper steps to take should such a situation present itself to you.

Seeking Justice: A Case Study of Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking committed by LLDM Megachurch Leader Naason Joaquin Garcia

Rachel Capello-Special Agent in Charge-28 years California DOJ Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and Bureau of Investigation

Steve Stover- California Highway Patrol Officer-18 years, Task Force Agent/Forensic Examiner Central Valley HIDTA.

A case study of the sexual exploitation committed by megachurch leader Naason Joaquin Garcia, who was the head of La Luz Del Mundo (LLDM), an international religious organization headquartered in Mexico with reportedly over five million followers in 52 countries worldwide. Garcia coerced children into performing sexual acts by telling them if



they went against any of his desires or wishes as “the Apostle,” they were going against God. He used his power, his position of trust and authority, to take advantage of children. He relied on those around him to groom congregants for the purpose of sexual assault. Garcia committed these crimes between 2015 and 2018. In 2022, Garcia was convicted in California of multiple felony counts of sexual assault involving minors. He is serving state prison time and is pending federal charges. This course will educate law enforcement personnel and prosecutors on multi-jurisdiction, high-profile investigations, case management, investigative techniques, victim rescue missions, and courtroom challenges. Additionally, the course will provide detailed instruction on handling, seizing, processing, and reviewing evidence from digital devices, the footprint found today in almost every crime.

Drug ID and Trends

Tamara Keller- Retired Senior Forensics Chemist-DEA, Technical Trainer 908 Devices Field Forensics Group

This class covers the major classes of controlled substances. These include stimulants, narcotics, designer drugs, and most of the new opiate-type drugs. In addition, there will be current information regarding trends and important topics in keeping up to date in all things related to the drug trade.

Fentanyl/Opioid Overdose Death/Murder Investigations

Detective Tim Beck- 25 years Las Vegas Metropolitan PD-Retired

This course will touch on the history of the opioid epidemic and how we got to the current Fentanyl crisis. The course will focus on the initial response to a possible Fentanyl overdose or death in the field, officer safety issues, what the initial first responders should do when responding to these scenes, and how to decide if a detective response is necessary. We will discuss several case studies with successful prosecutions. Finally, we will discuss effective education methods in attempts to effectively combat and lower the overdoses in our communities. The course is beneficial for first responders, patrol officers, special agents, detectives, and supervisors.

Hacking the Apple Airtag (2 hr CLEET)

Josh Person- Former USMC Reconnaissance Marine, SURTEC INC,



*In this workshop, students will use custom hardware to leverage the Apple Airtag network. Students will learn all about how Apple Airtags work and how to utilize the Airtag network and technology with non-Apple hardware as an investigative tool. Students will leave the class with a custom device that acts as an Airtag to circumvent Apple's privacy/security protections and the associated knowledge and software to utilize it. **COST: \$ 50 PER STUDENT FOR COST OF MATERIALS THAT YOU TAKE HOME WITH YOU! Only open to conference attendees.***

Contraband Identification and Investigations

John Tice- Department of Corrections/OBN Anti/Heroin Task Force Officer

This class covers indicators of contraband-related activity in or near a correctional setting, the importance of intelligence collection related to this topic, understanding the role of Gangs and narcotics trafficking related to the introduction of contraband, understanding the role of the ODOC Office of the Inspector and the OBNDD/ODOC Intelligence Watch Center. Students will gain knowledge on investigative strategies and resources to combat the introduction of contraband as it relates to Gangs and narcotics trafficking. This material is geared for both street crime and correctional investigations.

Human Intelligence and Risk Mitigation

Selby Smith- Retired ASAC-DEA, Assistant Chief of Police Spokane PD, WA-Retired

This session is designed for all levels of experienced law enforcement personnel. Even officers with experience will find value in this session. This session outlines how to identify and manage Human Intelligence (Informant) assets. How to successfully deploy them and how to avoid critical issues that can destroy an investigation and a career at the same time. This session folds in concepts of Risk Mitigation during Informant management, street operations, search warrants, safety plans, and legal considerations.

Building a Conspiracy Case Local and National

Larry "Matt" Leonard-Narcotics Detective Rowan County Sheriff's Office, Salisbury, NC

John Bandle- Assistant District Attorney, District 33, Davidson County, NC



The class will break down two conspiracy cases that were done in different ways to find the similarities and differences in the strategies and the logistics with each case. The case studies include a study about an LSD case that started in Mocksville, NC and ended in Loveland, Colorado. The second case study will cover a methamphetamine case that was developed on a local level leaning heavily on GPS tracker information, phone toll analysis, and surveillance. The goal of the class is to show the details needed to build a successful conspiracy case by using resources such as phone toll analysis, GPS tracker information, pole camera information, financial records, search warrants, post-Miranda interviews, jail phone calls, phone tower information, and confidential informants to go above and beyond to show the connections between the suspects. The underlying goal of the class is to highlight mistakes that were made in the two case studies and how to avoid these same mistakes to ensure less work is needed to accomplish the same results. The class will focus on the strength of working with other agencies, and prosecutors (state of Federal), and leaving ego at the door for the common goal of the successful prosecution of offenders.

Synthetic Drugs and Investigations

Bruce Gentner-Retired Las Vegas Metropolitan PD, DEA HIDTA Task Force Officer,

This course will help officers understand the history and chemistry of synthetic/designer drugs. The class will teach officers how to identify, investigate, handle/dismantle, and prosecute Fentanyl / Synthetic drug operations and organizations. Officers will learn ways to minimize the risks associated with synthetic/designer drug labs and proper PPE. The officer will learn about new federal and state laws pertaining to synthetic/designer drugs as well as current legislation. Officers will participate in case studies dealing with the new age of synthetic/designer drugs

The Evolution of Criminal Patrol

Branson Perry- Agent, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, Oklahoma Highway Patrol-Retired

This course is designed to equip and challenge officers of all experience levels in the areas of criminal patrol as well as be able to identify their strengths and weaknesses as American Police officers. The officers will be instructed on how to successfully navigate their careers ethically, learn the value of mentoring other officers, and identify true leadership qualities in themselves and others.

This course aims to educate law enforcement officers on proper techniques and procedures to successfully and lawfully conduct criminal interdiction patrol stops. This course will



address the different types of criminal activity an officer may encounter on traffic stops, as well as, drug and contraband smuggling. This class will train officers to look beyond a citation. This class is not based on theory or old-school techniques: it is based on current successful operations that have been upheld in state and federal courts in Oklahoma.

Money Laundering in a Casino Environment

Danielle Brashear- Gaming Commissioner -Seneca-Cayuga Nation

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the participants with the Indian Gaming Industry, how tribal casinos are regulated, the most common types of money laundering methods, how Regulators investigate suspicious activity, track money laundering and report to FinCen. This course will provide participants with the anatomy of a casino network, the Casino Management Systems utilized to track guest activities, and the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) programs utilized by casinos to comply with the Bank Secrecy Act and Title 31 Regulations. The course includes surveillance footage of money laundering behaviors.

Currency of the Hustle: Intersection of Narcotics and Human Trafficking

Nichole King-Sergeant Vacaville Police Department, CA

Steven Gunderson-Sergeant Vacaville Police Department, CA

This comprehensive course is meticulously crafted to equip participants with the essential tools required for adeptly navigating and contributing to the prosecution of human trafficking investigations, particularly emphasizing cases involving commercial sex trafficking, pimping, and pandering. Delving into the legal landscape, attendees will gain a thorough understanding of the laws governing human trafficking investigations and learn how to effectively apply these laws in practical scenarios. The course will not only cover current trends in human trafficking but also provide invaluable insights through case debriefs, shedding light on successful strategies and lessons learned from past cases. Special attention will be dedicated to victimology, ensuring participants develop the necessary sensitivity and skills to interact with victims compassionately. Moreover, the course will extensively cover evidence-collection techniques and investigative tools crucial for successful case outcomes. A distinctive feature of the program is its exploration of the intricate link between human trafficking and narcotics trafficking, offering a holistic perspective to better address the multifaceted challenges posed by these interconnected



criminal activities. By the course's conclusion, participants will be well-equipped to contribute effectively to the fight against human trafficking, armed with practical knowledge and a comprehensive skill set.

Courtroom Testimony/Legal Update

Mitch Thrower-Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Legal Team

James Hutchison-Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Legal Team

Courtroom Testimony Training:

Provides an overview of effective courtroom testimony, techniques, and good practice. This course involves subjects concerning the value of good courtroom testimony, the importance of preparation, and things you should do, as well as things you should avoid when giving courtroom testimony.

Legal Update:

Provides a review of recent case law and legislative updates concerning drug laws, 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment issues, and emerging legal trends related to narcotics enforcement. This course will provide particular emphasis on recent Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals decisions and statutory changes.

Drug Prosecutor School Class Schedule

Wednesday, August 7th- (Sequoyah 6)

0900-1200

***Marijuana Induced Homicide and Prosecution
Case Study: State of California v. Bryn Spejcher***



Audry Nafziger- Sr. Deputy District Attorney Ventura County

Captain Steven Jenkins- Ventura County Sheriff's Office

This course is being led by the prosecutor and case agent for the prosecution team in the case against Bryn Spejcher who was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the of Chad O'Melia, whom she stabbed more than 100 times while under the influence of marijuana. This presentation will describe the facts of the case, the legal issues involved and a discussion of what experts refer to as "Cannabis-Induced Psychotic Disorder", which played a large role in this case.

1200-1315 **LUNCH Provided by AONE**

1315-1430 **Emerging Drug Trends- From (THC) A to Xylazine**

Chief Craig Williams- Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

Chief Williams will discuss some of the recent drug trends and what to expect in Oklahoma for prosecutors. From new trends in Marijuana and THC products to dangerous drug additives such as Xylazine.

1430-1440 **BREAK**

1440-1555 **Legal Update**

Josh McGoldrick- Deputy General Counsel Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

This course will provide information about legislative changes as well as updates on recent case law in the Supreme Court, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals as well as select Court of Appeals cases throughout the country.

1555-1600 **Short Break**

1600-1700 **The Ethical Duties of the Prosecutor**

Steve Kunzweiler-District Attorney, Tulsa County District Attorney's Office



This course will discuss the ethical duties of the prosecutor and how to act as an advocate for the citizens of the State of Oklahoma while also living up to the special ethical responsibilities of a minister of justice.

Thursday, August 8th -(Sequoyah 6)

0830-1000 **Preparation and Presentation of a Marijuana Cause in 2024- From Charging to Conviction**

Nick Thurman-Assistant District Attorney Pontotoc County District Attorney's Office

This course will discuss the effective prosecution of a marijuana case and the challenges of doing so in the time of medical marijuana from charging through conviction highlighting real-world experience from the trial of a black market marijuana manufacturer.

1000-1015 **BREAK**

1015-1200 **Introduction to Money Laundering Prosecution**

Michael Patlan Assistant General Counsel Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

This course explains the stages of money laundering and the history of anti-money laundering laws in the United States. It also provides an in-depth review of federal and state money laundering crimes, including a review of the elements of each offense, relevant definitions, and case law, and a comparison between the federal and state statutes.

1200-1315 **LUNCH Provided by AONE**

1315-1530 **Specialized Search Issues in Advanced Investigations**

Judge Scott Rowland- Presiding Judge- Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

This class will provide tips on search and issues that arise in more complex investigations and will cover more advanced and novel search and seizure topics



1530-1545

BREAK

1545-1645

Sui Juris Who? The Ethics of Dealing with Pro Se Litigants

Matt Ballard- District Attorney, District 12 District Attorney's Office

Litigation against a pro se defendant presents a variety of challenges. This course will focus on the legal and ethical issues commonly seen with pro se litigants and provide practical tips on how to effectively present your case while avoiding ethical pitfalls.