

## **FRAUD CONFERENCE 2009** [February 23-27, 2009]

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### ~ **Keynote Speaker** ~

- ***When Houston Has a Problem: NASA's Fight Against Fraud***

**Kevin H. Winters, Brigadier General (Ret.)**

*Head, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General,  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA),  
Washington DC  
UNITED STATES*

When NASA has a problem with fraud or any other economic abuse that has the potential to threaten its programs, they call Kevin Winters. Working within NASA's Office of Inspector General - Mr. Winters oversees all investigations into allegations of fraud, cybercrime and all other forms of misconduct that can negatively impact NASA's operations. A recent example of the kind of fraud they investigate includes the falsification of material test documents by sub contractors, causing NASA to take delivery of potentially dangerous components for missiles and other spacecraft. Mr. Winters will describe his office's unique role on behalf of this iconic agency, and how his unit's fight against fraud helps to safeguard not only the financial, but also the safety and security interests of those involved in the U.S. Space Program.

- ***A Case of Cooperation: The Police and Media Hunt an International Fugitive***

**Hana Gartner**

*Investigative Journalist, The Fifth Estate  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
CANADA*

**Garry Hickey**

*Detective, Fraud Squad  
Toronto Police Service  
CANADA*

Accountant David Reiner defrauded 21 Toronto daycare centres of almost a million dollars, and then fled to Africa leaving his wife and children behind. Travelling between Kenya and Uganda, neither of which have extradition treaties with Canada, he remained beyond the reach of the law, until two veteran investigators - a detective and a journalist - brought their own unique resources to bear in a cooperative effort to bring Reiner to justice. Their hard work resulted in Reiner returning to Canada, where he was charged and pleaded guilty to his crimes. Currently serving time in a Canadian jail, Reiner was the subject of the CBC documentary "*The Disappearing Act*". Veteran Detective Garry Hickey, and multi-award winning investigative journalist Hana Gartner will discuss how the police and the media can assist one another on a successful criminal inquiry while balancing the need to preserve the independence of their own separate investigations.

- ***The Subprime Mortgage Crisis and Mortgage Fraud in America***

**Ken Kaiser**

*Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division*

*Federal Bureau of Investigation*

UNITED STATES

Ken Kaiser has taken the media to task for stories which have suggested that the subprime mortgage crisis could have been averted if the FBI had only made more arrests for mortgage fraud. The Assistant Director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, Mr. Kaiser has stated that the FBI is a law enforcement agency not a financial regulator, and that the mortgage crisis can be attributed not to FBI inaction, but to a combination of aggressive lending practices and inadequate risk management throughout the financial services industry. However, criminality continues to be a reality in the mortgage industry, and since 2004 the FBI'S Criminal Investigative Division has arrested 1000 people and targeted 180 criminal enterprises, focusing on those lenders and buyers involved in multiple frauds, or on cases in which profits were being directed to organized crime. In this timely presentation, Mr. Kaiser will give attendees an accurate account of the nature and extent of American mortgage fraud, and its relationship to the subprime mortgage crisis.

- ***To Catch a Thief: Information Theft Through Social Engineering***

**Jim Stickley**

*Vice President, Engineering, Trace Security,*

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

UNITED STATES

With over 100 successful bank thefts to his credit, Jim Stickley is a superb thief. His story has been featured on *NBC's Today Show*, *20/20*, *Business Week*, and *CNN*. A "social engineering" expert, Mr. Stickley and his associates are hired by large corporations to breach their security, steal their confidential information, and then report back to the company with their results. While organizations spend millions on high tech computer and physical security systems, Mr. Stickley shows them how incredibly vulnerable they are on the human side of security. Planning their heists weeks in advance, Stickley's team impersonates service technicians, building inspectors and other "officials" to gain access to a company's facilities where they install spyware on computers, and steal sensitive documents left lying around the office. In this unique presentation, Jim Stickley will show us why employee awareness and strict adherence to security protocols, are critical to protecting organizations from information theft.

- ***Fraud Far Away: Economic Crime in the Republic of Iceland***

**Helgi Magnus Gunnarson**

*Public Prosecutor, Head of Investigation and Prosecution of Economic Crime,  
The National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police, Reykjavik*  
ICELAND

With a geographically isolated, tightly knit population of only 300,000, Icelanders enjoy relatively low crime rates, and the highest life expectancies in the world. Seven hundred unarmed police officers serve the entire country, and the jail population averages about 100 individuals. While crime is not a large factor in the lives of most Icelanders, they are not immune to the effects of globalization. The *National Police of Iceland* find themselves dealing with the increasing influence of foreign criminal groups involved in money laundering and fraud. Mr. Helgi Magnus Gunnarson, head of the *Investigation and Prosecution of Economic Crime Unit*, for Iceland, will describe the type of activities that pose the greatest challenge to his unit, and how and why, even a relatively isolated country such as Iceland, remains vulnerable to the effects of international economic crime.

- ***“The Outsiders”: Exposing the Secretive World of Ireland’s Travellers***

**Eamon Dillon**

*Investigative Journalist, Sunday World Newspaper  
County Kildare*  
IRELAND

A published author and an investigative journalist specializing in crime with *Ireland’s* largest selling popular newspaper - *Sunday World* - Eamon Dillon has been reporting on the “*Traveller*” community in *Ireland* for many years. His newly published book “*The Outsiders*” provides an inside look into the secretive world of *The Travellers*, many of whom have become involved internationally in credit fraud, home repair scams and home invasions. Eamon will examine the structure and operating methods of these family groups, in this unique presentation.

- ***The Logic Bomber: Cyberfraud, Sabotage and Information Attacks***

**Keith Jones**

*Senior Partner  
Jones Dykstra, Baltimore Maryland*  
UNITED STATES

In December of 2006, Roger Duronio was sentenced to eight years in jail for securities fraud in a case that involved a “logic bomb” that he secretly planted in the computer network of his employer *UBS Paine Webber*. In anticipation of the damage that would occur when the bomb “exploded”, Duronio shorted his company’s stock in hopes of reaping a large profit when the stock fell in value. Keith Jones, who testified as an expert witness in *United States v. Duronio*, will review this case and three others, to highlight what the victims and attackers did right and wrong in terms of attacking and safeguarding computer information resources. The author and/or editor of such reference texts as “*Real Digital Forensics*”, “*Anti Hacker Toolkit*” and “*Incident Response: Investigating Computer Crime*”, Keith will discuss what investigators need to know in order to properly gather and analyze evidence involved in computer based crimes.

- ***Dead and Living In Panama: Faking Your own Death for Financial Gain***

**Tony Hutchinson**

*Detective Superintendent,  
Cleveland Police, Middlesbrough*  
UNITED KINGDOM

In 2002, John Darwin faked his disappearance at sea off of *Hartlepool, England*. When a huge air-sea search failed to turn up his body, and when no trace of him could be found for over a year, Darwin was pronounced dead by the coroner. In 2007, John Darwin walked into a *West London* police to report that he was a “missing” person. What happened to Darwin during those five years is the stuff of a Hollywood screenplay. Following a procedure outlined in the novel *The Day of the Jackal*, Darwin had faked his own death, assumed the identity of a dead infant, and began a new life in *Panama*. In *Panama*, he collected the proceeds of his own life insurance policy and plotted along with his wife (but without the knowledge of their two sons) to escape his massive debts and launch a new business venture. Detective Superintendent Tony Hutchinson will present this real-life crime drama, and the fascinating investigation which followed. They don’t get any better than this.

- ***The Illegal Paralegal: A Look at Alberta’s Largest-Ever Mortgage Fraud***

**Orest Yereniuk, Michelle Doyle, Cheryl Schlecker**

*Chief Crown Prosecutor, Project Infiltrate Prosecutors  
Alberta Justice and Attorney General, Edmonton*  
CANADA

Terry Ellis, a 61 year old matronly Edmonton paralegal, was recently convicted of supporting a criminal organization by helping to swindle real estate investors out of nearly \$30 million dollars. This is believed to be the first conviction of its kind in Canada, and was part of the largest mortgage fraud scheme in Alberta’s history. Special Prosecutors Orest Yereniuk, Michelle Doyle and Cheryl Schlecker, will give attendees a first hand account of how Ellis carried out the scheme while working for an Edmonton law firm, and at how police and prosecutors managed the multi-year prosecution involving hundreds of witnesses.

- ***Money Laundering and Tax Havens: An International Overview***

**Jack Blum**

*Counsel  
Baker Hostetler, Washington DC*  
UNITED STATES

One of the leading white-collar defence attorneys in the United States today, Jack Blum previously served as Staff Attorney for the United States Senate, and frequently testifies before Congressional Committees on money laundering and tax evasion. He is the co-author of *Financial Havens, Banking Secrecy & Money Laundering*. His expertise on the topics of money laundering and tax havens, means that he is frequently called upon as an expert by government agencies and private litigants. A highly experienced speaker, Mr. Blum has spoken before the UN, the IMF, and the World Bank. Jack Blum will provide conference attendees with a detailed overview of money laundering and tax havens in the international arena.

- ***Cyberfraud: A Global Challenge***

**Jonathan J. Rusch**

*Special Counsel for Fraud Prevention, Fraud Section, Criminal Division*  
*U.S. Department of Justice, Washington DC*  
UNITED STATES

Jonathan J. Rusch, is Deputy Chief of Strategy and Policy in the Fraud Section of the USDOJ, and has served with both the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the President's Commission on Organized Crime. With the growing power of the Internet in global commerce and communications, the reach of both traditional and new forms of criminal activity has expanded exponentially. Professor Rusch will examine the many global challenges associated with investigating and prosecuting the exploding field of cyberfraud.

- ***Sweaty Palms and Big Bucks: California's "Rent-a-Patient" Scam***

**Nathan Surface**

*Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation*  
*Los Angeles California*  
UNITED STATES

Dr. William Hampton was sentenced to a decade in jail, and Dr. Mamdouh Bahna got five years for their parts in defrauding insurance companies out of over 9 million dollars. The scheme involved the aggressive recruitment of hundreds of people who had private health insurance and were willing to undergo unnecessary medical procedures in exchange for money or discounts on cosmetic surgery. These "rental patients" were coached on how to describe false symptoms, and underwent such procedures as a colonoscopy for \$300, and "sweaty palm surgery" for \$1200. Special Agent Nathan Surface will take attendees through this unique investigation, and will discuss the many challenges the case encountered in court.

- ***Evasion Havens: The German Experience Confronting Tax Fraud***

**Eduard Gueroff**

*Public Prosecutor*  
*Bochum Prosecutors Office, North Rhine Westphalia*  
GERMANY

In the new globalized economy it has become much easier for people to hide assets in tax havens and much more difficult for the authorities to follow their trail. It is estimated that governments worldwide lose 250 billion dollars a year to tax evasion. With the stakes this high many countries such as Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and Germany have launched new initiatives designed to combat tax cheats. Prosecutor Eduard Gueroff will discuss the recent German experience confronting tax evaders and the challenges posed by the use of "on" and "offshore" tax havens to conceal capital.

- ***The Devil Sells Prada: Organized Crime Financing and Counterfeit Designer Goods***

**Lorne Lipkus**

*Counsel, Partner, Kestenberg, Siegal, Lipkus LLP*

*Toronto*

CANADA

A founding partner of the law firm *Kestenberg, Siegal, Lipkus*, Lorne Lipkus specializes in intellectual property litigation, with his primary focus being anti-counterfeiting enforcement. He has a long history of working cooperatively with the law enforcement community, and is often called upon to assist in the search for, and seizure of, bogus merchandise. Lorne will discuss how to identify counterfeit merchandise, and the effect of counterfeiting on business and the economy. And especially relevant in today's post 9/11 environment, he will talk about the recent dramatic increase in the counterfeiting of consumer goods, and the disturbing link to organized crime and terrorist financing.

- ***God's Fraud Squad: British Columbia's Crime Fighting Clergymen***

**Father Seamus Mackrell** *Catholic Priest*

**Reverend John Haycock** *Presbyterian Minister*

*British Columbia*

CANADA

Those who prey on those who pray now can no longer do so with impunity, not since the advent of God's Fraud Squad. Crime fighting clergymen Seamus Mackrell and John Haycock work together, with the support of British Columbia's Securities Commission, to prevent and uncover fraud in the province's religious communities. Fraudsters who join a religious community find it easy to take advantage of the high level of trust which exists amongst the members, and they have done so with disastrous results. Community members are traditionally reluctant to come forward and tell "outsiders", including the authorities, about being victims of fraud, and fraudsters take advantage of this. This situation has begun to change in British Columbia's Fraser Valley however, due to the extraordinary efforts of God's Fraud Squad!

- ***Fraud and Terrorism: The Current Issues***

**Pat Morris**

*Detective Staff Sergeant, Provincial Anti -Terrorist Section*  
*Ontario Provincial Police*  
CANADA

Detective Sergeant Pat Morris holds a Masters Degree in International Relations, and has travelled extensively, throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, working as a both a teacher and a journalist. In 1996, he joined the *Ontario Provincial Police* as a civilian intelligence analyst specializing in organized crime and terrorism. Pat subsequently became a sworn law enforcement officer and has since worked in various intelligence and investigative capacities. He currently serves as Manager of the Provincial Anti-Terrorism Section, and is also attached to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team otherwise known as (INSET). Pat Morris has lectured extensively to Government, academic and police leaders, both in Canada and abroad, on a wide range of intelligence and terrorism related issues. Pat will discuss the current relationships that exist between fraud, organized crime and terrorism.

- ***The Ugly Side of the Beautiful Game: Fraud and Corruption in Professional Soccer***

**Declan Hill**

*Oxford University*  
UNITED KINGDOM

Declan Hill is an investigative journalist, documentary maker, and television news anchor, who has worked for both the CBC and the BBC. His specialty is reporting on organized crime and international issues. In the last few years he has completed documentaries on the Canadian Mafia, Blood Feuds in Kosovo, and Ethnic Cleansing in Iraq. His documentaries have been featured on *PBS Frontline*; and in 2007, he won the *Canadian Association of Journalists Award*, for best investigative radio documentary.

Declan recently completed his Ph.D. at *Oxford University*, where his research interest was corruption in professional soccer. In September of 2008, he released his latest book *The Fix: Soccer and Organized Crime*, which has been described as “fascinating”, “explosive”, and “based on solid research.”

Fraud in professional sports and its link to organized crime, is a topic that has never been featured before at the *International Fraud Investigators Conference* - until now. In what promises to be an eye opening look inside professional sports, Declan will describe how organized crime figures in both Asia and the United Kingdom, have corrupted *The Beautiful Game* for criminal profit.

- ***Back on Track: IMET and the Challenges of Tackling White Collar Crime***

### **Kevin Harrison**

*Superintendent, Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET)*  
*Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto*  
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Kevin Harrison was a promising junior hockey player when he joined the RCMP. He joined because his uncle had been a police officer. After serving for 28 years with the RCMP, Mr. Harrison “retired” and became a lawyer, specializing in commercial crime cases. In November of 2007, he was coaxed out of retirement to head a team of financial investigators in the white collar crime section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police’s, *Integrated Market Enforcement Team*, better known as IMET.

The members of this team were reportedly worn down by years of working away on the same cases, and many felt that their labours were being ignored. The unit faced pointed criticism from those who said that it was ineffective and lacked focus. When Kevin Harrison took over as head of this team, he stepped into the middle of two of the largest corporate crime investigations in Canadian history – **Nortel** and **Royal Group**, investigations that had been ongoing since 2004. In June of 2008, fraud related criminal charges were laid in both of those investigations.

Kevin Harrison will talk about how he and his unit were able to maintain focus on their investigative tasks, while at the same time addressing their critics and implementing government recommendations designed to improve their unit’s effectiveness.