Using the Dark Web in Sex Trafficking Investigations

*Please bring a laptop.

Selah Way and PLET invite you to participate in an innovative training program that is one of a kind. Selah way trainers are experts in the field of Human Trafficking. PLET trainers are experts in the area of the Dark Web. Selah Way and PLET have combined their many years of experience to create a training program that will teach investigators the dynamics of sex trafficking and the use of the Dark Web to locate sex traffickers hiding in areas of the internet that go unchecked by most law enforcement officers.

Criminals are increasingly utilizing the Dark Web to conduct their illicit activities to include advertising sex trafficking and child-exploitation crimes. Investigators should have a basic understanding of the different types of the web to include the surface web, deep web, and dark web in order to expand and complete their investigations.

This course will include detailed information on popular "Market Places" where most criminal activity takes place. In addition, investigators will receive in-depth information concerning various forums where sex trafficking activities are occurring.

Investigators will learn various techniques on how to access the dark web with an emphasis on operational security when using secure devices, Tails operating system, and encrypted email addresses to communicate with sex traffickers. Investigators will also learn how Cryptocurrency is utilized as a method of payment on the dark web. Bitcoin, Monero, and Zcash are preferred payment types on many marketplaces. Investigators will learn the fundamentals of cryptocurrency, blockchain technology, and cryptocurrency wallets. With skills learned in this training investigators will be able to follow the cryptocurrency trails and utilize of "De-Anonymization" assisting Investigators in positively identifying targets within their investigations. Various tracking techniques will be presented to demonstrate methods of identifying criminals using crypto currency on the dark web.

This highly interactive training will include live demonstrations on various marketplaces and forums will be conducted. Investigators will have the opportunity to establish covert dark web accounts and crypto currency wallets. Investigators will be provided crypto currency and will conduct controlled transactions from covert law enforcement vendors on the dark web. Investigators will utilize information presented in the course to follow the crypto currency addresses to positively identify the targets.