

# CRACKING THE DIGITAL CASE



## Understanding investigations in: Snapchat, Telegram, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook Venmo, Cash App and WhatsApp

The ability for anyone to download a social media app, and have instant access to narcotics, has turned a younger generation into prolific drug dealers who call themselves plugs. These plugs, using social media applications, have made connections from coast to coast and around the world. This new generation of plugs has entered the drug dealing mainstream and effect every level of society. The advent of making payments through apps electronically has also streamlined the illicit flow of cash.

This course will teach investigators how to complete investigations involving Snapchat, Telegram, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Venmo, Cash App and WhatsApp. This course will also show investigators the basics of how to use the platforms, the information needed for preservation requests and search warrants, how to submit court orders through the different law enforcement portals, and how to decipher the data received pursuant to warrants and locate evidence. This course will provide investigators with the techniques to capture information in the apps; the ability to use advanced investigative tools like pen registers, pinging cars, and fog data; the language and lingo used to buy and sell drugs; and case studies to accompany each of the social media and financial applications.