



# AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2026**

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST **SPONSORED BY KING SOOPERS** 7:45AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS 8:15AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – ERIN WEST 8:30AM

FOUNDER AND CEO OF OPERATION SHAMROCK

**We are at Crisis Level: Inside the Global Scam Industrial Complex**

*Pig butchering scams aren't fraud — they're a criminal industry. Backed by trafficking networks, cryptocurrency corridors, and complicit financial infrastructure, these syndicates have turned human suffering into a multi-billion dollar enterprise. Operation Shamrock founder Erin West brings two hours of investigative field experience, prosecutorial strategy, and coalition intelligence directly to the people who have the power to disrupt it: you.*

MORNING BREAK 10:30AM

SUSIE GERMANY, ESQ. & TOM RODRIGUEZ, ESQ. 10:45AM

**Elder Fraud/Exploitation-An Overview of Powers of Attorney, Guardians, Conservators and Trustees and how Probate Attorneys work to protect seniors and vulnerable adults**

*We will discuss the basics of guardians and conservators and the roles of trustees, their authority and the differences between them and agents under powers of attorney. We will also cover the crossover between probate and criminal cases where financial exploitation, kidnapping and extortion/undue influence occur.*

NETWORKING LUNCH – LOS ARCOS MEXICAN 11:45AM

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LASHAE WOODARD, VP ENT/WINGS CREDIT UNION 1:00PM  
KATE NEECE, FRAUD DETECTION LEAD ENT/WINGS CREDIT UNION  
AURELIA FLING, CRIMES AND SECURITY MANAGER CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO  
MEREDITH REGEN, FRAUD AND CARD OPERATIONS MANAGER ELEVATIONS CREDIT UNION  
SARA IGO, MANAGER FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS, CANVAS CREDIT UNION

### **The Case Before the Chase**

*Financial crime investigations are significantly more effective when financial institutions collaborate closely with law enforcement agencies. This session will explore how banks and credit unions are notified of potential financial fraud and elder abuse—whether through automated alerts, frontline employee referrals, or customer reports. We will discuss the internal investigative processes institutions use to assess suspicious activity and determine when a case warrants referral to law enforcement. Additionally, we will examine the key challenges institutions face when building cases, particularly those involving organized fraud rings, and highlight strategies to strengthen coordination and case development efforts.*

AFTERNOON BREAK 3:00PM

JARED LOBATO, NETWORK INTRUSION FORENSIC ANALYST USSS 3:15PM

### **Adversarial AI Use**

*Nation-state actors are using frontier models (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini) to conduct autonomous agentic cyber-attacks. We will also cover running uncensored local models and local agentic AI. The ease of use, but the necessity of hardware, creates a dichotomy that illustrates some of the challenges facing the world geopolitically.*

ENDING REMARKS AND DRAWING 4:15PM

EVENING NETWORKING EVENT **SPONSORED BY DEVSEC** 5:00PM

*Satire Brewing Company, 12136 Grant Circle, #B, Thornton, Colorado*



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7:45AM

ANALYST PANEL FEATURING LISA GAMBOA, USPIS AND  
BRANDI URENDA, LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

8:00AM

### **Hunt Club Mail Theft Collaboration Case**

*We will walk through a joint investigation with our agencies, Denver Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.*

MORNING BREAK

9:50AM

JOANNA SUMMERS, VP PUBLIC SECTION - VALID8 FINANCIAL

10:00AM

CONNOR NANKES, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT MANAGER – VALID8 FINANCIAL

### **Tracing Stolen Benefits: A Real-World Case Study on Financial Crime Analysis**

*This presentation explores a compelling real-world case from the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office, where financial forensics played a pivotal role in prosecuting a mother for child neglect leading to homicide. Investigators uncovered that the suspect - a trained nurse - had withheld life-saving medication from her special-needs daughter, resulting in the child's death, while continuing to collect and misuse the victim's disability benefit payments for personal expenses. By analyzing over four years of records, over one thousand pages, across six bank accounts, the financial crimes unit traced the siphoned funds, exposed clear patterns of fraud and financial neglect, and established a strong motive tied to personal gain, enabling charges and a successful prosecution. The case highlights how rapid financial tracing can transform complex investigations.*



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DEBBIE FOX, SELF EMPLOYED

11:00AM

## **Catch Me As I Fall: Rising from the Wreckage**

*Financial crime investigators confront increasingly sophisticated, transnational schemes that exploit technology, psychology, and systemic gaps. While case development focuses on tracing funds, identifying offenders, and coordinating across jurisdictions, the human aftermath of financial crime often remains unseen. In this candid session, Debbie Fox shares lived experience from the collapse that followed sophisticated cyber fraud—offering insight into trauma response, victim behavior under manipulation, and the systemic fragmentation that can occur after disclosure. Drawing from collaboration with investigators and financial crime professionals, this presentation affirms why the tireless work of investigators matters deeply to the communities they serve. Attendees will gain perspective on victim impact, inflection points for intervention, and opportunities to strengthen trauma-informed, coordinated responses across the financial crime ecosystem.*

NETWORKING LUNCH – RED ROBIN BURGER BAR

11:50AM

SARAH MITCHELL, CDHS EBT SUPERVISOR

1:00PM

DAVID KRASNOW, CDHS EBT FRAUD SPECIALIST

## **Protecting EBT and Public Assistance Benefits; Addressing the Growing Threat of Third Party Fraud**

*The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) will provide a high-level overview of SNAP and Cash Assistance programs. The presentation will focus on the EBT card, the impact of electronic benefit theft (third-party fraud) on Colorado EBT cardholders, and common fraud schemes identified in Colorado. We will also review applicable federal and state rules governing information sharing outside human services and investigative processes. Time will be reserved for questions and discussion.*

AFTERNOON BREAK

2:00PM



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DOUG CASH, SENIOR MANAGER - EIDE BAILLY, LLP

2:15PM

## **Ethics in Action, Doing the Right Thing When No One is Watching**

*This discussion on ethics explores the importance of ethics in both personal and professional settings, emphasizing how ethical principles guide behavior, decision-making, and organizational culture. It distinguishes ethics from morals, examines how ethical dilemmas arise, and explains psychological concepts such as ethical fading, normalization of deviance, confirmation bias, and psychological distancing that can influence individuals to rationalize unethical behavior. The presentation highlights the consequences of ethical lapses, including legal, financial, reputational, and societal harm—while also outlining the tangible benefits of ethical conduct, such as trust, transparency, accountability, and long-term success. It concludes by stressing the role of ethical leadership, the value of open dialogue, and the need for continuous ethical awareness to foster integrity, responsible decision-making, and a strong ethical culture in the workplace and the broader community.*

ENDING REMARKS AND DRAWING

4:15PM



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**Erin West** is the founder of Operation Shamrock, a global nonprofit uniting law enforcement, industry, and everyday citizens to disrupt the world's fastest-growing form of transnational organized crime: pig butchering scams. After 26 years as a prosecutor—including eight on the REACT High-Tech Task Force, where she became known for her relentless pursuit of crypto criminals—Erin now leads a cross-border fight to expose the scam economy, mobilize action, and protect both victims and the trafficked workers forced to run these schemes. She is also the host of *Stolen*, a podcast that brings listeners inside the darkest corners of the academic, where love is weaponized, billions are laundered, and real people pay the price. A sought-after speaker and educator, Erin continues to equip and inspire audiences around the world to use their skills, platforms, and tools to fight back.

**Thomas (Tom) A. Rodriguez** is a Denver-based attorney and Partner at [Lathrop GPM](#) specializing in trust and estate litigation, fiduciary representation, and contested guardianships/conservatorships. With over 20 years of experience, he is a recognized expert in probate litigation, a [Super Lawyers](#) selectee (2015-2026), and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and the Colorado Bar Association.

**Nancy Susan (Susie) Germany, Esq.**, is the principal attorney and owner of [The Germany Law Firm, P.C.](#) in Colorado, specializing in elder law, estate planning, probate, and special needs planning. Licensed in Colorado, Alaska, and Wyoming, she is a recognized expert in special needs planning and probate with over 20 years of experience, [Super Lawyers](#) selectee (2020-2026) and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and active leader in the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and the Colorado Bar Association.

**Jared Lobato** serves as a Network Intrusion Forensic Analyst for the United States Secret Service. His work focuses on network intrusions, ransomware response, digital device exploitation, and suspect attribution in support of federal, state and local investigations. In addition to operational casework, Jared conducts applied research on emerging cybersecurity threats, and the practical integration of Artificial intelligence into investigative workflows. He works with the International Programs Division to teach digital forensics, cybersecurity, and AI to judicial and law enforcement professionals across nine countries.

**Lisa Gamboa** has been an Investigative Criminal Analyst for the U.S Postal Inspection Service since 2011. USPIS is a Federal Law Enforcement Agency supporting the USPS. She supports the Mail Theft and Violent Crimes team. My focus is on USPS carrier robberies, mailbox break-ins, and mail/ID theft.

**Joanna Summers** is the VP of Public Sector at Valid8 Financial. From 2013 - 2022 with the U.S. Marshals Service, including as Assistant Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Division's Complex Assets Unit, Joanna pioneered the Department of Justice's first cryptocurrency forfeiture processes. She managed portfolios exceeding \$3 billion, directed cryptocurrency liquidations, scaled security procedures for high-value seizures, and provided financial analyses to DOJ Investigative Agencies and Assistant U.S. Attorneys on complex asset forfeitures, including businesses and financial instruments. Joanna is also the Board President of the IAFCI Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

**Conner Nantkes** is a Government Account Manager for Valid8 financial. Since 2024, he has worked with dozens of government agencies on their financial investigations.

**Debbie Fox** is a resident of Arvada, Colorado so she brings a local connection Ms. Fox is a published author, cyber fraud survivor and national advocate working at the intersection of victim impact and financial crime investigation. She has collaborated with professionals associated with the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators, appeared on the Protectors Podcast, and presented alongside law enforcement leaders and policy stakeholders to advance awareness and systemic response.

**Sarah Mitchell** has been an employee of CDHS for 12 years. For the past 9 years, she has worked within Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). Her primary focus is on all things EBT-related, including but not limited to monitoring and supporting the EBT program, system enhancements, policy clarification, providing technical assistance, and supporting county partners in administering the EBT program. During the other three years at CDHS, she supported the Adult Financial and Colorado Works programs. She has 24 years of experience working with public assistance programs in various roles in Arapahoe and Adams Counties.

**David Krasnown** has served as the EBT Fraud Specialist for the Colorado Department of Human Services since October 2018. His primary focus is on all things EBT- and fraud-related, including, but not limited to, overseeing second-party review agreements, EBT card inventory, fraud reports, supporting county partners, and data requests. Before joining CDHS, David worked with the Denver County Department of Human Services in several customer-focused roles, including eligibility determination, case troubleshooting, and EBT card issuance. David entered the human services field after more than 20 years as a market research project manager, bringing strong analytical, problem-solving, and client service expertise to his work in public service.

**Doug Cash** is a senior manager in Eide Bailly's Fraud & Forensic Advisory Services with 19 + years of conducting fraud investigations as a forensic accountant and 28 years of law enforcement experience with an emphasis in white collar crime. He has been the lead investigator in diverse types of fraud related investigations, including embezzlement, theft by misrepresentation, money laundering, identity theft, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, and Ponzi and Pyramid schemes. Doug is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), a Certified Forensic Interviewer (CFI), a Certified Financial Crime Investigator (CFCI), Certified Economic Crime Forensic Examiner (CECFE), Adjunct Professor for Oklahoma City University, and holds dual Master's degrees, in Business Administration (MBA) and in Administration of Justice and Security (MSAJS). Doug has also worked as a Special Agent for the State of Arizona Insurance Fraud Unit and as a financial investigator for JP Morgan Chase bank.

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