August 12, 2026 – ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter presents – Virtual Meeting

"Abuse of Trust – Manipulating Vendors for Personal Gain"

Speaker: Jason Zirkle, Training Director, ACFE

Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register here.

Registration deadline: August 11th at 3:00 pm

Cost: Members & Associates of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter: $10
All others: $20

CPE: Qualifies for 1 credit hour of continuing professional education. Attendance certificates will be emailed after the event.

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Call for Speakers!

We are looking for speakers to present for our upcoming 2026-2027 year which begins in August. Do you know an engaging speaker who may be interested in delivering a presentation relevant to the ACFE membership? If so, please send name and contact information to Nick Leone at nleone@schneiderdowns.com and copy Bernie Rafferty at brafferty@gatewayengineers.com.

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This real-life case study, drawn from the files of the Texas Rangers, explores a $2 million procurement fraud and embezzlement scheme at a major public university. Presented by a former Fraud Analyst with the Texas Rangers (now Training Director with the ACFE), the session will cover:

- How the fraud was orchestrated, the key players, and how it was eventually uncovered.
- How a weak control environment created conditions ripe for fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Behavioral red flags exhibited by the perpetrator that went unnoticed by management.

This case study is relevant to professionals across multiple sectors, including fraud investigators, forensic accountants, compliance officers, risk managers, and anyone responsible for detecting and preventing fraud.

Jason Zirkle is the Training Director for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Before joining the ACFE in 2019, Jason spent 16 years as an intelligence analyst, where he specialized in complex investigations, financial crime analysis, and uncovering critical intelligence or evidence.

After serving in the U.S. Army, he became a criminal intelligence analyst with the Texas Department of Public Safety. There, he worked alongside the famed Texas Rangers, supporting cases involving fraud, money laundering, public corruption, embezzlement, identity theft, and other financial crimes. His analytical work contributed to multiple successful prosecutions and the recovery of significant illicit assets.

At the ACFE, Jason helps develop and deliver anti-fraud training to professionals around the world. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Texas State University and has served on the board of directors for several organizations, including the Central Texas Chapter of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS).

Jason is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), and a Certified Crime Analyst.

Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.

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National Elder Fraud Hotline

Financial scams and abuses that target older people are happening more and more. Fraud and romance scams aimed at older adults resulted in losses of more than $184 million in 2018. Many crimes go unreported because victims are scared, embarrassed, or don't know who to call.

This hotline is a free resource created by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime for people to report fraud against anyone age 60 or older.

Reporting can help authorities try to stop those who commit fraud and also help prevent others from becoming victims. The hotline is staffed by professionals who know how to support victims of fraud. You will reach a case manager who will help you through the reporting process at the federal, state, and local levels. You will also be connected with other resources on a case-by-case basis.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of elder fraud, call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-FRAUD-11 or 833-372-8311. Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. eastern time. For more information, visit their website.

Pittsburgh Workers Charged With Food Stamp Fraud in Nationwide DOJ Crackdown
In a historic multi-agency effort led by the U.S. Department of Justice cracking down on federal benefits fraud, two Pittsburgh convenience store workers were accused of trading more than half a million dollars worth of food stamps for cash. Read More

How to Protect Yourself From Deed Fraud as Allegheny County DA Investigates Several Cases
After about three dozen Allegheny County home deeds were fraudulently put into an LLC's name, experts are sharing tips for protecting yourself. Read More

She Trusted Her Gut and Called Clearview. That Decision Stopped a Scam.
Most of us like to think we'd spot a fraudster from a mile away. Read More

US Tells States to Deal With Unemployment Fraud or Face Penalties
The U.S. Labor Department told all 50 states that they need to get serious about fighting fraud and waste in unemployment insurance, or else they won't get more money for those programs from the federal government. Read More

Kerr Kriisa, Former College Basketball Player, Indicted on Alleged $2.2 Million Fraud Scheme
Former college basketball player Kerr Kriisa lied and posed as other people as part of a scheme through which he fraudulently obtained nearly $2.2 million from two victims, according to a federal indictment. Read More

Pittsburgh Investment Fund Manager Ordered to Pay $4.7M for Wire Fraud
A Pittsburgh investment manager will pay roughly $4.7 million in restitution and serve more than two years in prison for diverting massive sums from a family's investment fund to conceal losing a longtime friend's money. Read More

IRS Special Agent In Charge Shares Tips After Pennsylvania Woman Falls Victim to Scam
Fraud schemes keep getting more sophisticated, and criminals are keeping seniors in their sights. Read More

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The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. Together with more than 95,000 members, the ACFE is reducing business fraud worldwide and inspiring public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. Visit www.acfe.com for more details.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – Meeting
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Meeting
- Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Meeting
- Wednesday, December 9, 2026 – Meeting
- Wednesday, February 10, 2027 – Meeting
- Wednesday, March 10, 2027 – Meeting
- Wednesday, April 14, 2027 – Meeting
- May 2027 – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar (Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs)
- Wednesday, June 9, 2027 – Meeting
- June 2027 – Officer and Director Elections

Watch for more information on upcoming events!