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Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter

November 2026 Newsletter



November 11, 2026 – ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter presents – Virtual Meeting

"The Victim Hit Send"

Speaker: Nadia Wright, Fraud Investigator

Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register here.

Registration deadline: November 10th at 3:00 pm

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 the 2026-2027 year. 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 session is specific to helping Transaction Monitoring review teams to understand hidden fraud events and transactions that the client/customer authorized without initially knowing they're being defrauded. Coercion/grooming/threats, and also possible willful involvement (mules), and how to recognize and try to mitigate before it happens.

Nadia Wright has been in the Financial Industry since 2003 and has been specializing in FinCrime since 2009. She has worked retail banking, mortgage, brokerage, internal misconduct, and payment services. Nadia his literally worked from the bottom up – with no degree.

Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.

Click here to register!

International Fraud Awareness Week is November 15-21, 2026

Join the global effort to minimize the impact of fraud by promoting anti-fraud awareness and education. Learn more about what you can do, events, and resources at https://www.fraudweek.com/.

Fraud Week – Special Event for Chapter Members!!!

The Chapter is pleased to have arranged a private screening of "You Can See Everything", the documentary film about Elizabeth Holmes from Theranos.

Where: Cinemark Robinson (2100 Settlers Ridge Center Dr, Pittsburgh, 15205)

When: Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm

Cost: **FREE!** This event is for members only. One additional complimentary guest seat is provided for each registered attendee. Registration details will be released soon!

Fraud Awareness Week

Fraud Week is the perfect time to go a step further in your role as an anti-fraud professional and to start discussions amongst peers, coworkers, executives and stakeholders in your community about how important fraud prevention is to society as a whole. Ways to Get Involved:

- Post on social media using informative images with the tag #fraudweek
- Download the free Fraud Week logo to share on materials or websites
- Encourage your governor to issue a proclamation declaring that your state supports Fraud Week
- Purchase a Fraud Week supporter T-shirt to show your commitment to fighting fraud
- Use free resources provided

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Trump Administration Probes Colleges for Potential Visa Fraud
The Trump administration is probing nine universities to evaluate whether they may be committing fraud with a visa program that allows international students to work and study in the United States. Read More

How Highmark's Investigative Team Helped Crack $10.6B Fraud Ring and Didn't Stop There
Several years ago, Highmark's fraud investigators started noticing an unusual trend. Read More

North Carolina Man Charged in Pittsburgh-Area DoorDash Scam
The Vandergrift Police Department has filed multiple criminal charges against a Pikeville, North Carolina man, following an investigation into a fraudulent phone scheme. Read More

Person Posing as Pittsburgh Steelers Player Scams Pennsylvania Women Out of $1,000
Two Pennsylvania women were scammed out of $1,000 by somebody posing as a player on the Pittsburgh Steelers, state police said. Read More

Allegheny County Contractor Accused of Taking Nearly $100,000, Spending Victims' Money at Rivers Casino
A man from Allegheny County is accused of defrauding his victims out of nearly $100,000 through a home improvement scheme. Read More

Investigators Probe No-Bid Contracts Handed Out by Ex-Pittsburgh Mayor's Administration
Pittsburgh's former mayor "exploited" existing procedures to award no-bid contracts and grants to favored groups and possibly violated federal securities law by covering up the city's true finances, according to an unsealed affidavit for a search warrant served on city government earlier this year. Read More

Cape Cod Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Launder Proceeds of $6 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme
Falmouth, Massachusetts resident Leo Anzivino, Jr., 35, pleaded guilty to a money laundering conspiracy in connection with a more than $6 million health care fraud scheme, U.S. Attorney Erin Creegan and Assistant Attorney General Colin M. McDonald of the Justice Department's National Fraud Enforcement Division announce. Read More

'They're Stealing from the Poor': A Major Source of SNAP Fraud Robs Recipients of Millions
As Jayeleauna Lewis listened to an automated voice system describe the unauthorized charges on her food assistance card, a pit formed in her stomach. 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 100,000 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, December 9, 2026 – Meeting
- Wednesday, February 10, 2027 – Meeting
- Wednesday, March 10, 2027 – Meeting
- Wednesday, April 14, 2027 – Meeting
- Wednesday, May 19, 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!