Price’s Session Recap: “Finding Trafficking Networks”

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Virtual Event: Transaction Laundering

Dr. Devon Johnson, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, and his team of researchers at George Mason University presented a talk on the importance of understanding the role of credit card transactions in money laundering. They discussed how credit card transactions have increasingly become a conduit for laundering money, particularly in the context of human trafficking networks.

In her presentation, Dr. Johnson highlighted several key points:

1. **Credit Card Fraud as a Tool for Money Laundering**: Credit card fraud is often used as a way to launder money, especially in cases involving human trafficking. The fraudulent purchases made with stolen credit cards can be used to conceal the true source of the money.

2. **Credit Card Activity Analysis**: The analysis of credit card activity can provide valuable insights into potential money laundering activities. By examining patterns and trends in credit card transactions, researchers can identify suspicious activities.

3. **Covert Operations and Financial Forensics**: The presentation emphasized the importance of covert operations and financial forensics in understanding and disrupting human trafficking networks. The use of advanced analytical tools and techniques is crucial in identifying and stopping these networks.

4. **The Role of Law Enforcement**: Effective collaboration between law enforcement and financial investigators is essential in tackling the issue of money laundering in human trafficking. The presentation discussed the importance of information sharing and the need for unified strategies to combat this issue.

In conclusion, Dr. Johnson stressed the need for continued research and collaboration in understanding the role of credit card transactions in money laundering, especially in the context of human trafficking. The presentation concluded with a call to action for researchers and practitioners to work together to develop effective strategies and tools for preventing and detecting these activities.

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