



GANGS AND GUNS: MAKING YOUR FIREARMS CASE MORE PROSECUTABLE

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Goals and Objectives

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TTA Type: Training

TTA Format: Available in person and virtually

Intended Audience: This training can be delivered to 50-100 attendees in person and up to 500 attendees virtually, to include the following individuals:

- Federal prosecutors
- County prosecutors
- Federal agents
- Local police
- Crime scene/lab technicians

Length: Offered both as a two-day course (in person) and a six-hour course (virtually).

Agenda

- Firearms: What can they tell investigators?
- Proper recovery, documentation, and follow-up
- Available investigative tools
- Social media: proactive and reactive
- Firearm laws: state and federal
- Establishing a firearms protocol for your agency

Click [here](#) to view a sample agenda for the in-person training.

SMEs:

Stephen J. Barborini, resident agent in charge–special agent (retired) worked at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for 24 years. He has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University. He has toured and conducted research at many firearm and ammunition manufacturers and firearm reference collections/museums in the US and Europe. Barborini is an elite expert in the fields of firearms and firearms



investigations. He is highly regarded as a subject matter expert in the fields of international and domestic firearms trafficking investigations; firearm cybercrime investigations; and the procedures, rules, and laws as they pertain to the import, manufacture, and sale of firearms.

James Grindey is a 39-year veteran of law enforcement. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a military policeman for 23 years and retired as a gunnery sergeant. After his retirement he joined the Honolulu, Hawaii, Police Department and served as a patrolman for four years. He was then hired by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he has been employed for the last 19 years. His assignments with PBSO have included road patrol, full-time SWAT, and the juvenile unit. He was assigned as a detective with the gang unit for 10 years. He was also assigned as a task force officer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for two years. He is currently assigned as a detective with the North Region Detective Bureau. His experience and continued training in working firearms cases led to his development of this class. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, where he received a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement.