



John McLead
High-Tech Crime Specialist

John McLead is a High-Tech Crime Specialist at the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). In this capacity, John is an instructor for basic, intermediate, and advanced level digital forensics classes including the Basic Digital Forensic Analysis, Automated Forensic Tools, and Mobile 1 courses. In 2020, John is the course lead for the Automated Forensic Tools class.

Prior to NW3C, John was a digital forensics analyst with the West Virginia State Police assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force but also worked on cases involving other criminal activity at the local, state, and federal levels. John conducted digital forensics examinations of computer hard drives, removable media, mobile phones, tablets, game systems, and security camera DVR devices. After analysis was complete, John was known among the unit for working closely with investigators and prosecutors to ensure they understood all relevant digital evidence in their case. In 2018, John became a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). During his time at the WV State Police, John earned AccessData Certified Examiner and Certified BlackLight Examiner certifications.

In December 2016, John graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics with a minor in Computer Science. During his time at Bloomsburg, he focused on studying file systems, operating systems, digital forensics tools, and computer programming.

John is a Certified Cyber Crime Examiner (3CE) through NW3C. He has attended training from the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI), the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), BlackBag Technologies, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), and NW3C.

