



Criminal Investigations Seminar

Patron Saints of the Mexican Drug Underworld

Presented by

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Sponsored by the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
and the U.S. Marshals Service – District of Nebraska

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8:30 am to 5:00 pm

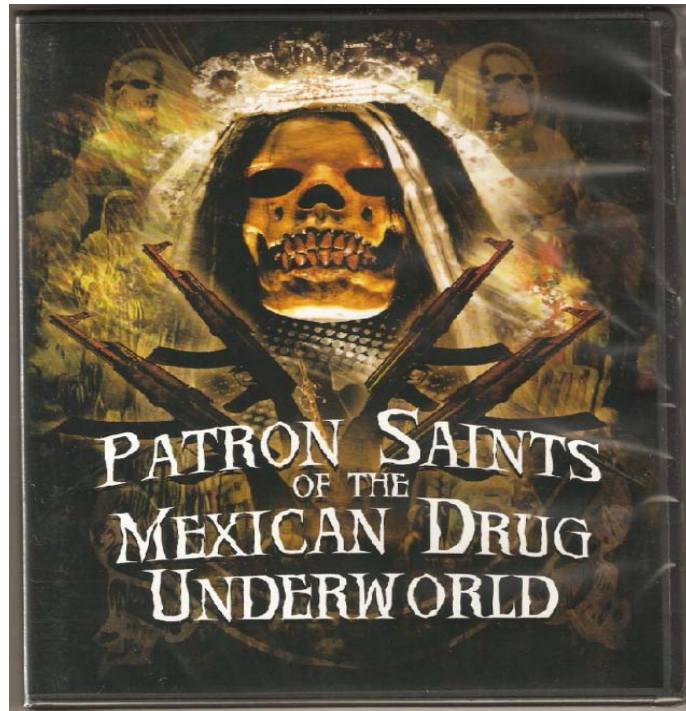
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6001 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68182**

Target audience includes police detectives, investigators, patrol officers, sheriff's deputies/investigators, county attorneys, crime/intelligence analysts, and federal criminal investigators

Training is free of charge.

There will be ONE (1) eight hour class. Response required no later than Friday, April 27, 2012 with the names and titles of those attending sent to the following: Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Jaime Galindo at email: jaime.galindo@usdoj.gov

If you have any additional questions please call Jaime @ (402) 669-1197.



Drug and human traffickers involve the spiritual world in their trade for protection from law enforcement. This intensive course will include information on various legitimate and illegitimate saints and icons used almost exclusively by the Mexican drug dealer. Some “saints”, or spirits, that drug traffickers and others use to protect themselves from law enforcement include Jesus Malverde – “Patron Saint of Drug Traffickers”, Juan Soldado - “Patron Saint of Illegal Aliens”, Santa Muerte, and San Simon among others.

Instructor Robert Almonte has visited shrines erected in homage to these “drug saints” and will display photos, show video, as well as exhibit paraphernalia drug traffickers may have had in their possession. The significance of the presence of “drug saints”, spirits, images, icons, statues, etc., may often be overlooked by law enforcement. Mr. Almonte’s course serves to educate and alert law enforcement.

Robert Almonte retired at the rank of Deputy Chief after 25 years of service with the El Paso Police Department. The majority of his career was on the frontline of the drug war. He spent years conducting extensive research on the Mexican drug trade.

This unique course is beneficial to law enforcement officers in all parts of the country who may encounter images, icons, statues, and other items during or pursuant to an investigation with a drug nexus. Several significant drug and money seizures throughout the country have been attributed to this course.

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