

SOCIAL MEDIA & OPEN SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS

San Diego, California

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Social Media and Open-Source Investigations

Social media has changed the game for cops, and knowing how to use it effectively is key to staying ahead of criminals. This course gives officers the tools to navigate the digital world, gather intelligence, and build stronger cases. Led by expert instructor Nick Jerman, Social Media and Open-Source Investigations helps you master online investigations while keeping yourself—and your family—safe. You'll learn how to track down users across multiple platforms, link accounts, analyze images for hidden clues, and preserve critical data for court. The course also covers the essential tools, apps, and legal steps you need to make sure everything you gather stands up in court.

What You'll Learn

- Navigating Social Media: Learn how to find and exploit information on major—and lesser-known—platforms.
- Investigative Techniques: Discover ways to link usernames, phone numbers, and IDs across networks to build leads.
- Image and Geolocation Analysis: Pull valuable clues from photos, including location data and context.
- Legal Compliance: Learn how to preserve evidence and write subpoenas and search warrants that hold up in court.
- Essential Tools: Get free resources and recommended software to help you dig deeper.
- OSINT Skills: Stay ahead of criminals by mastering Open-Source Intelligence search techniques.



← Your Instructor
Nick Jerman

**INSTRUCTED BY: NICK JERMAN: A VETERAN DETECTIVE AND
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT IN OSINT**

TRAINING DETAILS

COST: \$225

WHERE: SDI HIDTA Training Room

9665 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123

DATE: Friday, August 14, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

FIND OUT MORE AT: bluetogold.com/instructors/nick-jerman

Introducing Nick Jerman, a seasoned law enforcement veteran boasting an illustrious career spanning over two decades, during which he contributed significantly to a dynamic 1,100-officer police department in a prominent metropolitan center in the United States. Throughout his distinguished tenure, Nick adeptly applied his expertise across various domains, excelling in both Patrol and a Vice Unit with finesse.



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"This class is practical, and the amount of investigative resources available is amazing! I was able to put the techniques I was learning into practice as I was going through the class. This is a great class for everyone no matter if a patrol officer to detective/investigator. Highly recommend it!"

Rene Moreno



"Excellent class. So many sites and social media outlets that I was not aware of. A lot of notes and pictures were taken so as to retain as much of the information as possible. Heavily saturated with valuable information."

Chris



"I followed Nick on social media for years, learning everything I could from his posts. I was FINALLY able to take his class in Sanford, FL back in July and it did not disappoint! Anybody from Road Patrol to Investigations can and should use the tools and techniques Nick shares in his class to further their investigations and keep themselves and their families safe. HIGHLY recommended!"

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SEE MORE OF NICK JERMAN'S FEEDBACK
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION