

## Overview

Fraud is a top priority among criminal investigations for the FBI. During this session, we will discuss the different types of Fraud (i.e. Health Care, Mortgage, Security, Financial Institution and Internet.) We will also discuss the trends we see happening in the national and regional marketplaces and give you tips to protect yourself and your family from Fraud.

## Biography

**Nichole M. McGowan:** Holds a Bachelors degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice, a Masters in Education and is currently completing her PH.D in Public Safety with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. Nichole entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation 4 years ago as an Intelligence Analyst and was first assigned to the Washington Field office in Washington, DC where she worked Counter Intelligence on an Espionage squad. After one year, she was transferred to the Norfolk Division where she is currently assigned to a White Collar crime squad. This squad addresses Health Care Fraud, Mortgage Fraud, Corporate and Securities Fraud, financial institution fraud, and public corruption.

**Stephanie M. Ross:** Holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Information Systems and International Business, a Masters of Science degree in Information Systems. Her prior work experience has been in the private sector within the Information Technology functions. Stephanie entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation 1 ½ years ago as an Intelligence Analyst at the Norfolk Division where she is currently assigned to the cyber squad. This squad addresses Cyber Intrusions, Internet Fraud, Identity Theft, Intellectual Property Rights and Child Pornography.