



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Secondary Incident Code for “Cryptocurrency Related Crime” added to CDW Report Writing System

The purpose of this department notice is to introduce a new **secondary** incident code in (CDW) Crime Data Warehouse: [Cryptocurrency - related Crime \(secondary code only\)](#)

To collect the most accurate data regarding cryptocurrency related incidents, this secondary incident code allows the Department to accurately capture any incident that falls within this category.


The frequency and severity of cryptocurrency crimes targeting the U.S. economy and the financial sector, have risen dramatically over the past several years. The U.S. Secret Service has noted a significant increase in cryptocurrency and digital asset investment scams in the past 12 months. These scams often target victims who are users of social media, online dating, or professional networking platforms. It is important for our members to be able to assist victims of crimes that may involve Cryptocurrency, and for members to obtain the necessary information for those incidents to be investigated.

Therefore, when preparing incident reports related to cryptocurrency related crimes, please ensure incident reports contain the following information:

- Type of Cryptocurrency (IE: Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), etc.)
- Amount of total loss
- Date of transaction
- Any transaction hash information
- Any wallet address information
- Transaction history report from cryptocurrency exchange

For reference see [SFPD Cryptocurrency Awareness Tag Book Guide SFPD Form 614 \(06/21\)](#).

The Financial Crimes Division of the Special Victims Unit can be contacted during business hours (Mon-Fri) at [REDACTED] for further guidance or questions about Cryptocurrency related investigations.


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Chief of Police

Per DN 20-150, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional information.