



JOHN LINDER

DIGITAL FRAUD INVESTIGATOR

ABOUT

I am a UK-based digital fraud and crypto investigator with a strong background in blockchain analysis, darknet intelligence, and financial crime compliance. Originally from Poland, I bring an international perspective and a detail-oriented approach to uncovering complex fraud schemes and tracing illicit cryptocurrency transactions. I thrive on solving challenging cases, collaborating with law enforcement, and staying ahead of emerging threats in the rapidly evolving crypto space.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Verida AFI – London, United Kingdom** Financial Crimes & Blockchain Forensics Specialist 2022 – present
 - Designed and implemented advanced AML protocols and significantly strengthened the organization's blockchain analysis capabilities by integrating state-of-the-art forensic tools and investigative techniques.
 - Collaborated closely with the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and international law enforcement agencies to trace illicit transactions and dismantle cross-border crypto crime networks.
 - Successfully led investigations into over 300 cases of blockchain-related financial crimes, resulting in the recovery of millions of pounds worth of stolen cryptocurrency assets for victims.
- **ING Belgium – Brussels, Belgium** Financial Crimes Analyst 2021 – 2022
 - Played a key role in redesigning the bank's AML processes, introducing proactive detection measures that substantially increased the identification of suspicious activities.
 - Designed and delivered tailored training programs for junior fraud analysts, equipping them with practical investigation techniques and up-to-date compliance knowledge.
 - Spearheaded the investigation and closure of over 100 complex financial crime cases, safeguarding client assets and reinforcing the bank's reputation for robust fraud control.

SPECIALIZATIONS & SKILLS

- Skilled in tracing Bitcoin, Ethereum, and altcoin transactions using tools like Arkham Crypto Tracer, Chainalysis, and CipherTrace. Proficient at deanonymizing wallets, mapping illicit flows through mixers and DeFi protocols, and linking blockchain evidence to real-world actors.
- Experienced in investigating darknet markets and hidden services using TOR, OSINT, and threat intel feeds. Able to identify crypto-enabled fraud schemes, monitor criminal forums, and collect actionable intelligence for law enforcement.
- Proven ability to trace and help recover stolen or scammed crypto assets across chains and privacy tools. Prepare detailed forensic reports to support recovery actions, civil litigation, or criminal cases.
- Continuously monitor evolving fraud tactics, including smart contract exploits, phishing, and NFT scams. Provide timely threat intelligence and recommendations to strengthen fraud detection and security measures.
- Advanced Linux user for secure forensic environments and evidence handling. Skilled at disk imaging, log analysis, malware sandboxing, and custom script development for data parsing and automation.

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Polish (Native)
- Russian (Basic)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Cryptocurrency Investigator (CCI) - 2022
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) - 2020
- Linux Essentials Certification - 2018

INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- **MSc in Cyber Security & Digital Forensics**
Imperial College London, United Kingdom
Graduated: 2020
- **BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice**
Warsaw University of Technology, Poland
Graduated: 2018