

Traffick Jam 2025: Law Enforcement Session

Speaker Biographies

James Fottrell

*Director, High Technology Investigative Unit-Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

Among his duties, James conducts forensic examinations of seized computer systems and media, provides investigative and analytical support to prosecutors and law enforcement agents to identify online child pornography and obscenity offenses, and develops strategies for gathering electronic evidence. Mr. Fottrell has more than 25 years of experience working with federal law enforcement agencies to identify and investigate online groups of offenders who use new and emerging technologies to facilitate their offenses and employ sophisticated techniques to hide their identity online. He has testified in federal court more than 30 times and has received numerous awards for his work in combating online facilitated child exploitation crimes, including the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Information Technology in 2005, and in 2009 the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, the Department's second highest award for employee performance for his role in the transnational enforcement operation "Joint Hammer" which has led to the identification and prosecution of scores of dangerous child sex offenders throughout the globe.

James received his baccalaureate degree in Computer Science from the State University of New York.

Skip Myers

Fraud and Identity Solutions Consultant - LexisNexis Risk Solutions, Atlanta, GA

Skip's experience spans law enforcement and criminal investigations with the Cobb County Police Department, private sector fraud prevention, and security leadership. Skip is a champion for Internet Safety and protecting the most vulnerable from online predators and internet monsters. He is a frequent speaker at schools, conferences, and local community events focusing on providing Internet safety awareness and education.

Skip is the cofounder of the Internet Safety Brigade, a non-profit organization dedicated to online safety education for children and adults. Skip recently authored a new children's book, *Say No to Internet Monsters: A Cyber Jack Adventure* that addresses the urgent need to protect kids online.

Sherri Stephan

Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Georgia - Human Trafficking Coordinator

Sherri has been a prosecutor for 28 years, 22 of those as a federal prosecutor, where she has almost exclusively prosecuted offenders for human trafficking, child exploitation, and organized gang crimes. Prior to joining the SDGA, Sherri spent more than 16 years as an AUSA in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and five years as a Trial Attorney and then Deputy Chief of the Child Exploitation Section for the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) in Washington, D.C. She has successfully prosecuted human trafficking conspiracies and used the federal racketeering statutes (RICO) to target human trafficking offenders.

Sherri was recently awarded the 2024 Prosecutor of the Year Award from Homeland Security Investigations - Philadelphia and received the 2023 - USDOJ's Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.