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Computer Fraud **Criminals go high-tech in the advent of the computer age**

AUSTIN — We have all heard of the computer virus, but few of us actually have been exposed to one. However, if you do come in contact with this plague among modern technology, chances are its effects could be of epidemic proportions. Viruses are just one of the many ways hackers are committing fraud through the computer. Technical crime expert Walt Manning, CFE, addresses the problem of the computer virus, as well as other methods of computer fraud, during the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Computer Fraud Academy, Nov. 3-4**, at the **Hyatt Regency** on Town Lake in **Austin**. His presentation should be of particular interest to Austin's high-tech community.

Manning, a 19-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department and a designer and teacher in the field of high-tech crime investigation, will actually create a live computer virus. He will also explain how to protect against these electronic threats to company computer networks.

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Manning will also address the growing concerns related to security and the Internet, while demonstrating how easy it is to obtain an e-mail bombing program via the Internet that can tie up a company's computer system with thousands of time-consuming and productivity-detracting e-mails.

“The average computer user has no idea how devastating computer fraud can be and how relatively insecure these systems may be,” says Manning. “Fortunately, through education, we can meet the problem head-on. There are ways to avoid these latest trends in computer fraud.”

Manning will conduct 10 sessions on computer fraud during the two-day Academy. Topics include *Legal Elements of Computer Fraud*, *Principles of Computer Security*, *Hacking Techniques*, *Computer Viruses and Related Threats*, and *Internal and External Security Threats*. The seminars are open to the media and Manning will be available for interviews.

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, a 20,000-member, international, non-profit, professional organization dedicated to educating qualified individuals (Certified Fraud Examiners) in the highly specialized aspects of fraud detection and prevention, was founded in 1988 and is based in Austin, Texas. The Association researches and develops fraud-related training programs on a variety of topics while presenting more than 70 national and international seminars per year. The *Wall Street Journal* said the Association is “the premier financial sleuthing organization.” Other publications to praise the efforts of the Association include *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times*, *Fortune*, ABC-TV's *Nightline* and *20/20*, and CBS News's *60 Minutes*. For more information visit the Association's web site at www.cfenet.com.

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