



# **Law Enforcement Coordinators**

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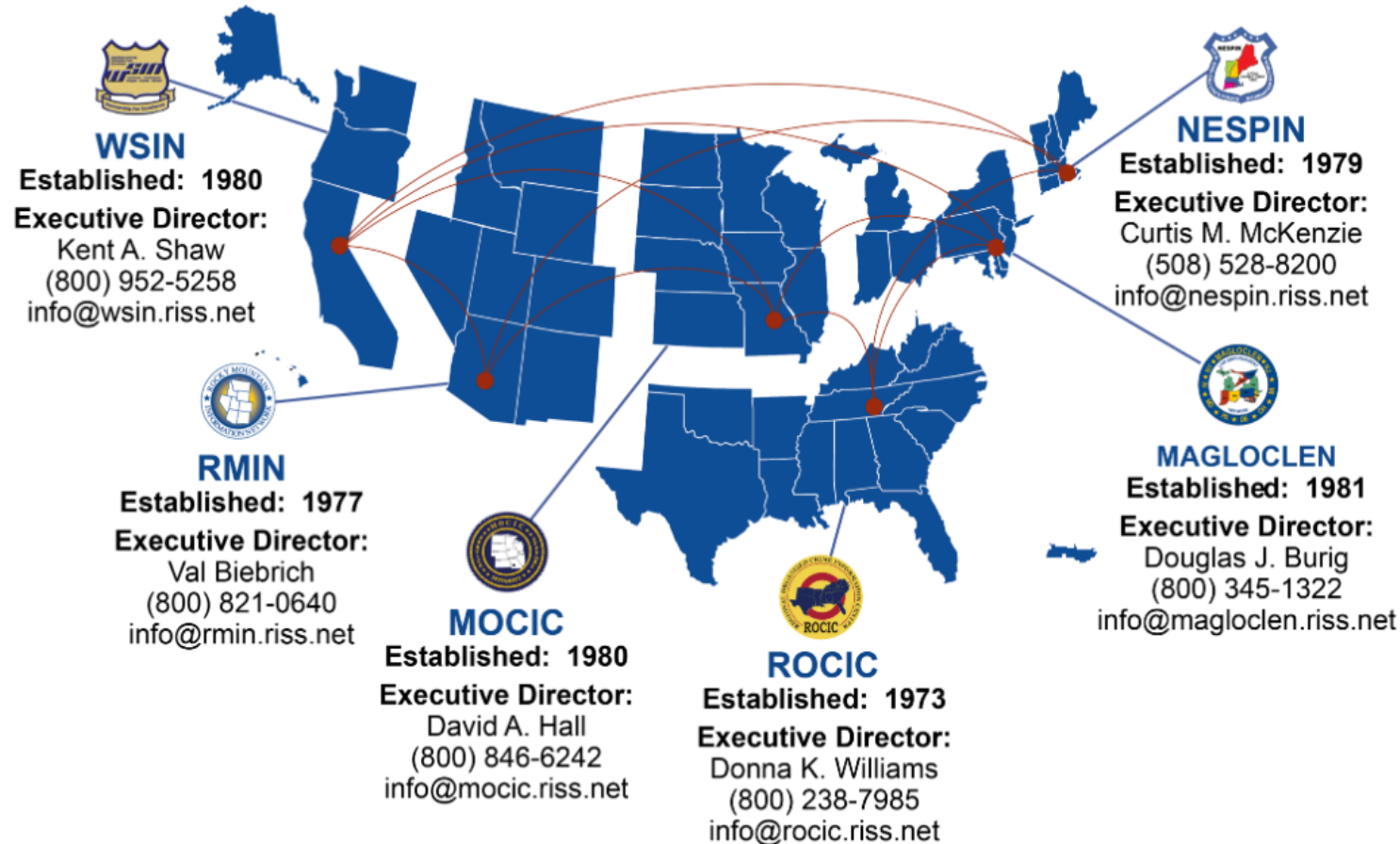
## **Cryptocurrency Investigations**

# Law Enforcement Coordinator

- Montana Law Enforcement Information Coordinator (LEC) for RMIN – October 2024 - Present
- Deputy Gallatin County Sheriff's Office 2004-2022
  - 2 years as a Patrol Deputy
  - 10 years in Detectives as a Crimes against person(s) Investigator
  - 5 years Civil Process and Transport Officer
- Officer, West Yellowstone Police Department – 2000-2004
  - Drug Officer
  - Sergeant
- Officer with the Billings Police Department – 1994-2000
  - 5 years in Patrol
  - 1 year City County Special Investigative Unit



# RISS Regional Offices



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# RMIN Overview

- The Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN) is a federal grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and was established in 1977
- RMIN is one of six projects that make up the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)



# RMIN Mission

- As part of the RISS program, RMIN will provide timely, high quality criminal intelligence, analytical work, and officer safety services to combat crime and terrorism through information sharing with state, local, tribal, federal law enforcement, and other criminal justice entities



# RMIN Cryptocurrency Stats

## Cryptocurrency-related analytical assistance requests

2025	-	15	Total dollar amount	\$1,553,924.00
2026	-	4	Total dollar amount	\$113,242.00
			Total	\$1,667,166.00



# Montana Cryptocurrency ATM's

[www.Coinatmradar.com](http://www.Coinatmradar.com)

Identifies CC ATM's in your city

Provides contact for the service of legal paperwork

Known ATM's in Montana and transaction fees

- Coinflip \$2.99+18.9%
- UNBANK \$4.99+16.8%
- Bytefederal Fee reporting disabled (25% Google search)
- GetCoins Fees Unknown
- RocketCoin Google search 6% to 15%
- Bitcoin Depot claimed bankruptcy and is currently offline



# Cryptocurrency Tracing

Open-source tracing tools

Such as Blockchain Explorer

Slow and cumbersome

Private tools

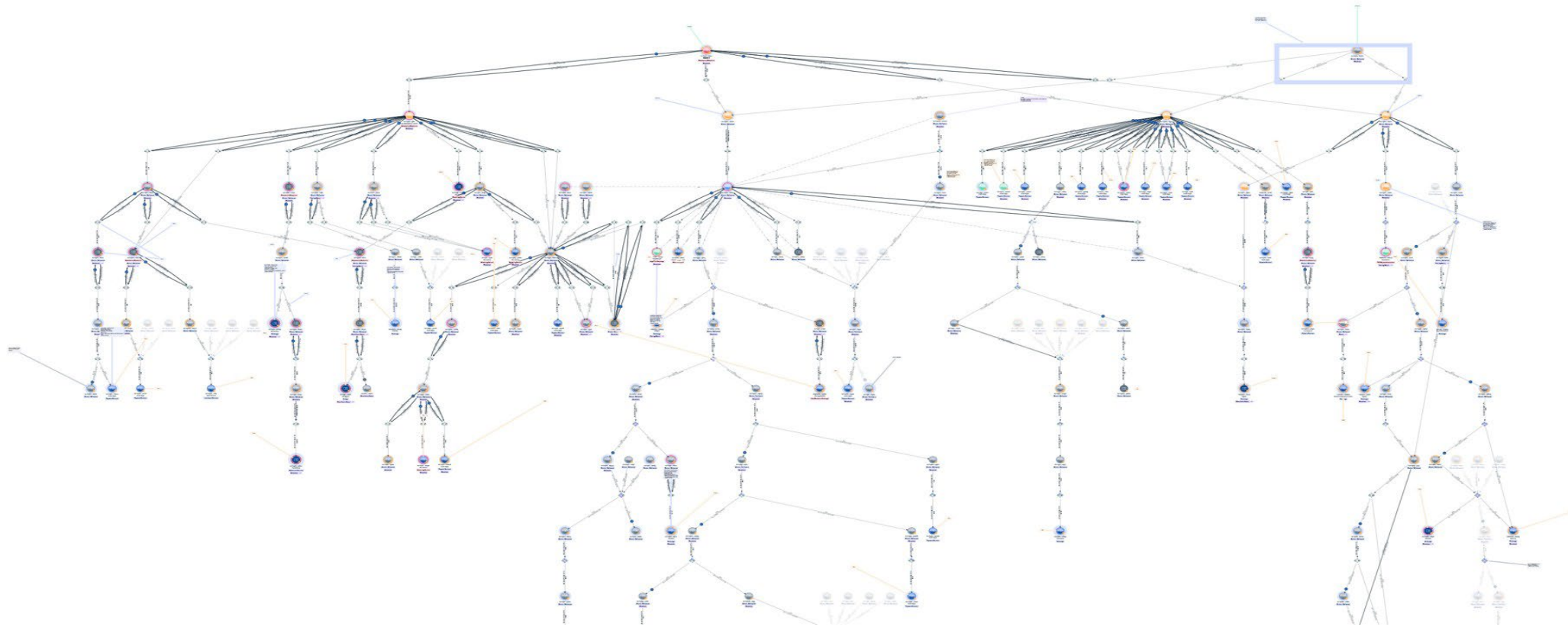
TRM

Chainalysis

RMIN



# Cryptocurrency Tracing Continued



An Overview of RMIN Services

# FBI IC3 Reporting/Internet Crime Complaint Center

## Crime Type by Victim Loss

The three major crimes/scams

Confidence/Romance	\$10,327,100
Investment	\$17,024,365
Tech Support	\$3,362,746

Total Victim Loss for 2025 when A Crypto Wallet was used \$22,706,245



# FBI IC3 Reporting continued

## Victims by Age Group

- Under 20 yoa      \$5,083
- 20-29              \$365,230
- 30-39              \$1,181,858
- 40-49              \$2,552,139
- 50-59              \$4,732,399
- Over 60            \$21,201,252



# FBI IC3 Reporting continued

## Cryptocurrency scam by Kiosk 2025

- Montana      69 reports      \$1,585,000.00



# What types of cryptocurrency scams are seen in Montana

- Investment
  - Web based crimes
    - Pop ups etc
    - Social media
- Email phishing scams
- Phone calls
  - ATM
    - Lonely Heart
    - Sex Offender
    - Jury Summons
    - Bond for Relative



# Where do these scams originate

- Around the world (Nigeria)
- Prisons
  - What we see most in Montana
    - Georgia State Prisons



# Who conducts the scams

- Georgia State Inmates
  - Bloods Prison Gang
    - Run the scams
    - Recruit new, well-spoken inmates to make calls
    - Murders **Millionaires**
    - Rapists
- Other Foreign Nationals
  - Nigerian Prince Scam



# How are the Scams conducted

- Inmates obtain a cell phone
  - Drones
  - Smuggled in
  - Guards
- Research victims
  - Datamining reports
  - Law Enforcement
    - Agency
    - Members
  - Zillow
    - High-end subdivisions
- Phone Call
  - Victim is instructed to go to a CC ATM and deposit money into a digital wallet



# What Can we Do

- Control what Happens in Montana
  - Make CC ATM's unlawful
    - ATMs charge anywhere from 2-25%+



# What Can we Do

- Educate Educate Educate!!!
  - Public
    - TV
    - Social Media
    - Senior Centers



# What Can we Do

- Speaking of Education



# What Can we Do

- Continue to educate/fund Law Enforcement
  - How to Trace
    - Private tools cost money
  - How to Seize Money
    - Government Wallets
- Hold Offenders Accountable
  - Criminals are in the US



# Is There a Common theme

- Operation Ghost Guard
  - FBI investigating the Georgia State Prison system
    - February 2016
      - 50 current and former Georgia Department of Correction Staff members indicted



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# Questions?

