Andrew Blake

Financial Crimes Investigator

Profile: Andrew Blake

Lumina CCI– London, United Kingdom Financial Crimes &
Blockchain Forensics Specialist

2018 - Present

Full Name: Andrew Blake
Profession: Financial Crimes Investigator
Nationality: British
Location: London, UK
Years of Experience: 6 Years
Specialization: Financial Crime Investigation, Blockchain Technology, Asset Recovery
Languages: English

- Investigated and resolved over 100 cases of suspicious activities related to financial crimes.
- Played a crucial role in enhancing the bank's internal AML framework, leading to improved detection rates for fraudulent activities.
- Conducted in-depth training for junior analysts on fraud detection and regulatory compliance.

Professional Summary:

Andrew Blake is a skilled Financial Crimes Investigator with six years of experience in the field, having developed a solid foundation in traditional financial crime investigation through five years working in asset recovery. In the past year, he transitioned into the cutting-edge field of Blockchain technology, where he focuses on investigating cryptocurrency-related fraud and financial crime. His expertise lies in uncovering fraudulent financial activities, both in conventional finance and decentralized digital assets, and recovering lost assets for his clients. Based in London, Andrew has proven to be a key asset in tackling complex financial crimes.

Educational Background:

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Financial Criminology
  University of Cambridge
  Graduated: 2017
  Andrew completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Cambridge , where he majored in Financial Criminology. His coursework covered topics such as money laundering, financial fraud, and global financial regulations. His research focused on the impact of financial crime on global markets, laying the groundwork for his professional expertise.

  Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
  Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
  Completed: 2018
  Andrew obtained his CFE certification, equipping him with specialized skills in fraud prevention, detection, and investigation.

  Diploma in Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Investigations
  Blockchain Council, UK Chapter
  Completed: 2022
  This diploma further enhanced Andrew's knowledge of blockchain technology and crypto investigations, a rapidly growing area of financial crime investigation.

Professional Experience:

Blockchain Investigation Analyst
CypherGuard Solutions, Blockchain Crimes Division, London, UK
2023 - Present (1 year)
Andrew is currently part of the Blockchain Crimes Division at CypherGuard Solutions, a leading firm specializing in financial crimes involving digital assets and cryptocurrencies. His responsibilities include investigating crypto theft, fraud, and compliance breaches within the decentralized finance (DeFi) space.

Conducted forensic investigations of complex blockchain transactions, using advanced tools to trace illegal activity through digital ledgers.
Collaborated with law enforcement agencies and private institutions to recover millions in stolen crypto assets.
Led workshops and training programs on crypto-related fraud prevention for financial institutions.
Senior Financial Recovery Specialist
Reclaim Financial Solutions, London, UK
2018 - 2024 (6 years)
Before his shift to blockchain, Andrew spent five years at Reclaim Financial Solutions, a prominent UK-based firm that specializes in asset recovery for clients who have been victims of fraud. Andrew's role was instrumental in identifying fraudulent financial schemes and recovering stolen assets, both for private clients and corporations.

Spearheaded over 100 investigations into large-scale financial fraud, recovering significant assets for clients.
Worked directly with financial institutions and government regulators to develop strategies to mitigate risks of money laundering and fraud.
Designed and implemented company-wide risk management procedures, reducing potential fraud exposure by 25%.

Key Skills:

Financial Crime Investigation: Expertise in detecting and investigating various forms of financial crime, including money laundering, fraud, and embezzlement.
Blockchain & Cryptocurrency: Proficient in blockchain forensics, cryptocurrency analysis, and tracing transactions through decentralized systems.
Asset Recovery: Skilled in recovering stolen or lost assets, including high-value recoveries from complex financial frauds.
Risk Management: Developed strategies to prevent fraud, mitigate risks, and ensure compliance with financial regulations.
Forensic Accounting: Ability to analyze financial records and uncover fraudulent activity, leading to successful asset recovery and fraud prevention.
Collaboration: Strong experience working with legal teams, law enforcement, and regulatory bodies on financial crime cases.

Certifications & Training:

Certified Blockchain Professional (CBP), Blockchain Council (2022)
Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (2018)
Advanced Financial Crime Investigation Training, City of London Police (2021)

Notable Projects:

High-Value Cryptocurrency Recovery Case (2023): As part of CypherGuard Solutions, Andrew played a crucial role in recovering over £3 million in stolen cryptocurrency. Using blockchain analytics tools, he tracked the funds across multiple digital wallets and identified key individuals involved in the scam.

Multi-National Fraud Recovery (2021): While at Reclaim Financial Solutions, Andrew led an investigation into a £10 million fraud scheme that spanned several countries, collaborating with international regulators and financial institutions to recover stolen assets and prosecute the offenders.

Professional Affiliations:

Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
Member, UK Finance Financial Crime and Cybersecurity Committee
Member, Blockchain Alliance UK
Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Personal Attributes:

Andrew is known for his analytical mindset, problem-solving skills, and tenacity in uncovering complex fraud schemes. His ability to adapt to new technologies like blockchain while maintaining a strong foundation in traditional financial crime investigation has made him a well-rounded and effective investigator. He is meticulous in his approach, always striving to deliver the best possible outcomes for his clients, and is dedicated to staying ahead of evolving financial crime trends.