

The University of Mississippi
National Center for Justice and Rule of Law

Search and Seizure of Computers and Electronic Evidence:
CF 204

2 day course for Law Enforcement

Search and Seizure of Computers and Obtaining Electronic Evidence

Introduction to Forensics/Sources of Digital Evidence

Overview of Mississippi Cyber Crimes

Elements of a Valid Search Warrant

Mississippi AG office policies – computer searches

Establishing Probable Cause –

Part #A: Is there Probable Cause to Believe that Evidence is on a Known Suspect's Computer?

Part #B: Given a Known Crime, Identifying the Person Who Committed it by Using Electronic Evidence

Part #C: Is there Probable Cause to Believe that Evidence is on a Known Suspect's Computer?

Search Strategies and Warrant Execution Issues

Private Searches and Expectations of Privacy

Exigent Circumstances

Consent Searches

Common Scenarios in Computer Crime Investigations

Overview of a Motions Hearing

Affidavits – Elements of, Expertise of Affiant, Drafting Exercise