



## A One Day Criminal Investigations Seminar Patron Saints of the Mexican Drug Underworld

presented by

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Sponsored by the Katy ISD Police Department Training Division and the U.S. Marshals Service - Southern District of Texas

## Tuesday, March 15, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Katy ISD Education Support Complex, Room 1200 6301 South Stadium Lane Katy, Texas

Target audience includes police detectives/investigators, sheriff's deputies and investigators, DPS criminal investigators, county attorneys, crime/intelligence analysts and all federal, state, and local law enforcement investigations

The training provided is free of charge. This course has been determined to qualify for TCLEOSE training credit.

Vending machines are available. NO lunch / meal provided.

Seating is limited to the first 250 registrants. Response required by written registration **no later than Wednesday, March 9th, 2011** with the names and titles of those attending to Lt. Keith Meier at robertmeier@katyisd.org or by fax to 281-675-7031. Specific questions may be directed to Lt. Meier at 281-237-4000.

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Drug and human traffickers involve the spiritual world in their trade for protection from law enforcement. This intensive course will include information on various legitimate and illegitimate saints and icons used almost exclusively by the Mexican drug dealer. Some "saints", or spirits, that drug traffickers and others use to protect themselves from law enforcement include Jesus Malverde – "Patron Saint of Drug Traffickers", Juan Soldado - "Patron Saint of Illegal Aliens", Santa Muerte, and San Simon among others.

Instructor Robert Almonte has visited shrines erected in homage to these "drug saints" and will display photos, show video, as well as exhibit paraphernalia drug traffickers may have had in their possession. The significance of the presence of "drug saints", spirits, images, icons, statues, etc., may often be overlooked by law enforcement. Mr. Almonte's course serves to educate and alert law enforcement.

Robert Almonte retired at the rank of Deputy Chief after 25 years of service with the El Paso Police Department. The majority of his career was on the frontline of the drug war. He spent years conducting extensive research on the Mexican drug trade.

This unique course is beneficial to law enforcement officers in all parts of the country who may encounter images, icons, statues, and other items during or pursuant to an investigation with a drug nexus. Several significant drug and money seizures throughout the country have been attributed to this course.

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