The fall 2006 semester has begun at Norwich University and I'll be teaching CJ341, Cybercrime and Cyberlaw <http://www.mekabay.com/courses/academic/norwich/cj341/index.htm> with my colleague Adjunct Professor Julie Tower-Pierce, Esq. I taught this course in 2001 and 2002 and Julie taught it from 2003 to 2005. With the growth in the number of students in criminal justice and information assurance majors, we now have two sections and so we are collaborating on the course. Readers of this column may be interested in two of the textbooks we are using this year:


Robert Moore, PhD is Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Delta State University in Cleveland <http://ntweb.deltastate.edu/vp_academic/bmoore/>. We chose Dr Moore’s book for its concise introduction to the types of computer crime that our students need to understand and for its focus on the practical needs of investigators. The text has the following structure:

1. An Introduction to High-Technology Crime
2. Hackers, Crackers, and Phone Phreaks
3. Identity Theft and Bandits of the Information Superhighway
4. Digital Child Pornography and the Abuse of Children in Cyberspace
5. Financial Fraud and Con Artistry on the Net
6. Emerging Crimes on the Internet
7. Investigating the Internet: Examining Online Investigations and Sting Operations
8. Seizure of Digital Evidence
9. Executing a Search Warrant for Digital Evidence
10. An Introduction to Computer Forensics
11. Legal Issues in the Admission of Digital Evidence

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- Ivan Orton (Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Fraud Division, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, King County, Seattle, Washington): “The Investigation and
Prosecution of a Cyber Crime.” This chapter has some valuable case studies that are carried through the entire investigative process and prosecution.


- Miriam F. Miquelon Weismann (Associate Professor, Southern New England School of Law): “International Cybercrime: Recent Developments in the Law.”

A complete table of contents showing all the subheadings (but with incorrect page numbers) is available at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/toc/ecip065/2005036294.html>.

I am confident that our students will learn a lot from these texts and I think some readers, especially those in law enforcement or information assurance education, will too.

In my next column, I will review our third textbook, which provides a comprehensive summary of civil and criminal law with a special focus on intellectual property rights.

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