

Preface

Since the birth of the computer, the appearance and use of technology have changed on a daily basis. The constant quest to “remain” ahead of the technology curve is futile, as new computers, smartphones, and other devices are replaced with faster, newer versions as soon as they come off the assembly line. It is the same situation with regard to cybercrime. Once law enforcement has become proficient in investigating and tracking a certain type of cybercrime offender, new methods of offending and victimization emerge, leaving the criminal justice system to reeducate and retrain officers.

The purpose of this book is to provide the reader with a thorough examination of the prominence of cybercrime in our society, as well as the criminal justice system’s experience with cybercrime. Research from scholars in the academic field, as well as government studies, statutes, and other material, were gathered and summarized. Key concepts, statistics, and legislative histories are discussed in every chapter. It is the desire of the author to educate and enlighten a wide audience, from those who are completely unfamiliar with the topic in its entirety to individuals who need more specific information on a particular type of cybercrime. This text should be a useful guide to students, academics, and practitioners alike.

This new edition will provide a review of contemporary issues more prevalent on the cybercrime scene. It will explore the invasive and demeaning repercussions of nonconsensual pornography in relationships, as well as the infiltration of artificial intelligence, the pervasive dark web, updated financial scams, and malware destruction in recent years.

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