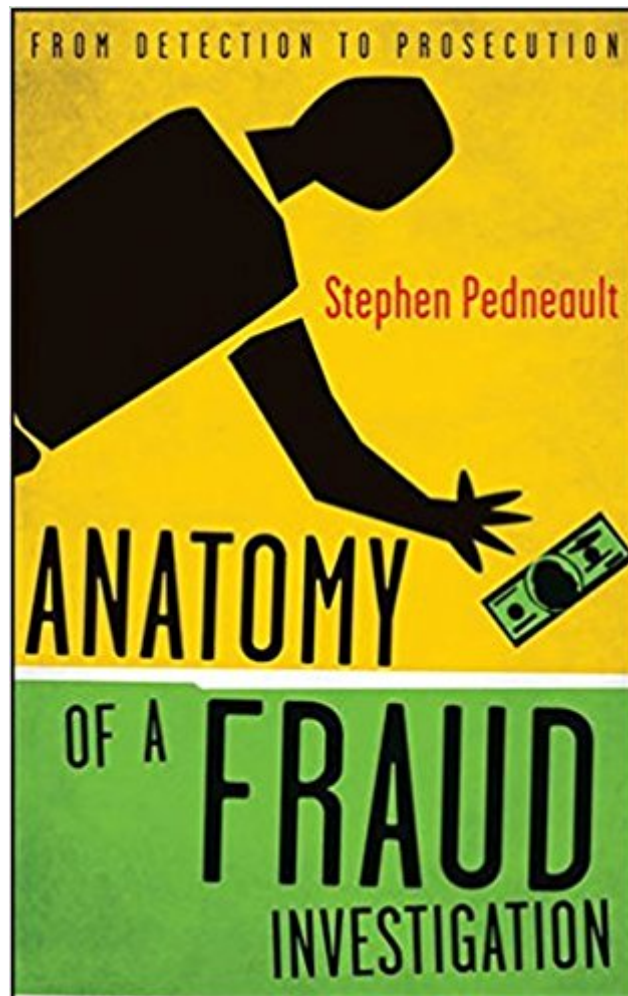




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# Anatomy Of A Fraud Investigation: From Detection To Prosecution



## Synopsis

A one-of-a-kind resource walking you through one complete fraud investigation, from the original tip to conviction in court *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation* is an engrossing read and a valuable resource for fraud investigators, auditors, or anyone who suspects fraud may be occurring in their organizations and is unsure as to how to act. It details all phases of a fraud investigation from the first suspicion of fraud to the final judgment in court, through the eyes of a forensic accountant. In each phase, the author provides insights based on his twenty-two years as a forensic accountant from where to sit at the table when you bring the suspected fraudster in for questioning, to how you protect the key sources of information that the suspect will try to destroy once he or she realizes they are under investigation. In-depth analysis of a fraud investigation Based on an actual investigation conducted by the author Each chapter contains valuable tips and key considerations, providing subtext for why decisions were made and bringing to light potential risks A fascinating, insider look at a fraud investigation, *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation* helps you better understand fraud detection, investigation, and prevention-from the inside out.

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Most fraud cases, especially thefts and em-bezzlements, never make it into the public eye. Those that do grab the media's attention merely report the end result of weeks, months, and even years of investigative procedures. For experienced and inexperienced fraud professionals alike, there is little available to keep abreast of the latest fraud tactics. Providing unparalleled insights into what takes place during a fraud investigation, *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation* is a valuable resource for you,

whether you are a fraud investigator, auditor, or if you simply suspect fraud may be occurring in your organization and aren't sure what to do. This is a fascinating, insider look at a fraud investigation, designed to help you better understand fraud detection, investigation, and preventionâ from the inside out. Written by a seasoned investigator with over twenty-two years of experience conducting fraud investigations, this unique book articulates the investigative thought process through an authentic case, from the first tip to the forensic accountant that fraud is suspected, to the final judgment in court. No detail is too small here, with consideration given to sometimes-overlooked details, including: How does a case come to light in the first place? Who are the individuals behind the scene putting the case together, sifting through ledgers, cancelled checks, and other records that comprise a mountain of evidence? Who handles all the information, and where is evidence stored? Who are the witnesses, and how can you know if the suspect acted alone or with the assistance of an accomplice? If computer forensics is involved, how can you extract the most evidence from the suspects' computers? Unpacking the finer points that make fraud investigative work interesting and challenging, *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation* breaks down the "juicy details" of a fraud investigation from beginning to end, with a you-are-there analysis of the steps and measures involved in each stage of an actual fraud investigation.

**Praise for *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation From Detection to Prosecution*** "In the first book of its kind, *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation* combines a detective story with a textbook. Mr. Pedneault leads the reader through the investigation of an embezzlement. Along the way, he shows us all the stages of a fraud case â from the initial detection through prosecution â and shares with us tips and techniques to successfully complete each stage. Providing instruction in the context of a case story results in an enjoyable and interesting experience for anyone interested in learning more about fraud investigation." â "John D. Gill, J.D., CFE, Vice Presidentâ Education Association of Certified Fraud Examiners "In *Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation*, which reads like a thriller, Stephen Pedneault does a masterful job in exposing how thievery is discerned and stopped and thieves prosecuted." â "Julie Jason, author of *The AARP Retirement Survival Guide: How to Make Smart Financial Decisions in Good Times and Bad* "Effectively designed for comprehending the phases of a fraud investigation. Progressively delineates the complexity of a fraud investigation through animating learning points within a continuous, unwinding narrative." â "David R. Lavoie, Ph.D., M.L.I.S., Director of Instructional Design & Assessment, School of Business, University of Connecticut

The crime of embezzlement has fascinated me for years, but there seem to be very few books that explain for non-specialists exactly how embezzlement schemes work and are detected. "Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation" fills that gap. While it is intended to be an instructional work for finance professionals (and is priced accordingly), it will be readily understandable by most readers and fascinating for anyone who, like me, wants an accurate understanding of one type of white-collar crime. The book covers the investigation of embezzlement perpetrated by "James Smith," the controller of a division of a large non-profit entity. It begins with the initial engagement of the author to investigate suspected embezzlement and proceeds step-by-step through the case, to its ultimate resolution. The author describes his standard practices and includes numerous sidebars explaining why he does what he does. The presentation is a bit dry, but Pedneault's writing is more than satisfactory. And there is a certain amount of excitement as Smith's scheme is slowly uncovered. The Kindle edition has no major problems. Footnotes (of which there are few) are linked.

This book exceeded my expectations in terms of the information shared about the mechanics of fraud investigation and the manner in which it was presented. The fraud example itself was pretty pedestrian, and there was no blockbuster ending. Don't expect to see "Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation" at a theater near you any time soon. However, the example provided a valuable timeline and frame of reference for describing an investigation, and it gave relevance to the procedures being described. I am a CPA currently studying to become a CFE. The book was rich with valuable information, and it was enjoyable to read as well. I would highly recommend this book without reservation - an easy 5 star rating.

My husband, Robert, purchased this book for me because he thought I would find it interesting as I recently became a Certified Fraud Examiner. He was right! This book takes the reader through a fraud investigation from beginning to end with many details and lots of explanations, etc. I am very analytical and detail-oriented, and this book was perfect for me. The author even points out some of his own mistakes and suggestions of what should have been done differently in this case. Loved it!

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