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Presentation Title:	Impact of AI Generated Media on Homeland Security
Type of Presentation	Single Presenter
Intended Audience	All Conference Attendees Cybersecurity/IT Professionals Law Enforcement
Presentation Abstract	<p>As technology improves, deepfakes and AI generated content are becoming more accessible and realistic while barriers to creation are lowering. Spreading disinformation, particularly about current events and politics, has become a popular use for deepfakes, making it easier than ever to manipulate public opinion in the modern age of social media.</p> <p>We created authentic content and, using open-source software, deepfake content in video and audio form. We carefully controlled timing, messaging, and demographics to ensure data integrity. A total of 244 subjects participated, with 40 attending in-person for biometric data collection using tools at the SMARTLab, specifically eye-tracking and emotion recognition. Participants rated credibility, persuasiveness, and trustworthiness with no statistical difference between synthetic and authentic media. Our findings also indicated that deepfakes are difficult to detect.</p> <p>We've found that deepfakes can quietly shape public opinion without raising many questions. Misinformation is no longer confined to traditional propagandists or media manipulators; it can now be created and spread by anyone with an internet connection.</p>
Indicate up to 3 learning objectives that will be presented:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) AI Deepfakes 2.) Misinformation 3.) Election Security
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