Auto Theft Today

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iaati.org – Our new website is live

After a long period of planning and development our old website has finally been replaced with a new design that was launched last week. This is a significant milestone for the Association and is the first stage of the website redevelopment project will provide a modern platform for us to offer a better experience for our members.

IAATI's first international website was launched in 1997 and underwent a upgrade in January 2002 to the design with the blue background that has been familiar to members for the past 15 years. Apart from some minor tweaks to that design and the inclusion of a new landing page with a yellow background in 2012, very little has change since 2002.

Unfortunately our old website was holding us back. It was not user friendly from either our members' or the site administrator's perspectives. In contrast the new site has a powerful modern content management system, and has been designed to allow management to integrate more member information to provide a better user experience. From now on details of the training you attend, your certification or award achievements will be integrated into your personal account. It also provides a clear and easier way to find information across the site.

I encourage you to take some time and explore each of the menus and all of the features of the new website. While we have added some historical content to the site, we will be constantly updating and adding more content over time. In a few weeks time you will receive an email invitation to a short survey asking for your thoughts about the new website and suggestions for stage 2 of the redevelopment. Please keep a lookout in you inbox for this survey and spare us a few minutes to give us your feedback.

Another new initiative we have recently launched is a new email tool. Hopefully you should have all received last week our first *Member Update* email. We are now using MailChimp as a tool to provide members with timely updates of important information. If you did not receive the first *Member Update*, which was sent out last week, then please check your junk email folder. If you still can 't find the email then try login on the new website (select Account in the top blue bar) and checking if we have your correct email address. If all else fails send us an email to jvabounader@iaati.org with your name, address, phone number and member number (if known) and will we check our records.

In the meantime, enjoy this issue of *Auto Theft Today* and don't forget to register for the 65th International Training seminar as well any other training in your local area.

Chris McDonold, Editor

IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch
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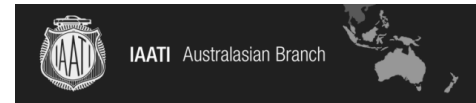
European Branch
eb-iaati.org

Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org

Southern African Branch
iaatisab.co.za

United Kingdom Branch
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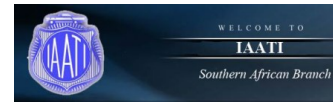
Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter
ncrc-iaati.org

North East Regional Chapter
neiaati.org

South Central Regional Chapter
tavti.org

South East Regional Chapter
seiaati.org

Western Regional Chapter
wrciaati.org

IAATI Awards

Nominations are now being sort for all of IAATI's International Awards. So if you know a person, a team, an organization, or an initiative, that deserves recognition please nominate them for one of our 2017 Awards. Below is a description of a couple of the awards. A full list of all the 2017 award categories is available on our website www.iaati.org.   **The closing date for all awards nominations is May 1st, 2017**

- **IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award — Committee Seeks Submissions for 2017**

Nominations are invited for the IAATI's 2017 Insurance Investigator of the Year Award. This award was created in 2014 in order to recognize and honor an insurance professional (individual or group) for his or her outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle theft investigation or insurance fraud investigation.

Nominations for this award may come from any source and should include details of case which supports the nomination. Nominations must be directed to the IAATI Executive Directive by May 1.

The 2017 award will be presented at the Annual Seminar's banquet in Cape Town, South Africa, August 31st, 2017. annual IAATI Training Seminar. If the intended recipient is not in attendance, the award shall be presented by an IAATI representative at a later date.

While this award is intended to be an annual award, nothing requires such, nor precludes more than one yearly award if deemed appropriate by the committee.

The closing date for submissions is May 1, 2017. Submissions shall be sent to Executive Director, John Abounader at: jvabounader@iaati.org

Submitted by Brad Anderson, Committee Chair

- **Raymond W. Dreher Award — Committee Seeks Submissions for 2017**

The Raymond W. Dreher Award was created in 1984 as IAATI's most prestigious award, is presented in memory of the late Lt. Ray Dreher of the Missouri Highway Patrol, and IAATI's 16th President. While not necessarily a yearly award, this is given as recognition for IAATI's most active and dedicated members who have distinguished themselves by service to the Association. It is only awarded to those giving of themselves far and above what is expected and required of membership. There are no other requirements for the award, except hard work and dedication to IAATI with an international focus.

The Lt. Raymond W. Dreher Award

This Award is Named in Honor of Lt. Raymond H. Dreher, Missouri Highway Patrol and is given to Members of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators for Extraordinary Service to that Association.

This year's award, if one is awarded, would be presented at the Annual Seminar's banquet in Cape Town, South Africa, August 31st, 2017.
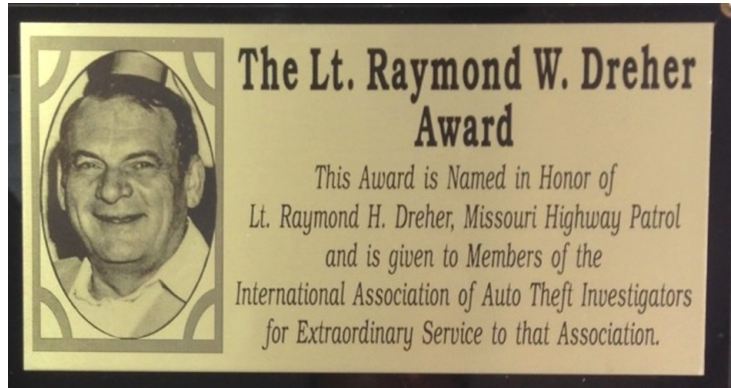
The closing date for submissions is May 1, 2017. Submissions shall be sent to Executive Director, John Abounader at: jvabounader@iaati.org

Submitted by Past President Denny Roske

- **IAATI's Award of Merit — Committee Seeks Submissions for 2017**

Opportunity knocks for you to recognise outstanding efforts.

We all work hard and take our tasks seriously. This many times involves extra efforts, long work hours and skull sweat that seemingly is not seen or acknowledged.

Here is your opportunity to take a moment to acknowledge that person's extra effort and submit their name to IAATI's Award of Merit!

Don't miss your chance to make a difference.

Please take a moment and if you do know somebody that deserves to be given the Award of Merit, stop and make a submission. Just getting their efforts submitted can be a boost to the soul!

The IAATI Award of Merit was created in 1992 in order to honor a person, group, department or company in recognition for outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle theft investigation or prevention.

The award committee will accept submissions until May 1, 2017, which is the cut-off date. Submissions should include the person or agencies involved, time frame and details of the investigation, number of people charged or convicted, number of vehicles recovered, or program involved, and if applicable, photos.

The Award of Merit will be presented at the Annual IAATI Training Seminar during the opening ceremonies on Aug. 28, 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa. If the intended recipient is not in attendance, the award shall be presented by a member of the board at a later date. While this award is intended to be an annual award, nothing requires such, nor precluded more than one yearly award if deemed appropriate.

Submissions shall be sent to Reg Phillips, award chair: rphillips@vrss.ca

Submitted by Reg Phillips, Committee Chair

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Constitution By Laws and SOP Committee**

During the IAATI Executive Board Meeting on August 10, 2016, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee the Board approved proposed changes to the IAATI Constitution.

The proposed changes/motions included:

1. Updating the references to National Auto Theft Bureau (NATB) to National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and ICPB to Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC).

2. The Committee also recommended that a paragraph be added indicting the following. "Or a similar structured organization subsidized by the insurance industry with the focus on motor vehicle related crimes" which include such organizations as OCRA and other international insurance funded organizations "Not for profit'

The CBL-SOP committee submits the following proposed changes to the IAATI Constitution for review and approval by the Executive Board:

"ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. Any representative of any duly authorized law enforcement agency, employed full time with peace officers powers; administrators and agents employed full time in a governmental motor vehicle registration function or a governmental vehicle regulatory function; administrators and special agents of the ~~National Automobile Theft Bureau or the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau of Canada~~ National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), the Oficina Coordinadora de Riegos Asegurados (OCRA), or a similar structured organization subsidized by the insurance industry or established under a government instrument or industry association with the focus on motor vehicle related crimes and other international ~~insurance~~ similar funded organizations which are designated as "not for profit"; employees and representatives from any Attorney General's office and/or Justice Department who are or have been engaged with a focus on motor vehicle related crimes; or any person honorably retired from one of the foregoing agencies, provided that such person possesses the other qualifications for membership and is not less than eighteen years of age. Membership shall be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board. Applications of persons denied membership shall be returned to the person applying with a letter of explanation."

At the January 2017 Board meeting a motion was passed to put the above listed changes to the Constitution to a vote of the members at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

- **Asian Development Committee**

We are proud to announce that a joint conference will be held organised by Interpol in conjunction with IAATI at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 26th, 27th and 28th April, 2016.

During the conference one of the sessions held will be an information and planning session on forming a sub committee of members wishing to start and be a part of a New Asian Branch of IAATI. We are hopeful that if there are sufficient members and interest in this then a proposal for a charter can be put to the International Board .

With around 53% of all passenger and light commercial vehicles manufactured in Asia, developing out networks with Asian law enforcement and manufacturers is a high priority for the Association.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Marketing Committee**

"On February 21st , 2017 I received a message from Marketing Director, Carmen Swanson. She informed me, that she has decided to resign her position of Director of Marketing for IAATI. The reason for her decision was sad and personal. Her father is critically ill and because of that, she spends a lot of time with her family and she could not find enough time in her schedule for her IAATI work.

I replied and told Carmen that I wished her a lot of strength during this difficult period, I also told her that I accepted her resignation and I thanked her for the excellent and professional work she did for IAATI over the years.

Carmen's resignation meant that we quickly had to find a new Marketing Director. John Abounader recommended I contact Brad Anderson, who did the marketing role for the North East Chapter and as John said, 'Brad performed this role very well'.

I followed John's advice and contacted Brad. Brad was honored, he said he knew the specifics of the job but first had to talk with his family and he asked for some consideration time. On Friday March the 3rd Brad sent me a message and informed me, that he was willing to accept the job, at least for this year (2016/17). At the conclusion of the seminar, we can re-evaluate his responsibilities for the next year but Brad has other wishes. He wants to go through the chairs of the executive board.
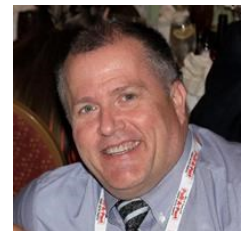
Congratulations with the new position of Marketing Director. I wish you lots of success."

Hans Kooijman, President IAATI 2016-17

Do you hate being blocked from where you need to go?

It can be incredibly frustrating and cause you significant delays. Avoid this happening to you. Renew your IAATI membership before March 31st to avoid having your access rights to IAATI's member only content removed.

Members who do not renew their IAATI membership for 2017 by this date will also cease to receive copies of Auto Theft Today and APB; will be unable to attend IAATI member only training; and lose access to our website resources, forums and worldwide directory of IAATI members to assist you with your investigations.

Chapter members can renew via the international website (www.iaati.org). Branch members should renew via their branch website or contact their Branch President for more information on how to renew.

Act now and renew your IAATI membership before March 31st 2017.

Latin American and South African Branch members:

Substantially cheaper membership fees are now available in your branches.   Please contact your Branch President or Membership Secretary for more information on how you can save.

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European Branch

- Next year the 2017 European Branch Annual Training Seminar will be held in Prague, Czech on 25th—27th October 2017. Further details will be posted on the European Branch Website later this year.

- Following a clear IAATI EB strategy, other training for Law Enforcements agencies and non will follow during 2017. A request for training has been received from the Portugal private sector / LEA and we are planning to adhere to their request during this year.

UK Branch

- The UK Branch are currently preparing for their next Annual Training Seminar which will be Next year the 2017 European Branch Annual Training Seminar will be held in Prague, Czech on 25th—27th October 2017. Further details will be posted on the European Branch Website later this year.

- The UK as a whole is experiencing massive levels of vehicle criminality/ vehicle enabled crime this year. Everything!! Your typical high end, high spec JLRs, Mercs, BMW's and Audi's to all the mid range stuff also. Classics and bike and scooter theft, 600% up. Plant and equipment theft up. For more details read the UK Branch's latest newsletter: http://www.iaati.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/IAATI-Newsletter-January-2017-JP.pdf

North Central Regional Chapter

- The North Central Regional Chapter will be holding its 2017 Midwest Motor Vehicle Theft Seminar in Indianapolis, IN during the first week of May. (May 1st – May 4th). As a chapter, we continue to focus on retaining and increasing membership. We are happy to offer four new classes at our May seminar and a tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Interviews for director positions will be conducted in May. The NCRC voted to add a President's Award with the first being presented at our seminar in May.

- Discussion continues on an annual one day seminar that would be held in a new state each winter.

North East Regional Chapter

- Our 2017 45th annual NE Chapter seminar is set for May 16th - 18th at the Marriott Sable Oaks in South Portland, Maine. This years' registration fee is $200.00 for members and $235.00 for non-members (which includes membership for one year). Email any 2017 seminar questions to NE IAATI 3rd VP David Potter DPotter@plymouthrock.com or NE IAATI Executive Director Kim Hormann KHormann@plymouthrock.com

- We are looking forward to hosting the 2018 International IAATI Seminar with the Pennsylvania ATPA in the Pittsburgh, PA area. This is an excellent location and should be well attended.

Did you know?

That as a financial member you can always access past issues of Auto Theft Today or APB from the Resources menu on the new website. Once you visit the website (www.iaati.org) you will need to log onto the members only section using your username and password.

The new international website also contains a range of other important documents including our Constitution and By-laws, SOPs, our 2015-20 Strategic Plan, Legislation Update, Corporate Partner Program , minutes form our AGMs, plus training material from past seminars and Certification reading materials.

Just log into the Account section of the website to access all this and more.

Australasian Branch:

- **2017 Seminar - 'Towards a Secure System', 4th—6th April, Melbourne**

  Registrations are now open for the Australasian branch 2017 Training seminar. This year things will be a little different as the branch has joined with the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) and Victoria Police to jointly hosting the Australian Vehicle Crime Conference - *'Towards a Secure System'*, at the RACV City Club, 501 Bourke St, Melbourne, on the 4-6 April 2017.

  'Towards a Secure System' is the concept of applying a Secure System approach to combating vehicle crime. The approach takes a holistic view of the dynamics of vehicle theft and the interaction between vehicle design, motorists' perceptions and choices, offender behaviour, and government and industry practices to minimise the opportunity for theft to occur, increase the likelihood and consequences of detection, and increase the effort and risk required to profit from stolen vehicles.

  You can register for the conference via the NMVTRC's website: carsafe.com.au/conference

  The registration fee is only $245 for the full three days and a two hour Networking reception on the first night. On the second night IAATI will be hosting its 2017 Awards Dinner, sponsored by Suncorp, and tickets for this event can be purchased for $130. For further information mpollard@iaati.org.

- **Australasian Branch 2017 Travel Scholarship**

  Nominations are now open for branch members who wish to apply to attend the 2017 European Branch Conference and receive up to $3,000 in reimbursements for their travelling and accommodation costs. Sponsored by long term IAATI sponsor F.I.R.E.S., this fantastic initiative is designed to stimulate greater ties between the members of the two branches and encourage greater exchange of information and knowledge.

  Under the initiative both branches will offer one free seminar registration for a member of the other branch to attend their annual training seminar. In officially opening nominations for 2017 Australasian Branch President, Mark Pollard, said "the Australasian Branch recognises that our geographic isolation can sometimes be a barrier for its members to keep abreast of current international trends. With the upcoming closure of all Australian assembly plants in October, a significantly greater proportion of vehicles in Australia will be imported from Europe so it is important that our members develop ongoing relationships with the European IAATI members. Europe has also been at the forefront of many of the emerging modus operandi in recent years."

  The successful 2017 Australasian member will attend the European Seminar which will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, 25th - 27th October 2017. English is the official language of the European Seminar which usually attracts around 200-250 delegates from around 25 different countries, thereby providing a valuable training and networking opportunity.

  Applications close 30th April, 2017 and the winner will be announced in May.

  Click here to download the Exchange Program and Travel scholarship application brochure

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Southern African Branch:

GET ON THE ROAD TO CHANGE, BY JOINING THE DRIVE TO ELIMINATE VEHICLE CRIME

The 65th Annual IAATI Training Seminar, hosted by the Southern African Branch of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators will take place on African soil for the very first time in August 2017. We are proud to be hosting this event and would like to invite you to join us in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Seminar offers a weeklong training program on the latest information on vehicle crime investigation, motor vehicle identification, vehicle crime trends and current technology. IAATI recognizes that just as law enforcement agencies cannot successfully function independently of one another, auto theft investigation requires active collaboration with the private sector. As such our members include representatives of law enforcement agencies, insurance industry, banking institutions, vehicle manufacturers, security experts, forensic specialists, government, registration authorities and vehicle inspectors, policy advisers, and others with a legitimate interest in vehicle related crime. Our members are involved in all aspects of legal vehicle related crime, including the prevention and, detection, investigation and prosecution thereof, as well as the awareness and education of all stake holders.

The seminar aims to attract more than 500 delegates, both local and international and will cover topics such as vehicle identification and technology, cloning, investigative techniques and trends, vehicle theft and hijacking, cross border vehicle crime, tracking of vehicles, risk mitigation, fraud, corruption, systems and data as well as other related topics.

Vehicle theft is at the core of every crime, and needs to be addressed. Your participation in this event indicates that you share the same view. This initiative can only be a success if we are all serious about combining our efforts in the fight against vehicle crime. This is an excellent opportunity to do just that.

We hope you will join us on the road to change, by accepting our invitation to attend the 65th Annual IAATI Training Seminar

Daan Nel
President, IAATI Southern African Branch

65TH IAATI INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR — **27 AUG - 1 SEP, 2017 CAPE TOWN**

Seminar Themes:

Investigation

Investigation involves the study of facts that identify, locate and prove the guilt of an accused criminal. In order to better equip the investigator with skills to successfully conduct his or her investigation, training will be presented on relevant subjects and areas such as:

- Basic to advanced principles & methodology to successfully investigate vehicle related crimes
- Ringing
- Cloned Vehicles
- Staged Accidents
- Organised Vehicle Crime: A case study
- Cross Border movement of stolen vehicles
- Rental Cars used in Crime
- Motorcycle Theft
- Transnational Crime
- Cargo/Freight Theft
- Vehicle Finance Fraud
- Insurance Fraud

Identification

The identification of a vehicle as stolen and the determination of a vehicle's original identity. Firstly an investigator must attain the necessary knowledge and observation skills in order to detect signs that a vehicle may be stolen. When such a vehicle is then investigated the investigator must have the knowledge and skills to determine the true identity of the vehicle. The following subjects will be covered in order to equip an investigator with the necessary identification knowledge and skills on the following:

- Basic Vehicle Identification
- Appearance and decoding of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Visit to Vehicle Safeguarding Unit for practical demonstration
- Heavy Equipment Identification
- Trailer Identification
- Motor Manufacturers experts

Technology & Trends

The various technology, tools and information systems available to use in the prevention, detection and investigation of vehicle related crime. This includes:

- Investigation through Social Media
- Baitcar
- Interpol – INVEX
- Jammers
- Insurance Fraud: Data quality and data sharing
- Keyless Car Theft
- NPA Asset Forfeiture Unit
- Crime Statistics
- ANPR
- NAVICC
- Cell phone telemetry
- Micro-dotting
- Tracking
- Unicode Insurance Fraud

Registrations

Registrations are now open (iaati2017.co.za) and there are savings by registering early and for five or more registrations from the same organizations. **Early bird registrations (close 30 April)** are only USD $275 or (ZAR 4000) for delegates and only USD $55 (ZAR 800) for companions. In addition group there will be the following group discounts on offer:

- Five (5) or more registrations from the same organisation registered at the same time will qualify for 5% discount on the total invoice amount
- Ten (10) or more registrations from the same organisation registered at the same time will qualify for a 10% discount on the total invoice amount

Destination — Cape Town

Positioned on the tip of Africa and affectionately dubbed South Africa's "Mother City", Cape Town is a city alive with things to do, see, taste and experience! From the famous Table Mountain to the city's golden beaches and surrounding wine lands, Cape Town will surely capture your heart. Also the World Design Capital 2014, Cape Town is a bustling expression of an international city with an African twist. Prepare to be wowed!!!

Venue — Century City Conference Centre & Hotel

The seminar will take place at the newly built Century City Conference Centre and Hotel, and is conveniently situated just a few minutes from the Cape Town CBD. It is a secure, privately managed, 250-hectare mixed-use precinct, for which development has exceeded R17billion to date.

This world-class model of new urban planning and implementation successfully combines residential, commercial and leisure components on the banks of eight kilometres of picturesque waterways and canals. The development is home to over 500 companies. This includes national and regional head offices of some of South Africa's blue-chip corporates, and more than 3 500 apartments, houses, and penthouses.

Century City is centrally located in relation to the greater Cape Town metropole, with easy access from the CBD, the popular Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, and the Southern, Northern and West Coast suburbs.

Its situation on the N1 also provides convenient access to the Cape Town International Airport, and the Cape Winelands.

Accommodation
Special rates have been negotiated with hotels in the vicinity of Century City Conference centre. To book, please email accommodation@iaati2017.co.za

Century City Conference Centre Hotel

Superior Room: R 1805 Single and R 2105 double or twin.
Rates included Bed and Breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the Hotel. A 1% tourism levy will be charged in addition to the above. Cancellation: Should room nights/rooms be cancelled 30 days or less from the arrival date, 100% of the released room nights/rooms will be charged.

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Island Club Hotel & Apartments

Deluxe Room: R 1685.00 Single and R 1890.00 Double or Twin
Superior Deluxe Room: R1885.00 Single and R 2090.00 Double or Twin
Suite: R 2235.00 Single and R 2440.00 Double or Twin

Rates include a scrumptious breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi and secure parking. Cancellation: If cancelled up to 7 days before date of arrival, 50% of the total price of the reservation will be charged and if cancelled less than 7 days before date of arrival, 100% of the total price of the reservation will be charged.

African Pride Crystal Towers Hotel and Spa

Superior Room: R 2183.00 Single and R 2583.00 Double or Twin

Rates included Bed and Breakfast, tourism levy, complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the Hotel.
Cancellation: Should room nights/rooms be cancelled 30 days or less from the arrival date, 100% of the released room nights/rooms will be charged.

Visa Information:
Visitors' visas are for international travellers (citizens of other countries) who have permanent residence outside South Africa and who wish to visit the country on a temporary basis for tourism or business purposes for a period of 90 days or less. Requirements for visitor's visas differ from country to country and the requirements are subject to change. As each application is treated as an individual case and you should make enquiries with your nearest South African mission or consulate abroad or any office of the Department of Home Affairs to see whether or not you are required to apply for a visa.

Please visit http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa for more information on visas

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Sponsorship

While IAATI does not endorse any product, Corporate Partners have an opportunity to create a dialogue with a highly targeted, captive audience through multiple touch-points. Benefit packages are customised to ensure that they are aimed at achieving the specific objectives of each sponsor.

The collection of recommended sponsorship benefits are designed to increase the exposure and positioning of your organisation and its brand. We'd be happy to customise a package for you that meets your organisational objectives.

Contact us: info@iaati2017.co.za

Exhibition

A limited number of opportunities also exist for organisations wishing to purchase exhibition space. The exhibition will run from Sunday 18h00 (27th August) to Thursday (31st August) and must be removed prior to the gala banquet on the evening of 31 August. Exhibition packages are available as follows:

- *Option 1: 2m x 2m stand   (ZAR 10,000)*
  Cost includes shell scheme 2m x 2m stand, organisation name on fascia board, trestle table and one chair as well as access for ONE (1) person to the exhibition, seminar and gala banquet. These exhibitors are placed in non – prominent space within the exhibition area. Additional exhibitor tickets can be purchased at ZAR 2500 per additional person attending.

- *Option 2: 3m x 3m stand (ZAR 15,000)*
  Cost includes shell scheme 3m x 3m stand, organisation name on fascia board, trestle table and two chair as well as access for TWO (2) persons to the exhibition, seminar and gala. Additional exhibitor tickets can be purchased at ZAR 2500 per additional person attending.

The President's welcome reception will take place in the exhibition area on Sunday, 27 August and will serve as the official opening of the exhibition area.

All refreshment breaks as well as lunches will be served in the exhibition area to ensure maximum exposure for all organisations. There will be ample opportunity for delegates and exhibitors to network.

To book your stand now, please contact us now: email info@iaati2017.co.za

Our Gold Sponsors include:

CAPE TOWN 2017 - Pre & Post Tours

Sightseeing options while in South Africa

Companion Tours
Various activities are available for companions during the IAATI seminar. These can be booked through the registration portal. Once you have registered, you can return to your registration profile to book any of the below activities. A minimum number of 8 guests is required for each of the activities. Should we not reach the minimum number for the tour on your preferred date, our tour coordinator will be in contact with you to arrange another date. There are 6 different options to chose from ranging from 2 hours to full day tours, which a choice of days for each option. See http://iaati2017.co.za/companion-programme/ for more details or contact Neluah at neulah@iaati2017.co.za

Pre and Post Seminar Tours
On the conference website Neulah has also provided some details of a couple great locations for safaris either pre or post the seminar. If you would like further details of these or other options please contact Neulah at neulah@iaati2017.co.za   Neulah is also able to tailor a holiday package to suit your specific needs and budget.

Alternatively many members may remember **Ronny Van den Hoeck**. Ronny is life member of IAATI having been been President of the European Branch and winner of several IAATI Awards (Award of Merit 1996 in Antwerp, Directors Award-EB). Ronnie was a policeman in Antwerp, Belgium and he also has been an insurance investigator.

In 2007 he and his wife, Yolande, emigrated from Belgium to South Africa. They started a guesthouse in Hartbeespoortdam, named Ponciana. Later Ronny also started Pongoa Travel. Ronny is a qualified South African National Guide and speaks different languages (Dutch, Afrikaans, English, German and French).

The love of nature and the importance of exploring and understand foreign cultures together with a global travel experience is the base of the service that Pongoa Travel gives to their customers. Especially the personal touch, service and guidance during your holiday is one of the biggest concerns of Pongoa.

Ronny will be hosting a tailored one week pre- or post seminar tour (Pretoria, Kruger Park, Cape Town) for the attendees of the 65th IAATI International Training Seminar. The pre-seminar tour runs from Saturday 19th—26th August while the post-seminar tour runs from Friday 1st—8th September and travels in the reverse direction. For space reasons in this issue of ATT we have only included the detailed itinerary for the post seminar tour on the following pages. Please note there are two separate booking forms depending if you are booking the pre or post seminar tour. Bookings for Ronny's tours are only open till the **1st April, 2017**. For more information please contact Ronny directly:

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Details about any of these tours or the services offered on the Conference website is for the information of IAATI members. IAATI has a strict policy of not endorsing any product or company. Members should make their own assessment if any of these products meets their specific needs.

SPECIAL 65th IAATI INTERNATIONAL AFTER SEMINAR TOUR
8 DAYS GUIDED TOUR / 7 NIGHTS
WITH KRUGER SAFARI PACKAGE

PRETORIA - JO'BURG - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - PANORAMA ROUTE

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Pongoa Travel

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 : Departure from Cape Town International with domestic flight to Johannesburg OR Tambo. Overnight stay in Pretoria City Lodge Lynnwood.
DAY 2 : Day trip to the Cradle of Humankind - Magalies Mountains - Hartbeespoortdam - Traditional and Cultural Tour Lesedi with diner buffet. Overnight stay in Pretoria City Lodge Lynnwood.
DAY 3 : Day Tour Johannesburg - SOWETO Township. Overnight stay in Pretoria City Lodge Lynnwood.
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1 - 2017 : CAPE TOWN - JOHANNESBURG - PRETORIA

The day of the closing ceremony of the 65th IAATI Conference you have to make arrangements with local transport to be at Cape Town International Airport at 12:00 for your domestic flight.
13:15 pm : Departure with domestic flight to Johannesburg
15:10 pm : Arrival at OR Tambo Johannesburg
Ronny will welcome you at the airport and the coach will be ready to bring you to Pretoria. On our way to the hotel we will make a stop at the Union Building with the biggest statue of Nelson Mandela in the world and the beautiful gardens. We check in at the City Lodge in Lynnwood. For your evening diner you will find many good restaurants on Lynnwood square just 5 minutes walking distance from the hotel entrance.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2 - 2017 : BROEDERSTROOM - HARTBEESPOORTDAM - MAGALIES MOUNTAINS

08:00 am : breakfast buffet in the hotel
09:00 am : We are going to Muldersdrift or the area known as 'the Cradle of Humandkind' where we visit the Sterkfontein Caves. This area is worldwide known as one of the places where most of hominid fossils were found and last year a complete new specie was found called Homo naledi.
12:00 : Route to Hartbeespoortdam - a big lake - where you have time to visit the biggest craft market of South Africa – Chameleon Village. Here you can find beautiful African souvenirs and there are many places to have a light lunch.
16:00 pm : Visit to Lesedi Cultural Village.
Here you will have a guided tour through different villages of the most important tribes of South Africa such as the Zulu's, Xhosa, Pedi, Basotho and Ndebele people followed by traditional dancing. After the tour there is a delicious African buffet with game, crocodile and typical South African dishes.
20:00 pm : Return to the hotel.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - 2017 : SOWETO - JOHANNESBURG

08:00 am : Breakfast buffet in the hotel
09:00 am : Today we visit SOWETO – a place of many contrasts. This part of Johannesburg got negative international publicity on June 16th 1976 when student protests against the Apartheid regime ended in violent suppression by the police. It all started because the Regime wanted to implement the African language as medium of instruction in the schools.
We will attend a real African Gospel church with singing and dancing and visit the Regina Mundi Catholic church – a very special place in the history of Soweto.
We will go up on the Oppenheimer Tower to have an overview of Soweto.
12:30 pm : Lunch buffet in a typical local Shebeen in Kliptown. In the earlier times of the Apartheid a shebeen was a local pub where they illegally sold liquor.
13:45 pm : Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication and a walk through the township of Kliptown. This is one of the most poor parts of Soweto but the local community started with initiatives for the children and their inhabitants.
15:00 pm : Visit to the Hector Pieterson Museum and the house of Nelson Mandela in Vilakazi street, famous because it's the only street in the world that can be proud having 2 Nobel Peace price winners : Mandela and Desmond Tutu who both lived in this street.
We also visit the Orlando Towers.

18:30 pm : Return at the hotel
In the evening you can have diner again in one of the restaurant on Lynnwood Square.

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4 - 2017 : ROUTE TO PANORAMA ROUTE - PILGRIM'S REST

07:00 am : Breakfast buffet in the hotel.
08:30 am : We leave Pretoria via the N4 towards Nelspruit via Waterval Boven and Waterval Onder – a nice scenic route. We stop on our way to have a small lunch. Via Sabie we drive to Graskop where we stop at God's Windows with a breathtaking view over the lowfelds and when the weather is good you see Mozambique on the horizon. We visit the Pinacle rock, Wonderview and finaly the Berlin Falls and Lisbon Falls.
17:00 pm : We check in at Pilgrim's Rest at the old Victorian Royal Hotel.
This hotel was erected in 1894. The annex of the hotel was build in 1884. The bar was originally the Roman Catholic chapel of the St Cyprian's Girl school in Cape Town. It was demolished, shipped to Maputo (Mozambique) and transported over the mountains to Pelgrim's Rest and erected again at the Royal Hotel.
19:00 pm : Diner at own expenses in the hotel with a surprise.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 - 2017 : PILGRIM'S REST - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - HAZYVIEW

08:00 am : Breakfast in the hotel
09:00 am : check out in the hotel and free time to visit the historical down town village of Pilgrim's Rest.
10:15 am : route to Graskop and time to walk in the village.
11:00 am : Lunch at Harry's Pancakes in Graskop
12:00 am : Route to Phabeni Gate at the Kruger National Park from where we start our afternoon game drive in the open jeeps enjoying the diversity of wildlife the Kruger has on offer, one of the most famous parcs in South Africa. Wildlife consist of about 150 mammals, 33 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 50 fishes and more as 500 different bird species.
Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. It covers an area of 19,485 square kilometres in the provinces of Limpopo and Mpumalanga in northeastern South Africa, and extends 360 kilometres from north to south and 65 kilometres from east to west. The administrative headquarters are in Skukuza. Areas of the park were first protected by the government of the South African Republic in 1898, and it became South Africa's first national park in 1926.
We will have occasionally a comfort stop but afterwards we continue with the game drive and en route we try to show as much as possible – the guides all have extensive knowledge and are always happy to share it and this will enhance the experience!
17:00 pm : the safari ends at the Kruger gate where the coach is waiting to bring us to the Protea hotel in Hazyview for check in.
19:00 pm : diner buffet in the hotel.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6 –2017 : PANORAMA ROUTE - BLYDE RIVER CANYON

07:30 am : Breakfast in the hotel
08:30 am : Today we visit the northern part of the Panorama Route.
09:30 am : Bourke's Luck Potholes is a geological feature that is situated at the confluence of the Treur and the Blyde River. Sustained kolks in the Treur River's plunge pools have eroded a number of cylindrical potholes or giant's kettles, which can be viewed from the crags above. It was named after a local prospector, Tom Bourke, who predicted the presence of gold, though he found non himself. The pedestrian bridges connect the various overlooks of the potholes and the gorge downstream.
11:00 am : We are now in the centre of the Blyde River Canyon – the 3rd biggest canyon in the world after the Grand Canyon in de US and the Fish River Canyon in Namibia. We make short walks to the viewpoint of the 3 Rondavels to have an overview about the canyon.
12:00 am : Possibility to have lunch at the Forever Resort.
14:30 pm : Boat cruise on the Blyde River canyon lake to the Kadeshi tegula Waterfall. During the cruise we can see maybe hippo's and crocodiles.
17:30 pm : Return to the hotel.
19:00 pm : Dinner buffet in the hotel

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7 - 2017 : KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

04:30 am : Early wake up call. We need to go looking for the Big 5 !!!
05:30 am : Open jeeps will be ready for the group at Phabeni Gate as we go on safari in the Kruger National Park for the whole day.
To the west and south of the Kruger National Park are the two South African provinces of Limpopo and Mpumalanga. In the north is Zimbabwe, and to the east is Mozambique. It is now part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, a peace park that links Kruger National Park with the Gonarezhou National Park in Zimbabwe, and with the Limpopo National Park in Mozambique.
The climate of the Kruger National Park and Lowveld is subtropical. Summer days are humid and hot with temperatures often soaring to above 38 ℃ (100 °F). The rainy season is from September until May. The Kruger National Park website lists September and October as the driest periods, culminating in rains late in October. The dry winter season is the ideal time to visit this region for various reasons. There is less chance of contracting malaria and the days are milder. Viewing wildlife is more rewarding as the vegetation is more sparse and animals are drawn to the waterholes to drink every morning and evening.
15:30 pm : The coach brings us back to the hotel for some relax time in the hotel.
19:00 pm : Dinner buffet in the hotel

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8 - 2017 : PANORAMA ROUTE - RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG

07:00 am : Breakfast buffet in the hotel
08:30 am : loading of the luggage and departure from the hotel.
09:30 am : Visit to the Mac Mac Falls, Lone Creek Falls and the Breidal Falls.
10:30 am : Route back to Johannesburg via Schoemanskloof and the N4. Lunch somewhere on the N4.
17:00 pm : Arrival in Johannesburg at the Airport OR Tambo for departure. End of the tour and back home !!!

ABOUT PONGOA TRAVEL

My IAATI career started in 1989 when I, together with a group of 8 European police officers, we submitted for a chapter and so the European Branch of IAATI was born in 1990. I was a director for many years and took over the Presidency of the European Branch in 1999 till 2001. Afterwards I was the Executive Director of the European Branch until 2006. In 1999 I also became a director of the International Executive board, a position I should held till 2006 when I retired from the Belgian Federal Police.
In 2004 the European Branch organised the 52nd International Seminar in Antwerp – Belgium.
In January 2007 our life completely changed when we immigrated to South Africa to start our Bed & Breakfast and to start as a Tour operator. My motto changed into : 'Don't dream your life - live your dream !!!'
When I arrived in South Africa I contacted several people to restart the Southern African Branch which was suspended since 1995. I was only involved for a year but today the Southern African is growing rapidly thanks to many dedicated people. So it was for me a great honour to be involved in three IAATI chapters : The European - the International and the South African.
Once in South Africa I started studying again to become a National qualified South African Guide. Today with our company Pongoa Travel we organise day trips and multiple day tours in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique. Today the knowledge of all these trips is brought together in the most complete packages, which require the needs of our clients travelling to a distant and unknown destination. The above package was composed especially for the IAATI Group who wants to see some extra things of South Africa before or after the seminar.
It will be a great pleasure to see you back in South Africa and to be your guide and tourleader in the most beautiful country of the world. You will enjoy your travel in the Rainbow Nation.
To all my friends and former colleagues. I wish you all the best and don't miss the 65th IAATI seminar – I'm convinced it's going to be a great one !!!!   Your guide : Ronny Van den Hoeck

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SATURDAY 19 AUGUST - SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 : Pick up of the guests in Johannesburg. Lunch and visit to the lions of Ukutula. Bush walk with lions. Overnight stay in Pretoria City Lodge Lynnwood.

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USA: If they want it, they'll take it: Tech isn't winning its fight against car thieves

By Bruce Brown, Digitaltrends.com, February 18, 2017

After years of decline, car theft is up in the United States, despite automaker security technology advances. Car thieves are relentless: If they want your car they're going to get it. What are carmakers doing about it — and can tech help?

Professional car theft rings account for the greatest number of stolen vehicles, typically packing them in container ships bound for overseas destinations where they'll sell for much more than in the U.S. your stolen car may keep traveling, even if you're no longer enjoying it.

According to the FBI's 2015 Uniform Crime Report (UCR), vehicle theft increased 3.1 percent in 2015 over 2014. The 2015 Hot Spots Vehicle Theft Report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) shows the metropolitan statistical areas with the highest vehicle theft rates; check your city and you'll see that theft is probably ticking up.

The UCR tallied 707,758 vehicle thefts in 2015. The average dollar loss is also increasing. According to the FBI, a motor vehicle is stolen every 44.6 seconds in the U.S.

Every 6.5 minutes a vehicle is stolen because the owner left the key inside.

Lojack, the company that makes the eponymous Lojack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System, created an infographic that summarizes the FBI's 2015 stolen vehicle stats. The graphic also shows the FBI's top 20 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) with the highest total auto theft numbers and the NICB's top 10 theft rate MSAs.

But is there more to the story than just statistics? And what about tech? Aren't automakers' advanced security tech making a difference?

To address these questions we spoke with three experts. We spoke separately in phone interviews with Patrick Clancy, VP of Law Enforcement at LoJack Corp.; Ivan Blackman, Manager of Vehicle Identification at NICB; and Chris McDonold, Executive Director of the Maryland Department of State Police Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Vehicle Crimes Committee.

Not all car thefts are counted
Our experts said the FBI UCR statistics aren't all-inclusive. In some cases stolen cars are involved in other crimes and aren't counted. For example, the increasingly common motor vehicle fraud is recorded as fraud, not car theft. Car jackings are recorded as assault. Burglaries and home invasions where cars are also stolen don't make the list either, but show up in burglary stats.

McDonold emphasized the growing incidence of cars stolen during burglaries. As it gets harder for thieves to break into cars and just drive them away, the Police Chiefs' organization hears about home burglaries in which thieves take any car keys they find along with other items. You might think they were after your electronics, which they also took, but they really wanted your car.

Clancy told Digital Trends, "Methods are evolving, methods are changing. There are more and more residential burglaries where they're taking keys to cars, and then either take the car then or they'll come back later and take the car." If you were away from home with your car, and thieves took a spare key hanging on a hook in the back hall, you might not even realize it was taken — until your car is stolen the next night.

Because reporting crimes to the FBI isn't mandatory, Blackman said, it's impossible to know the total number of stolen cars. He also said the greatest source of uncounted stolen cars involve financial fraud.

USA: If they want it, they'll take it: Tech isn't winning its fight against car thieves (continued)

If they want your car, they'll take it
"There's no more reaching under the steering wheel and touching wires to start the car," according to Clancy. "Now they need a key or a way to work on the car."

"Manufacturers made cars harder to steal, as law enforcement wanted. Now you see mostly professional thieves," according to McDonold.

Amateur thieves are often foiled, but professional groups are responsible for the majority of thefts. Organized car theft rings are after the money they get from selling the cars, usually in other countries, and they will adapt new ways to steal cars.

McDonold told Digital Trends that, in general, new car security is good for three to five years before thieves figure out how to defeat it. Until defeat mechanisms are available, thieves resort to other ways to get control of vehicles than directly attacking in-car security systems.

For example, when stealing higher end cars, if thieves get access to a car, wherever that might happen legitimately, they look for valet keys that can unlock, start, and drive cars away. Owners often store valet keys in glove boxes or consoles and they're unlikely to be missed. Clancy also mentioned a run on Land Rovers in the midwest, where an organized group of thieves disconnected the high-end SUV's drive train in the driveway at night, pulled the vehicle onto a flatbed, and took it away.

Clancy told a story of a woman in the South who was determined to prevent thieves from taking her new Mercedes-Benz, which she parked in front of her condo. She bought a heavy chain and padlock. Each night she attached the chain to the front of the car and locked it. One morning she awoke to find her car turned around, with the chain and padlock intact and attached to the rear of the car. She found a note on the windshield that read, "When we want it, we'll come back and get it."

How thieves use tech to steal cars
Stealing codes to shut off alarms and open doors is a common car theft technique. Some cars are stolen directly from dealer lots, but more often from residences.

For example, there are electronic devices that can intercept key codes when used by car owners. A thief could spot a car he wants parked on the street, put a GPS locator device under a fender, wait for the owner to return, and then capture the code when the owner unlocks the car. The thief just waits till the car is parked again, and uses a spoofed key he made while waiting to unlock and drive the car away.

Key blanks are readily available for sale online and from key-making vending machines. Once a thief has a key code, making a new key is easy, either from a vending machine or in some cases inside the unlocked vehicle. Blackman said the easiest way to get the keycode in many cases is to look at the door lock mechanism, because the majority of manufacturers print the key code there. He also said that it takes just 20 seconds to program a key fob plugged into the vehicle's On Board Diagnostic System (OBDS).

Keyless start systems are a particular concern, especially because many owners leave the fobs or transponders in the car, a convenience owners and for thieves alike. Sometimes, however, thieves don't want the car, they just want what's inside, including electronic devices for resale and personal information for identity theft.

Blackman also mentioned rental car theft. Thieves will rent a high end car for a day or two and then return it, leaving behind a concealed tracking device. While they have the car they use a key blank to make a copy of the original. A few days after returning the car, they track the car's location, and drive it away with the copied key.

USA: If they want it, they'll take it: Tech isn't winning its fight against car thieves (continued)

Organized car theft groups

Most car theft in the U.S. is by pros working in groups. Sometimes they steal popular cars or trucks for parts, but most often the groups can make much more money shipping the vehicles overseas via container ships.

More: *A thief can hack a car security system in minutes with a laptop*

Clancy told Digital Trends that people are still stealing cars such as 1994 Toyota Camrys and 1996 Honda Accords, often for their parts. The types of vehicles stolen can also vary by region. In Texas, for example, the Ford F-150 is the most commonly stolen vehicle. Occasionally they see a run on Ford Superduty F250 and F350s, which Blackman suspects are being sent overseas. NICB investigates organized groups and rings internationally. "Now groups have tools and knowledge to steal a specific type of vehicle. They're organized and specialized," Blackman told Digital Trends.

Container ships

The reason for both the rise in numbers of cars stolen and the average costs, all three experts agreed, is the demand for high end cars overseas. Many groups steal and send cars overseas via container ships, usually either re-plating vehicles with stolen license plates or re-vending them, which involves changing all the identifying numbers on the vehicles.

"There's more concern about dangers of what's coming in on container ships than what's going out," according to Blackman. So even though container sniffer technologies and container weighing can detect some containers that carry stolen cars, only a very small percent are checked.

Often the containers will be labeled as carrying household goods to pay lower import fees at the destination, as well as avoiding detection. Clancy said one group would put two cars in a container and then fill the rest of the space with bags of dog food.

Clancy also told Digital Trends of a recent bust involving a LoJack device in a stolen car. When law enforcement found the car, it was one of forty high end cars packed in containers, all in a lot near a container broker waiting to be shipped to Hong Kong. McDonold said it typically takes three weeks to process a car to be shipped by container. and that interval is the best chance for a recovery. If the car is shipped out, chances of recovery are minimal.

Car fraud

All three experts agreed that financial fraud involving vehicles, again often perpetrated by organized gangs, is a huge and growing factor in car theft, although it's usually reported as fraud. Thieves will go to a dealership with stolen IDs and sometimes buy two or three high end cars or SUVs at once, not haggling price at all.

Most car theft in the U.S. is by pros working in groups.

The thieves use stolen identities to finance the vehicles, and when they leave immediately drive them to a port city to prepare for shipment out of the country. It can take finance companies up to 45 days to realize they have bad loans, and by that time the vehicles have likely already been resold on another continent. The finance companies first go after the victims of identity theft, but it doesn't take long for all involved to realize what happened.

McDonald said increasing online vehicle sales and leasing are also subject to financial fraud by car theft gangs.

Another type of vehicle-related financial fraud is "owner give-ups." Whether because a car needs costly repairs, gas prices have gone way up, job loss, or other financial difficulty, owners ditch or hide a car somewhere and claim it was stolen to collect the insurance payout and stop making payments. Often cars that were really abandoned by owners are found burned or buried. If a used car is found burned that hasn't been stripped for parts, Blackman said that's usually a good sign it was an owner give-up.

USA: If they want it, they'll take it: Tech isn't winning its fight against car thieves (continued)

How to protect your vehicle
When we asked about the best way to protect vehicles from theft, McDonald said, "The only sure way is to put your vehicle inside a brick building with no windows or doors." Otherwise, they're fair game.

He also spoke about human error, saying they still see a lot of folks leaving keys in cars. McDonald said one of eight car thefts is a "freebie" because keys or fobs were left inside. He also reported that thefts with keys are up 31 percent since 2013. So McDonald's best advice is the same you've heard before but still matters. Lock your car and take your keys.

More: *LoJack reveals the high-tech tricks thieves use to steal connected cars*

Blackman's NICB promotes a four-layered approach to protecting your car from theft: Common sense, warning devices, immobilizing devices, and tracking devices.

Use common sense and park in well-lit spots, close all doors and windows securely, take your keys, and lock the car. Warning devices include audible alarms, steering column collars, and combo steering wheel/brake pedal locks.

Immobilizing devices such as smart keys, fuse cut-offs, kill switches, and starter, ignition, or fuel disablers all increase the likelihood thieves will move on to the next car. Finally, tracking devices such as Lojack that combine GPS and wireless technologies to allow remote vehicle monitoring can often help law enforcement find your vehicle quickly after the theft is reported.

Lojack's Clancy said they are working with many dealerships to install Lojack systems in every vehicle on the lot. Doing so not only helps prevent dealer lot theft, but also gives the eventual owners protection.

The take-away about car theft? If thieves really want your car, they'll take it. You can, however, take steps to lessen your vulnerability, starting with locking your car and keeping your keys and fobs with you.

Source: *http://www.digitaltrends.com/cars/car-security-technology-cannot-protect-your-car-from-thieves/*

USA: Senate passes "Triple trouble" bill for vehicle prowlers and thieves '

By The Suburban Times, February 9, 2017

Lakewood Washington, USA: Submitted by Sen. O'Ban's office.
SB 5059, which increases penalties for motor vehicle property offenses, easily passed the senate this morning in a 49 to 2 vote. State Senator Steve O'Ban, R-University Place, is the prime sponsor.

SB 5059 adds malicious mischief involving a motor vehicle in the first and second degree to the list of motor vehicle offenses that are triple scored in calculating an offender's criminal history score. In addition, the seriousness level for seven vehicle property crimes is increased by one if the offender is being sentenced for the third or subsequent offense.

"This is not a bill penalizing kids who make a mistake," O'Ban said. "This is a bill dealing with chronic property crime offenders, career criminals who have already been caught committing these crimes on multiple occasions. If they won't stop stealing, we need to stop them from stealing again."

Pierce County has been hit hard by vehicle property crime. Just last month, more than fifty vehicle break-ins were reported in Lakewood with thieves targeting the Lakewood Towne Center. In King County last month, a car prowl at a Sammamish park ended with the murder of a 22-year-old son of a Seattle officer.

"Car prowling and vehicle theft always leave a sense of violation, but they can also end in violence," said O'Ban. "It's serious crime and it's time the penalties reflected that."

Source: *http://thesubtimes.com/2017/02/09/senate-passes-triple-trouble-bill-for-vehicle-prowlers-and-thieves/*

Police dismantle fake Ferrari factory: Spanish police raid a workshop in which replicas of Ferrari and Lamborghini vehicles are manufactured

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Low-risk, high-reward cargo theft major problem in Canada: Insurance Bureau

By Faiza Amin, www.680news.com, February 10, 2017

On two separate occasions this week, cargo trucks containing milk and fruit have been robbed in the GTA and the incidents are raising questions as to how often these crimes occur.

Peel Police say $50,000 worth of milk was stolen from the back of a large transport truck in Mississauga on Wednesday, a little before 6 a.m. Days earlier, on Sunday, Hamilton Police asked for the public's help to locate $100,000 worth of blueberries and other fruit, after suspects gained access to a commercial truck that was eventually driven into Toronto.

According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, there was $42.3 million worth of stolen property in 2016 that was reported to their offices. These are described as low-risk, high-reward crimes that the Bureau says is a major problem in Canada, and these thefts cost the Canadian economy $5 billion each year.

With food thefts, the Bureau says no one has ever determined where exactly the stolen goods go. "It might land on the shelf of a wholesaler two days before its expiry date, and may be starting to turn," said Dan Beacock, Director of Auto Theft with the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

But just how do the stolen food items get on the shelves?

"Usually that's probably going to be word of mouth, underground network, somebody knows somebody who knows somebody," Beacock explains. "They might get sold through the black market to variety stores and convenience stores."

Value of the stolen foods often depreciates over time and there's a major public safety concern over the resale of the items. "Sometimes the people buying it have no idea," said Beacock. "It's not like a car and it has a serial number on it, that's part of the problem."

To address these cargo thefts, the Bureau launched a national reporting program in 2014, and over the years saw a steady climb in this types of crime.

In 2015, there were 836 cargo thefts in Canada. The number more than doubled the following year, with 1,670 reports in 2016. Most of those were in Ontario. The value of the recovered stolen goods has increased from $2.7 million in 2014, to just over $25 million in 2016.

"The more we get in the data base, the better the items will be found," Beacock said.

That data isn't completely reflective of all cargo thefts in the country. In some cases, Beacock says police are inaccurately investigating the reports as vehicle thefts, rather than cargo thefts. Trucking companies aren't always reporting the incident to the IBM, either because they're not familiar with the cargo theft reporting system, or Beacock says they may fear the incident could affect their insurance. The IBM says reporting these crimes will not increase your insurance premiums in any way.

"The trucking industry is starting to see that there's value in starting to report," said Beacock. "We're helping police to recover and on a number of cases make some arrests."

Last year, the IBC says it made 34 arrests and laid 203 charges under the cargo theft reporting system. The Bureau doesn't know how trucks are getting targeted, but Beacock speculates it could be a mixture of convenience, opportunity, or a planned theft. "Other times they could be conducting surveillance, watching the place, having an inside man in the warehouse, who knows."

The province's main trucking core, Highway 401, is a hotbed for this type of criminal activity.

"That's where we find the majority of our thieves," Beacock explains. "I'm not saying that's the only place, we're also seeing them in rural areas and Trans Canada as well."

Source: *http://www.680news.com/2017/02/10/low-risk-high-reward-cargo-theft-major-problem-canada-insurance-bureau/*

NICB: Mississippi Legislature Tackles Cargo Theft

www.nicb.com

House Bill 722 / Senate Bill 2184 will protect consumers while targeting cargo thieves

DES PLAINES, Ill., Jan. 26, 2017 — The Mississippi legislature is considering two bills that would create a specific offense for cargo theft. House Bill 722, introduced by Representative Steve Massengill (R-District 13), and Senate Bill 2184, introduced by Senator Dennis DeBar, Jr. (R-District 43), recognize the impact that cargo theft has across the entire socio-economic spectrum. The proposed legislation creates law specific to cargo theft from a railcar, commercial trailer, semitrailer, fifth wheel or container and includes substantial penalties upon conviction.

Cargo theft is a major national crime problem which adds to the cost of merchandise, food and transportation. Stolen food and pharmaceuticals pose a real health hazard and these commodities, along with electronics, continue to be the favorite target among cargo thieves.

Just consider the health implications for innocent consumers who, believing that they are getting safe and secure products, unknowingly buy stolen food or drugs which have been improperly stored or exposed to contaminants as they moved through the illicit commerce stream. Individuals who feed their greed through potentially deadly acts of cargo theft deserve the special attention that these two bills provide.

To help educate the public, NICB produced a public service announcement describing the impact of cargo theft, and it has been airing on radio and television stations across the nation. It is available here.

NICB urges the Mississippi legislature to pass HB 722 and SB 2184 to provide law enforcement and prosecutors with the legislation necessary to address the public health threat posed by cargo theft.

Source: *www.nicb.com/newsroom/news-releases/mississippi-legislature-tackles-cargo-theft-with-two-new-bills*

USA: Preliminary Semi-annual Uniform Crime Report, January–June, 2016

https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/preliminary-semiannual-uniform-crime-report-januaryjune-2016

Preliminary figures indicate that law enforcement agencies throughout the nation showed an overall increase of 5.3 percent in the number of violent crimes brought to their attention for the first 6 months of 2016 when compared with figures reported for the same time in 2015. The violent crime category includes murder, rape (revised definition), rape (legacy definition), robbery, and aggravated assault. The number of property crimes in the United States from January to June of 2016 decreased 0.6 percent when compared with data for the same time period in 2015. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Arson is also a property crime, but data for arson are not included in property crime totals due to fluctuations in reporting. The data presented in the table below indicate the percent change in offenses known to law enforcement for the first 6 months of 2016 compared with those for the first half of 2015 by population group and region, respectively.

Years	Robbery	Aggravat-ed assault	Property crime	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson
2013/2012	-1.8	-6.6	-5.4	-8.1	-4.7	**-3.2**	-15.6
2014/2013	-10.3	-1.6	-7.5	-14.0	-5.6	**-5.7**	-6.5
2015/2014	+0.3	+2.3	-4.2	-9.8	-3.2	**+1.0**	-5.4
2016/2015	+3.2	+6.5	-0.6	-3.4	-0.8	**+6.6**	-1.1

USA: Georgia investigator named ARA Insurance/NER award winner

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Thanks to a GPS unit and the quick, diligent work of Kevin Yarbrough, an investigator with the criminal investigation division of the Cowetta County Sheriff's Department in Newnan, Ga., a skid-steer loader was recovered and a suspect with a history of equipment theft charges was arrested.

For his persistence and perseverance in apprehending the alleged perpetrator, Investigator Yarbrough was named the 2016 ARA Insurance/National Equipment Register (NER) Award winner. He will be honored and presented with a check for $2,000 for his department at The Rental Show® 2017 in Orlando, Fla.

It all began as a normal rental. A customer came into Nickell Equipment Rental & Sales in Newnan to rent a skid-steer loader for the person she had hired to remove trees from her property.

"We delivered the equipment for her tree guy to use," says Thomas Maddox, inside sales manager at Nickell's Newnan location. Apparently, this person asked our customer whether he could use the equipment for a small project that he was working on nearby. He said he would bring it back and finish up her project later that evening. She let him take the skid-steer loader and then went out of town. When she returned that Sunday, neither the person nor the machine was there. On Monday, she called us, asking what she should do. Because she rented the machine, we had her call the police department and file a report. Then we initiated the GPS that was on the machine," he says.

Investigator Yarbrough came on board with the filing of the police report. "I was asked to assist Investigator Victor McPhie. It ended up that the suspect gave this woman his real name. I was familiar with him as I had arrested him for another case. We followed up on leads. Luckily, we were able to jump on this quickly, find him and bring him in for questioning. It took some time, but he did admit his guilt to us," Yarbrough says.

Meanwhile, the GPS effectively located the skid-steer loader in the next county, about 20 miles from Newnan — at another job site in Tyrone, Ga., that the suspect was working at. "The GPS was vital in the recovery of that machine," Yarbrough says. "The success rate of recovery is always so much better when we have GPS on the machine."

Maddox was impressed with how Yarbrough stayed "right on top of everything. He communicated with us exactly what was going on. He contacted the sheriff's department in the next county, coordinated efforts with them and then went there to pick up the machine."

Along with the skid-steer loader, other smaller pieces of stolen equipment were recovered, Yarbrough says, noting that the suspect was wanted for other alleged equipment thefts, too. With the equipment recovered and the suspect admitting guilt, Yarbrough was able to make an arrest. The case went to court late last month. Yarbrough is still surprised and humbled that he is being honored for his efforts because "I was just doing my job."

To Maddox and business owner Josh Nickell, who nominated Yarbrough for the award, this recognition is much deserved. "He took this case very seriously and was key in helping with the recovery. He gets it. That is why it is so important to develop those relationships with local law enforcement. When people work together, you get positive results," Maddox says.

New Jersey officer named runner-up
Detective Joe Radlinsky with the Lawrence Township Police Department in New Jersey was a strong runner-up for the 2016 ARA Insurance/National Equipment Register (NER) Award.

Radlinsky recognized a theft in progress and was able to return equipment stolen from George's Tool Rental location in Horsham, Pa. The detective also conducted a mini-sting with an area pawn shop that led to the arrest of these suspects on fraud and identify theft charges. He was nominated by Al Wismer, president of George's Tool Rental, Hatfield, Pa.

Canada: Delta police use GPS darts to track fleeing vehicles, say they're first in Canada

By Bal Brach, CBC News, January 12, 2017

'Everything worked as it should' in initial use of system designed to cut risk of pursuits

Eight Delta police vehicles have been equipped with GPS dart technology that allows officers to attach a tracking projectile onto a suspect vehicle that fails to stop.

According to spokeswoman Sharlene Brooks, more than 70 vehicles tried to evade police in the Vancouver suburb last year.

"We really knew that we needed to have some additional tools in order to capture the offenders while mitigating risk to the general public because we know through experience there's inherent risk involved when you're engaged in a pursuit," said Brooks.

Brooks said the police department is the first in Canada to use the StarChasePursuit Management Technology.

The dart is placed inside a compartment on the grill of the police vehicle and can be activated from inside. Once launched, it attaches to the rear bumper or licence plate of an offending vehicle, and the officer is able to track it through a GPS system.

Eight Delta police vehicles are equipped with technology that can launch a GPS projectile from the grill of a police car at a suspect vehicle. The department says it will allow officers to track vehicles while not engaging in a pursuit. (Delta police)

The first deployment of the GPS dart occurred on Wednesday evening when an officer spotted a vehicle driving erratically and failing to stop.

"He [the officer] activated the emergency equipment and launched the dart," said Brooks. The driver eventually stopped and violation tickets were issued.

"Everything worked as it should." Brooks said there are no plans to expand the use of the system until the force can see how well it works. The Delta Police Foundation paid the cost of $1,500 per vehicle, for a total of $12,000.

Source: *http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/delta-police-gps-darts-1.3933242*

A compressed-air launcher mounted on the front of a police vehicle is ready to fire the GPS tracking projectile. (Delta Police)

A police officer uses an activation panel in a vehicle equipped with StarChase Pursuit Management Technology. (Delta Police)

Ireland: New car-hacking crimewave is sweeping Ireland and insurance companies are refusing to pay out to victim

By Gary Meneely, The Irish Sun, February 3, 2017

'Signal jamming' allows thugs to steal cars without breaking into them by using gadgets available online for as little as €35

Insurance companies are refusing to pay out to victims of a car-hacking crimewave that is now sweeping Ireland.

Gadgets that allow thugs to steal cars without breaking into them are for sale on the internet for as little as €35.

One common method of car theft is 'signal jamming' — a device which blocks unsuspecting drivers from locking their motor with the remote fob. But with no sign of 'violent or forcible entry', insurance firms won't cough up.

One victim, targeted in Swords, north Co Dublin, told the Irish Sun: "The break-in happened in mid-December between 7am and 10.30am on a Saturday morning.

"It was still totally dark when I parked. Over €4,000 of (photography) stuff was taken from the boot and glove compartment.

"Gardai in Swords told me about the signal jammer, which can be bought online for €35. But the insurance firm refuses to pay out because there was no sign of 'violent or forcible entry'."

Retired Detective Sergeant Finbarr Garland, former head of the Garda Stolen Vehicle Unit, last night told the Irish Sun how car-hacking crimes are on the rise.

He said: "I've heard about these gadgets being used to override the signal.

"My own sister recently parked in St Stephen's Green Shopping Centre and noticed that her car wasn't locking properly. She locked it again and went off. When she returned, the car was unlocked and items had been taken from the boot.

"She remembers seeing two guys sitting in a car when she parked. They must have been using one of these gadgets."

Garland, now a customer safety officer with DoneDeal.ie, added: "Motorists can only do so much to protect their vehicles.

"The criminals are getting more and more hi-tech. Motorists and the industry need to be aware of that."

Source: *https://www.thesun.ie/news/524094/new-car-hacking-crimewave-is-sweeping-ireland-and-insurance-companies-are-refusing-to-pay-out-to-victims/*

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UK: Daring heist at Jaguar Land Rover plant, $5 million worth of engines knicked

By Mike Costello, February 5, 2017

Thieves this week reportedly made off with a staggering £3 million ($A4.9 million) worth of engines from Jaguar Land Rover's plant in Solihull.

The daring heist was first reported in the Birmingham Mail, which claims that thieves used a stolen truck to knick the first load of parts in just six minutes, before returning for a second successful crack later the same night.

The local publication alleges that the crime took place in full view of security cameras, and say police are now hunting the gang behind the theft.

A JLR spokesman said: "We can confirm that we are working closely with West Midlands Police to investigate the theft of engines from the Solihull manufacturing plant.

"A reward is on offer to anyone who has information which leads to the successful recovery of these engines."

Insiders told the Mail that the stolen 40-tonne truck arrived at the Solihull depot at 10.30pm on Tuesday and entered through a security-manned gate.

The truck then hooked up to a trailer containing the car engines, before driving out. Sources said the perpetrators obtained paperwork from the site before leaving — making their escape easier.

The stolen truck is then believed to have unloaded in the Coventry area, before remarkably returning to the factory a couple of hours later, hooking up another trailer, and driving off with more engines.

West Midlands Police said: "Police are appealing for any information in relation to a large scale theft of Jaguar Land Rover engines in Coventry.

"It is believed the engines were stolen from the Damson Lane site in Tile Hill sometime between late night Tuesday 31 January and the early hours of Wednesday 1 February.

"An articulated truck is believed to have entered the site twice, each time hooking up to trailers carrying the engines and then leaving again through the gate.

"The empty stolen trailers have since been located."

The engines would have been waiting to go into vehicles being assembled. Solihull recently got a £1.5 billion investment. The new aluminium- intensive architecture body shop and final assembly cover an area equivalent to 22 football pitches.

It's not the first JLR-related theft in recent times. Two years ago, five Range Rover Sports destined for the new James Bond film Spectre were stolen from a Land Rover facility in northern Germany

Source: *http://www.newsjs.com/url.php?p=http://www.caradvice.com.au/519347/daring-heist-at-jaguar-land-rover-plant-5-million-worth-of-engines-knicked/*

USA: Technology Aims To Stop Patrol Car Theft

By Adrienne Moore, CBS Sacramento, February 21, 2017

SACRAMENTO (CBS13) — Law enforcement officers now have extra backup from their patrol cars.

Technology from an Auburn-based company is stopping patrol car theft before it happens, creating a new generation of police cars.

CBS13 started looking into this technology after a series of California Highway Patrol vehicle thefts by suspects who escaped custody.

A surveillance mode system is the first of its kind technology that's now being used by Fiat-Chrysler and Ford. With a potential ambush lurking behind a patrol car, the doors lock and the windows roll up in a matter of seconds.

Roseville native and Intermotive owner Greg Schafer says it provides a solution to a dangerous and potentially deadly problem facing more police officers. "The need is growing," he said. "It's tough out there for officers. There's so much they're required to do simultaneously."

In December, CBS13 reported on a series of incidents with the CHP where suspects escaped custody and, in cases, took off with the officer's patrol car.

The Auburn-based company has three devices it calls game-changers for the men and women in the field.

"The Auburn Police Department uses what we call our Police Interface Module," he said. "It's kind of a Swiss army knife of features that we can bake into one product."

The entire fleet of SUVs from the Auburn Police Department are all equipped with Ecolock, which kills the engine while in park. The battery power stays on, allowing the lights, radios and other equipment to operate without wasting fuel.

Theft Tamed By Technology

"We're seeing in excess of 40 percent reduction in idle time," he said.

Since emergency vehicles spend the majority of their life idling, Schafer says Ecolock has two goals: being kind to the environment and increasing fuel efficiency. That also helps the agency's bottom line.

But for departments that prefer to keep the engine running, there's the technology that's activated from the officer's steering wheel.

"All they have to do is hit the steering wheel button and then remove the key," he said. "The system is now active, so after five seconds, the gun release is now locked as well as the rear-access to the vehicle."

Officers can leave the car and keep the air or heat running, but if anyone without an authorized key tried to tap the brake or shift out of park, Idlelock automatically kills the engine. "Our main focus is making sure that officers go home at the end of their shift, that they go home safe in the public they're serving," he said.

Idlelock was installed in the San Diego Police Department's fleet of cars after a series of thefts, and no cars have been stolen since. The CHP says it has a new contract with Chrysler-Dodge to have the ambush-detection system as part of the standard equipment in the agency's 2017 Dodge Chargers. Only a small handful are out on the road now.

Source: *http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2017/02/21/technology-aims-to-stop-patrol-car-theft/*

USA: Legislators Push Bi-Partisan Bill To Strengthen Auto Theft Intelligence, Investigation & Recovery

By Chris Clark, Los Alarmos Daily Post, January 25, 2017

SANTA FE — New Mexico State Senator Howie Morales (D-28-Catron, Grant & Socorro), other legislative sponsors, and law enforcement officials from State, City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County law enforcement introduced promising legislation to stem the wave of auto-theft across the state, and to help catch criminals engaging in it.

Senate Bill 139 and its companion, House Bill 177, will strengthen law enforcement's ability to gather and share information about potentially stolen vehicles.

"Families depend on their cars to get to school and work, to access medical care and to go about their daily lives. They are faced with huge burdens when their vehicles are stolen," Morales said. "This legislation will help us to substantially reduce auto theft, and attack the time lost, and the financial and psychological burdens of this rampant crime on the people of our State."

More than 8,500 vehicles were reported stolen in the state of New Mexico in 2015. Albuquerque holds the alarming distinction as the #1 metro area in the U.S. reporting the highest rate of car theft, with more than 6,000 thefts there alone.

The legislation will help aid investigations and recovery of stolen vehicles by partnering with automotive recyclers in the state. The bill creates a system for auto recyclers to verify with MVD, at the time of transaction, that the vehicle being considered for purchase is not stolen.

The legislation's bipartisan sponsors include Sen, Howie Morales, Rep. Monica Youngblood (R-68-Bernalillo), and Rep. Patrico Ruiloba (D-12-Bernalillo), and Rep. Bill Rehm (R-13-Bernalillo). State Police Chief Pete Kassetas, Bernalillo County Sheriff Manuel Gonzales and Detective Ken Miller of the Albuquerque Police Department all expressed their strong support for SB 139 and HB 177.

Bill Highlights:
Provides a preventive and cost-effective solution to the alarming rise of auto theft in the State. The reporting procedure is an efficient system that streamlines communication among auto recyclers, the State and law enforcement. At no additional costs to taxpayers, this consumer protection legislation equips law enforcement with the necessary information to prevent further criminal activity.

Safeguards motor vehicle owners and auto recycling businesses by pre-screening targeted motor vehicles and prospective sellers. The information collected at the point of sale allows law enforcement to trace back the stolen vehicle and the unscrupulous individual attempting to sell it.

Prevents and reduces auto theft activity by exposing criminals and strengthening penalties. Criminals find the retail value of motor vehicles and/or its parts to be attractive. The high risk of being identified at the point of sale in addition to the profits vs. penalty ratio would swiftly deter criminals from auto theft activity.

Simplifies the reporting process, encouraging auto recyclers to comply and serve as a liaison with law enforcement. Auto recyclers serve as the stop point to prevent and reduce criminal activity in their communities.

Centralizes information to facilitate the networking between state and national intelligence, crime prevention and law enforcement agencies.

Similar programs in other states have provided swift and significant results. In North Carolina, the Division of Motor Vehicles' License and Theft Bureau received 41 reports of stolen vehicles in the system's first month of implementation. As a result, 22 of those stolen vehicles were stopped from being sold to salvage yards, 19 were confiscated following sales. The Bureau also recovered 33 vehicles and uncovered three fictitious IDs in the course of their investigations.

Source: *http://www.ladailypost.com/content/legislators-push-bi-partisan-bill-strengthen-auto-theft-intelligence-investigation-and*

USA: Bill would make hindering car repossession a theft

By Bob Mercer, Rapid City Journal, February 3, 2017

PIERRE | Hindering the repossession of a vehicle would become a criminal act of theft in South Dakota under a proposal endorsed Friday by a state House of Representatives committee.

Rep. David Lust, R-Rapid City, is prime sponsor of House Bill 1096. It now goes to the full House for consideration.

Brian Busch, manager for Anytime Auto Sales in Rapid City, testified by telephone during the hearing by the House Judiciary Committee. Busch recounted instances of people making down payments and never making another payment.

Busch said there sometimes wasn't a way to retrieve vehicles when they were taken to Native American reservations and sometimes vehicles were sold for scrap

"These customers have absolutely no repercussions for their actions," Busch said. "It's just plain wrong. People need to have consequences for car theft." He said this would be similar to an Arizona law.

Myron Rau, president for the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association, said car sellers know they're taking a risk. "Anything you could do for us would help," Rau said.

The committee voted 10-2 to recommend the bill's passage. Rep. Dan Kaiser, R-Aberdeen, voted against the bill. "I'm concerned about adding criminal charges to what has always been a civil process," Kaiser said.

Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/legislature/bill-would-make-hindering-car-repossession-a-theft/article_e9b98a3d-0e4d-58a6-a63b-df55c18dfd70.html

South Africa: 'R5 000 for every Polo stolen', teenage hijacker reveals

By North Glen News, February 7, 2017

A Teenager arrested for attempted car theft has revealed to police how much he gets per stolen vehicle. The 19-year-old was arrested at Gateway in December for an attempted hijacking. Durban North police have now revealed what they learned from the criminal who was sentenced for the crime.

Capt Raymond Deokaran, spokesman for the station, said the teenager told police that he would get more than R5 000 (approx. $390 USD) for every Polo stolen. Last week, police issued a warning to VW Polo owners who were being targeted by a criminal syndicate.

"Last month we recorded 32 car thefts, Polos accounted for 70 per cent of that number. They are extremely popular cars with criminals due to their speed. During interrogation he revealed he would get R5 000 for every one of the vehicles he stole. They would then park the car off in a certain spot because the vehicle was 'hot', meaning members of the police, a tracking or security company were searching for the vehicle. When the vehicle is eventually picked up by the syndicate, the thief is then paid his money.

The hijacker also revealed that different stolen vehicles have different monetary values.

"We are still looking for a few suspects we believe are linked to car theft in the area. Our crime intelligence is working on several leads and we urge residents to be vigilant where they park their cars and to take every necessary precaution to prevent car theft," he said.

Source: *http://northglennews.co.za/102215/r5-000-for-every-polo-stolen-teenage-hijacker-reveals/*

Canada: Cops put dent into city's car-theft image

By David Larkins, Winnipeg Sun, February 3, 2017

A 12-year joint strategy between Winnipeg police and Manitoba Public Insurance drastically cut into the city's previous reputation as a car-theft capital.

That was the message after police apprehended a so-called Level 4 offender Thursday afternoon in connection with a string of alleged car thefts brazenly executed at car dealerships around the city.

A 17-year-old boy, who ranks at the highest level under the Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy established in 2005, and a 16-year-old girl were both located and arrested around 2 p.m. Thursday in the area of Magnus Avenue and Salter Street.

Police allege the two suspects would hit a car dealership, sometimes already in a car stolen from a previous dealership,

"So you're driving up in one vehicle and attempting to steal another vehicle," Winnipeg police spokesman Const. Rob Carver said. "Two show up in a stolen vehicle, somebody goes in, steals another vehicle and they both leave now with two stolen vehicles."

Carver said the service began ranking "a select number of individuals we knew were involved in stealing autos back when we had a real problem in the city."

"Part of our solution to that was we identified, and we continue to identify, individuals who have a propensity to steal cars," he said. "We still do that and we still devote a significant a number of resources to monitoring those individuals. He was part of that group."

Carver said that program has significantly dented the car-theft problem in Winnipeg, which was once the car-theft capital not only of Canada, but of North America.

"Five, eight years ago we had one of the worst problems with stolen vehicles," he said. "We did some innovative and new strategies to work at preventing that. Those strategies have been rolled out in cities across North America.

"... We used to count them in sometimes double digits in a day and now it's small numbers, whether it's a few a day or a few a week. Just a huge reduction from what it was."

The boy is facing numerous charges, including seven counts of motor vehicle theft and possession of goods obtained by crime. He was detained.

The girl was charged with five counts of theft of a motor vehicle and other related offences. She was released on a promise to appear.

Source: *http://www.winnipegsun.com/2017/02/03/cops-put-dent-into-citys-car-theft-image*

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UK: Jailed - Mechanic ran £450,000 stolen car chop shop

By West Midlands Police, January 25, 2017

A mechanic has been jailed for running a stolen car 'chop shop' after West Midlands Police showed he was harvesting parts from vehicles stolen across the UK – and with a total value of almost £500,000.

Officers swooped on Eamonn O'Malley's car yard on 6 October 2015 when a tracking device inside a BMW – stolen in Stockport the previous day – was pinging at the industrial unit in Wolverhampton's Oxford Street.

They found the 1 Series hatchback surrounded by a mass of stripped down vehicle parts that an expert vehicle examiner linked to cars stolen from across the West Midlands, plus Manchester, London, Stoke and Nottingham.

CCTV showed O'Malley, from Stanton Road in Wolverhampton, scarpering from the car yard on the day police arrived having used a ladder to scale the 12-foot perimeter wall.

The 58-year-old – who has a string of past convictions for dishonesty and theft offences – was arrested three days later on suspicion of handling stolen goods.

In interview, he claimed to know nothing about the stolen vehicles and suggested he sublet part of the yard to a man who regularly shipped car parts to Poland – but he was unable to provide contact details for the man he suggested was responsible.

Detectives unpicked his lies and O'Malley (pictured) later admitted handling and at Wolverhampton Crown Court on 20 January was jailed for three years and seven months.

Investigating officer DC Lee Plant, said: "We found parts, keys and owners' manuals relating to an Audi Q5, two Porsches, BMWs and a Mercedes. There was evidence that at least 22 stolen vehicles had passed through O'Malley's yard with a combined value of £448,000.

"Most were stolen in the West Midlands – including Dudley, Sutton Coldfield, Walsall, Selly Oak and Wolverhampton – but others were traced to car thefts in Bromsgrove, Hyde, Bury, Nottingham, Stoke and London.

"O'Malley was providing a market for car thieves across the UK, people who were causing misery and huge inconvenience to motorists, and it's only right given the scale of his illegal operation that he's been handed a long jail term."

A large quantity of stolen Virgin Media set top boxes, internet routers, TV remote controllers, cabling and fitting equipment, were also found at O'Malley's car yard and matched to stock stolen from a van on 14 April.

Source: *http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?id=5346*
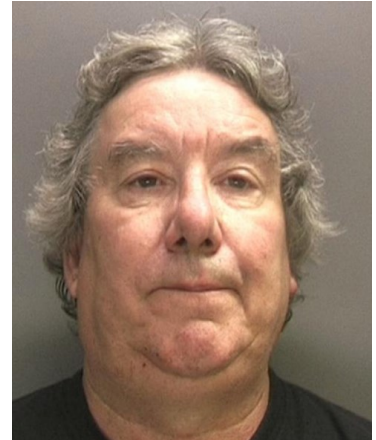
UK: Motorbike theft campaign group urging police to take action over crime wave

By M Ribbeck, Bristol Post, February 02, 2017

A group set up by fed up bikers is calling on police to take urgent action over reports a teenage gang have stolen hundreds of motorbikes in Bristol.

The brazen thieves have been posting hundreds of pictures of their criminal acts online on Instagram and have even bragged the police are struggling to catch them. There are also videos of the powerful bikes being driven at high speeds on the roads around Bristol.

As reported in the Bristol Post the police have said there have been soaring levels of motorbike theft in Bristol in recent months.

One teenager, who was riding on the back of a stolen bike involved in a smash in Bristol last week, is currently in hospital fighting for his life. The 18-year-old is still in a critical condition a week after the accident.

The UK Motorcycle Theft Protest Group was set up by a group of motorcyclists to protest the current level of motorcycle theft crime committed in the UK.

The group has a membership of 5,000 people and its aim is to prevent the epidemic of motorcycle theft, and motorcycle related crime in the UK.

A spokesman for the group called for Avon and Somerset Police to take immediate action. He said: "We are outraged and appalled by the out of control, lawless moped gangs that have been committing crime in Bristol without fear of punishment, and brazenly showing off their exploits on social media.

"These gangs have been causing misery for thousands of ordinary people by stealing countless motorbikes every day, often in broad daylight.

"The stolen motorbikes are then being sold for parts on the black market or for use in further illegal activity. We urge Avon and Somerset Police to take urgent action to stop this from spiralling even more out of control."

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens has been told about the gang as well as local MPs.

Some of the motorcyclists who have had their bikes stolen have expressed their frustration that the thieves have yet to be brought to justice.

The teens, who are thought to be from the Southmead and Lawrence Weston area, have posted hundreds of pictures online of stolen bikes. There are also pictures of masked teens standing next to the bikes.

The gang have also been bragging about their exploits on line. People have named members of the gang online.

One commentator said: "They need to be stopped before they seriously hurt or kill someone other than themselves. They've obviously got no regard for anyone else on or near the roads."

Another added: "Bunch of cowardly thieving scum, that have to hide their face and when one of them comes off the stolen bike and ends up dead or fighting for their lives."

A spokesman for Avon and Somerset Police said: "We were aware of this account and we were previously investigating it."

Source: *http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/police-need-to-act-now-before-bristol-teen-bike-theft-gang-spiral-out-of-control/story-30107225-detail/story.html*

UK: Surge in motorbike and moped thefts in south Bristol

By Emma Grimshaw, Bristol Post, January 29, 2017

There has been a spike in thieves stealing motorbikes and mopeds in south Bristol over the last month.

Avon and Somerset Police say thugs have been targeting the vehicles late at night during the last four weeks. They cut through chains then walk the bikes away to avoid creating any noise.

Officers have stepped up patrols across the areas most at risk and are handing out letters to residents they spot with either a motorbike or moped.

A spokeswoman for south Bristol's neighbourhood policing team took to social media to warn residents.
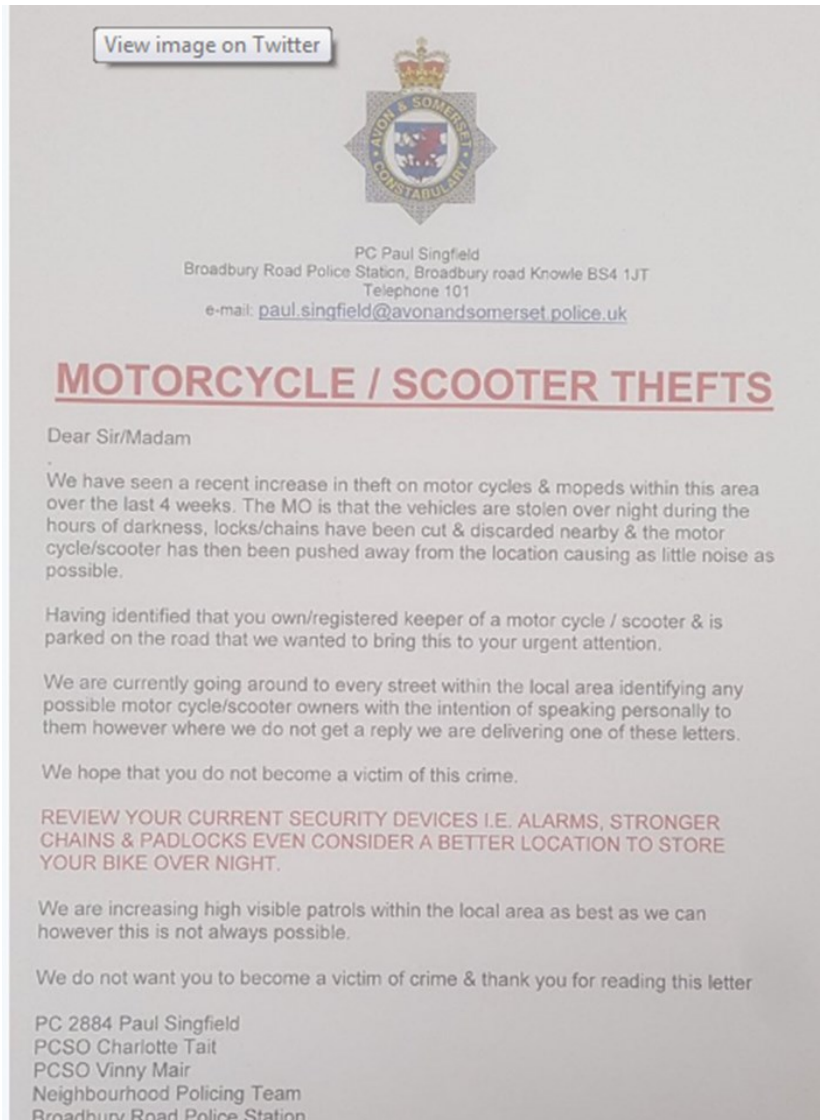
She said: "Please report any suspicious activity around motorcycles and scooters #crimeprevention keep your bike safe, contact your loacl NPT."

Bike owners are advised to use a large motorcycle chain or cable lock, rather than a motorbike disc lock, to lock their bike up in public.

These should always be secured to an immovable object, if possible, such as a parking anchor, lamppost, street sign or even another bike. The best advice is to always thread the chain or cable through the bike's frame, if possible.

Source: *http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/have-you-been-targeted-yet-surge-in-motorcycle-and-moped-thefts-in-south-bristol/story-30094878-detail/story.html*

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MOTORCYCLE / SCOOTER THEFTS

Dear Sir/Madam

We have seen a recent increase in theft on motor cycles & mopeds within this area over the last 4 weeks. The MO is that the vehicles are stolen over night during the hours of darkness, locks/chains have been cut & discarded nearby & the motor cycle/scooter has then been pushed away from the location causing as little noise as possible.

Having identified that you own/registered keeper of a motor cycle / scooter & is parked on the road that we wanted to bring this to your urgent attention.

We are currently going around to every street within the local area identifying any possible motor cycle/scooter owners with the intention of speaking personally to them however where we do not get a reply we are delivering one of these letters.

We hope that you do not become a victim of this crime.

REVIEW YOUR CURRENT SECURITY DEVICES I.E. ALARMS, STRONGER CHAINS & PADLOCKS EVEN CONSIDER A BETTER LOCATION TO STORE YOUR BIKE OVER NIGHT.

We are increasing high visible patrols within the local area as best as we can however this is not always possible.

We do not want you to become a victim of crime & thank you for reading this letter

PC 2884 Paul Singfield
PCSO Charlotte Tait
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USA: How to keep your car tires safe as wheel theft spikes

By Jim Kiertzner, Fox 47 News, February 6, 2017

Link to video: *http://www.fox47news.com/news/how-to-keep-your-car-tires-safe-as-wheel-thefts-spike*

(WXYZ) - Metro Detroit continues to be the hot spot for "hot wheels".

"**More tires and rims are stolen in Southeast Michigan than any other part of the country,"** says Terri Miller Executive Director of H.E.A.T. Help Eliminate Auto Theft.

In recent weeks, thieves have hit in Macomb Township, Livonia, Oakland County, Wayne County, Detroit. The hot models have been Ford, but trends change and can include all makes and models of cars.

When certain wheel sets are in demand, orders can actually be placed with thieves who then go on the hunt. They often hit in the middle of the night and the "good" thieves can get away with a set of four wheels in less than two minutes. They can then sell them for thousands of dollars when they are in high demand.

The best defense is park your car inside a garage, or install a motion detector light, home surveillance cameras, a car alarm that will go off with a wheel theft and be on the lookout. A quick call to police is the best way to stop these thefts.

Don Tremback of Livonia told 7 Investigator Jim Kiertzner that some thieves tried to use larger brick pavers he had in his front landscaping to prop up a car, but the blocks were glued together. So they grabbed some smaller pavers nearby, and used only two sets one on each side of the car. This saves time and they know to balance the car perfectly to get all 4 wheels.

Michigan law was changed last year to make it a 5-year felony to buy used car parts, including wheels, if certain procedures are not followed. A buyer must get the VIN number of the vehicle, name, age and Driver's License number and thumb print of the seller, and a complete record of the sale. This is designed to curtail the illegal trade. But the after market is still hot for wheels and often the law is ignored.

Anyone who sees a theft can report it to H.E.A.T at 1-800-242-HEAT or their website is https://www.miheat.org/

Source: *http://www.fox47news.com/news/how-to-keep-your-car-tires-safe-as-wheel-thefts-spike*

Japan: Car theft ring targeted Tokyo, 10 prefectures

By Tokyo Reporter Staff on February 2, 2017

Suspects stole 91 vehicles valued at ¥240 million over 2 years

TOKYO (TR) – Multiple law enforcement divisions have busted a car theft ring that stole more than 90 vehicles in the Kanto and Tohoku areas, reports the Sankei Shimbun (Feb. 2).

Police in Gunma, Tochigi, Ibaraki and four other prefectures have arrested Yoshihiro Osato, 46, Takayuki Suzuki, 43, and one other person, all of whom are residents of Koga City, Chiba Prefecture, over the theft of 91 vehicles in 84 incidents over the past two years in Tokyo and 10 nearby prefectures. The total value of lost property is estimated at 2.38 million yen.

All of the suspects have admitted to the allegations, telling police they committed the crimes for entertainment living expenses. According to police, Osato was the ringleader. The thefts were performed to resell the vehicles, which included passenger vehicles, dump trucks and cranes. The vehicles were resold for between 400,000 yen and 550,000 yen.

The suspects worked late at night, when no pedestrians were around. Typical thefts involved breaking the vehicle's ignition lock and wiring a cord to the engine to start it.

In one case, the suspects allegedly stole a passenger vehicle valued at 390,000 yen from a used-car lot in Noda City, Chiba on June 27 of last year.

According to TV Asahi (Feb. 2), police also seized a number of forged license plates, which are believed to have been placed on the stolen vehicles to evade detection.

Police investigating the suspects for possible participation in other crimes.

Source: *http://www.tokyoreporter.com/2017/02/02/japan-police-car-theft-ring-targeted-tokyo-10-prefectures/*

A car theft ring stole at least 91 vehicles from Tokyo and 10 prefectures over the past two years (Nippon News Network)

South Africa: Victims of Crime survey—How hijackers, car thieves operate

By wheels24.co.za, February 17, 2017

Cape Town - Statistics South Africa has published its annual victims of crime survey (VOCS). The survey of around 30,000 provides details of personal experiences of crime. It also covers how thieves break into cars and what time they strike their victims. The reporting period is of April 2015 to March 2016.

Hijacking hotspots: Most targeted cars, bakkies in SA

Stats SA said: "While the VOCS cannot replace police statistics, it can be a rich source of information which will assist in the planning of crime prevention as well as providing a more holistic picture of crime in South Africa. The data can be used for the development of policies and strategies, as well as for crime prevention and public education programmes.

"The VOCS 2015/16 will also be used to pilot the possibility of integrating the crime statistics obtained from administrative data with those of a sample survey in order to maximise our understanding of the extent of crime and the under-reporting of crime."

Some interesting stats:

Click here for the full results

Source: *http://m.wheels24.co.za/wheels24/News/Guides_and_Lists/sa-victims-of-crime-survey-how-hijackers-car-thieves-operate -20170217*

New Training Resource added to the website

A PowerPoint presentation by the Laredo Police Department 'a Auto Theft Task Force (Texas, USA) has been added to the members only *Training Resources* section of website. The document perfectly demonstrates the connections between stolen vehicles, violent crimes and the Cartels.   To access the document you must sign into the website and then go to the Training Resources page or follow the link: *http://www.iaati.org/resources/training/ entry/laredo-police-department-auto-theft-task-force*

UK: Drivers warned of criminals using Tasers after spate of attempted carjackings where suspects use the weapons

By Lydia Willgress, www.telegraph.co.uk, February 13, 2017

Drivers have been warned of criminals using Tasers after a spate of attempted carjackings where suspects disabled their victims using the weapons.

West Midlands Police urged motorists to stay vigilant as they stepped up patrols following a number of "Taser robberies".

In one shocking incident, a female runner was left with burns after she was attacked by three men in the affluent Kings Heath area of Birmingham.

Barbara Partridge, a member of Kings Heath Running Club, which the woman is part of, said the "serious incident" happened on a well-lit street near Colmore School before a group run last Thursday.

"It was an attempted car theft by three young men who demanded a runner's car keys," she wrote on Facebook. "She refused and an electric Taser device was used on her

West Midlands Police urged motorists to stay vigilant as they stepped up patrols following a number of "Taser robberies". Above, a police officer holding a Taser CREDIT:EPA/OLIVER WEIKEN

during a physical struggle. She managed to alert a passing van, the van driver stopped and the men ran away.

"She was shaken, is bruised and has seen a doctor who has assessed the burns left by the Taser. The police were called at the time and have logged the incident." The runner has not been identified.

Commenting on the attempted robbery, another member of the club claimed that similar attacks had been occurring in the area since November.

West Midlands police have put extra patrols out after receiving six reports of stun attacks in as many days. Four teenage boys, two aged 15 and two aged 16, have been arrested and bailed over one of the attacks.

Robberies involving stun guns have also been reported elsewhere. In November, a woman in her 30s was confronted at her home in Sale, Greater Manchester, by masked men, who stunned her before stealing her car.

On Sunday night, two alerts were put out on behalf of West Midlands Police confirming that extra patrols were being conducted in the Moseley, Kings Heath and Springfield areas of the city to "combat recent Taser robberies".

The first urged motorists to stay alert, adding: "When in your vehicle ensure door locks are on and be aware of your surroundings when entering and exiting your vehicle."

The second, issued an hour later, confirmed there had been "several crimes" in the area involving suspects using a Taser. "Attempts to target lone females and rob them of their cars are amongst the crimes being investigated," it said.

Stun guns and Tasers are illegal in the UK and anyone caught with one of the devices faces imprisonment for possession of a prohibited weapon. The maximum sentence is 10 years.

UK: Hungry penguins help keep car code safe

By BBC.com, January 30, 2017

Hungry penguins have inspired a novel way of making sure computer code in smart cars does not crash.

Tools based on the way the birds co-operatively hunt for fish are being developed to test different ways of organising in-car software.

The tools look for safe ways to organise code in the same way that penguins seek food sources in the open ocean.

Experts said such testing systems would be vital as cars get more connected.

Engineers have often turned to nature for good solutions to tricky problems, said Prof Yiannis Papadopoulos, a computer scientist at the University of Hull who, together with Dr Youcef Gheraibia from Algeria, developed the penguin-inspired testing system.

Penguins would starve if they had not figured out efficient feeding strategies   (Science Photo Library)

The way ants pass messages among nest-mates has helped telecoms firms keep telephone networks running, and many robots get around using methods of locomotion based on the ways animals move.

'Big society'

Penguins were another candidate, said Prof Papadopoulos, because millions of years of evolution has helped them develop very efficient hunting strategies.

This was useful behaviour to copy, he said, because it showed that penguins had solved a tricky optimisation problem - how to ensure as many penguins as possible get enough to eat.

"Penguins are social birds and we know they live in colonies that are often very large and can include hundreds of thousands of birds. This raises the question of how can they sustain this kind of big society given that together they need a vast amount of food.

"There must be something special about their hunting strategy," he said, adding that an inefficient strategy would mean many birds starved.

Prof Papadopoulos said many problems in software engineering could be framed as a search among all hypothetical solutions for the one that produces the best results. Evolution, through penguins and many other creatures, has already searched through and discarded a lot of bad solutions.

Studies of hunting penguins have hinted at how they organised themselves. "They forage in groups and have been observed to synchronise their dives to get fish," said Prof Papadopoulos. "They also have the ability to communicate using vocalisations and possibly convey information about food resources."

The communal, co-ordinated action helps the penguins get the most out of a hunting expedition. Groups of birds are regularly reconfigured to match the shoals of fish and squid they find. It helps the colony as a whole optimise the amount of energy they have to expend to catch food.

"This solution has generic elements which can be abstracted and be used to solve other problems," he said, "such as determining the integrity of software components needed to reach the high safety requirements of a modern car."

UK: Hungry penguins help keep car code safe (continued)

Integrity in this sense means ensuring the software does what is intended, handles data well, and does not introduce errors or crash.

By mimicking penguin behaviour in a testing system which seeks the safest ways to arrange code instead of shoals of fish, it becomes possible to slowly zero in on the best way for that software to be structured.

The Hull researchers working with Dr Gheraibia turned to search tools based on the collaborative foraging behaviour of penguins.

The foraging-based system helped to quickly search through the many possible ways software can be specified to home in on the most optimal solutions in terms of safety and cost.

Currently, complex software was put together and tested manually, with only experience and engineering judgement to guide it, said Prof Papadopoulos. While this could produce decent results it could consider only a small fraction of all possible good solutions.

The penguin-based system could crank through more solutions and do a better job of assessing which was best, he said.

Under pressure

Mike Ahmadi, global director of critical systems security at Synopsys, which helps vehicle-makers secure code, said modern car manufacturing methods made optimisation necessary.

"When you look at a car today, it's essentially something that's put together from a vast and extended supply chain," he said.

Building a car was about getting sub-systems made by different manufacturers to work together well, rather than being something made wholly in one place.

That was a tricky task given how much code was present in modern cars, he added.

"There's about a million lines of code in the average car today and there's far more in connected cars."

Carmakers were under pressure, said Mr Ahmadi, to adapt cars quickly so they could interface with smartphones and act as mobile entertainment hubs, as well as make them more autonomous.

"From a performance point of view carmakers have gone as far as they can," he said. "What they have discovered is that the way to offer features now is through software."

Security would become a priority as cars got smarter and started taking in and using data from other cars, traffic lights and online sources, said Nick Cook from software firm Intercede, which is working with carmakers on safe in-car software.

"If somebody wants to interfere with a car today then generally they have to go to the car itself," he said. "But as soon as it's connected they can be anywhere in the world.

"Your threat landscape is quite significantly different and the opportunity for a hack is much higher."

Source: *http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-38637006*

USA: Lawmaker urges longer terms for car thieves in fatal wrecks

By Dan McKay and Elise Kaplan, Albuquerque Journal, February 7th, 2017

SANTA FE – The collision that killed a mother and her teenage daughter – caused by thieves in a stolen van, police say – could lead to stiffer criminal penalties the next time a similar crash occurs.

State Rep. Bill Rehm, R-Albuquerque, is asking the Legislature to adopt a law making it easier to charge a driver of a stolen vehicle with murder if the person recklessly plows into another car and kills someone.

The basic penalty for vehicular homicide is a six-year sentence, Rehm said. Stealing a vehicle can result in 18 months or more in prison, depending on whether it's a first offense. But first-degree murder – the penalty called for in Rehm's bill – has a basic sentence of life in prison, with the possibility of parole after 30 years.

"What I'm trying to do is make it easier to take these individuals who have a total disregard for the safety of the public and hold them criminally liable," Rehm said Tuesday in an interview. "… There needs to be a stiffer penalty than six years, when you look at the seriousness of what they're doing."

The proposal comes after several Bernalillo County wrecks involved stolen vehicles over the past few years, he said.

Just last month, a crash involving a stolen van killed 14-year-old Shaylee Boling and her mother, Shaunna Arredondo-Boling, 39. Arredondo-Boling's 3-year-old son, who was also in the car, suffered a broken leg. Arredondo-Boling's mother, Diane Boling, said her family is still reeling from the loss of her daughter and granddaughter. The family held its second funeral service in two weeks Tuesday.

Told about the proposed law, Boling said she supports increased penalties for people convicted in these cases.

"I don't want anybody else to have to go through this because of something stupid someone did," Boling said. "Maybe it will make someone think a little harder next time before they steal a car or do anything unlawful that could take a life from somebody else."

The two suspects in the stolen van who allegedly crashed into Arredondo-Boling's car face charges of murder and other crimes. But Rehm, a retired sheriff's captain, said it isn't always easy to pursue a murder charge when someone in a stolen vehicle drives recklessly and causes a fatal wreck. Prosecutors may have to bring charges under the "depraved mind" theory – that the person was acting without regard for human life.

Rehm's proposal would not require the "depraved mind" theory for such a crash to qualify as murder.

His proposal faces some political challenges. Democrats control the House and Senate, and they have said repeatedly that their top priority is adopting a budget and creating jobs.

Many Democrats also oppose tougher punishments, saying they are costly – because offenders are housed in prison longer – and don't effectively deter criminals. Rikki-Lee Chavez, a spokeswoman for a coalition of groups evaluating crime legislation this session, said state laws should be aimed at pervasive problems, not one high-profile incident. The New Mexico SAFE coalition includes the American Civil Liberties Union and New Mexico Conference of Bishops.

"This is precisely the type of costly penalty increase proposal N.M. SAFE cautions against," Chavez said in a written statement. "This legislation will not solve real problems as it purports to do."

Rehm's proposal, House Bill 328, would stiffen penalties not just for vehicular homicide but also for offenders who cause great bodily harm while recklessly driving a stolen vehicle.

The bill must clear three committees before reaching the House floor – the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Appropriations and Finance Committee. It would also require approval by the Senate and Republican Gov. Susana Martinez.

Source: *https://www.abqjournal.com/944934/longer-terms-for-fatal-wrecks-urged.html*

USA: Luxury Cars Stolen from Evanston Dealership

By Diane Pathieu and Will Jones, ABC7 Chicago, February 03, 2017

EVANSTON, Ill. (WLS) -- Police are investigating after several luxury cars were stolen from a dealership in north suburban Evanston.

Evanston police responded around 12:15 a.m. a report of a disturbance in an alley in the 1000-block of Chicago Avenue. When officers arrived, no one was at that location, but they found a door to the Autobarn Mazda dealership forced open, an unoccupied vehicle that was still running and a garage door standing open.

A door to an office where car keys are kept was also forced open, police said.

A manager confirmed three BMWs were stolen: an X4, a 335 and an X2. Police later discovered a recently-sold Porsche 911 Turbo and a fourth BMW were also stolen.

Chicago police are investigating after several luxury cars were stolen from a dealership in north suburban Evanston. (WLS)

Chicago police found the X4 and 335 abandoned on North Lake Shore Drive near West Fullerton Avenue and the Porsche near West North Avenue and North Mohawk Street. The dealership said a third BMW had been recovered and a fourth BMW - which has a GPS tracking device - was still missing.

Investigators combed the scene for evidence early Friday morning. Investigators said surveillance video shows at least six people were involved in this crime.

"This is not neighborhood crime here in Evanston. They are targeting a luxury goods store where unfortunately this has been happening in the Chicagoland area and it's not neighborhood folks who are doing this," Wynne said.

In the past, two running cars were stolen from the driveway of the same dealership, but were later recovered.

This isn't the first time cars have been stolen off car lots. Last month, nine cars were stolen from an Infiniti dealership. An Audi was recovered from police more than a week later.

In September, 80 luxury vehicles were part of an organized Chicago theft ring involving four separate gangs on the city's South Side.

There is no word yet on whether all of the cases are related.

"That's something detectives will be looking at, whether they're related as far as the same crew doing it or whether it's just a new method individuals are using," Dugan said.

No arrests have been made in any of the cases.

Source: *http://abc7chicago.com/news/luxury-cars-stolen-from-evanston-dealership/1735467/*

Malaysia: Kedah police to expand use of bar code system to reduce motorcycle thefts

By themalaymailonline.com, January 30, 2017

ALOR SETAR, Jan 30 — Kedah police are to expand the use of bar codes on motorcycles in the state because the system effectively reduced motorcycle thefts in Langkawi by 25.3 per cent last year.

Kedah Police chief Datuk Asri Yusoff said the number of motorcycle thefts in Langkawi dropped to 142 last year from 190 in 2015 after the Langkawi District Police headquarters introduced the bar code system.

"We will implement this system throughout Kedah, targeting a 30 per cent reduction in motorcycle thefts.

"We will also be promoting it to motorcycle manufacturers before the system is implemented by March for free," he said after the monthly assembly at the Kedah Police Contingent headquarters here today.

Under the system, the police will create a database and store information on the owners of motorcycles and those allowed to use the machines.

The database will allow the police to zero-in on motorcycle theft suspects, thus speeding up the investigation process.

Users must register with the police to get a bar code sticker to be affixed on their motorcycle, and the information on the machine will be displayed as soon as the bar code is scanned using a smartphone. — Bernama

Source: *http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/kedah-police-to-expand-use-of-bar-code-system-to-reduce-motorcycle-thefts*

Kedah Police chief Datuk Asri Yusoff said the number of motorcycle thefts in Langkawi dropped to 142 last year from 190 in 2015 after the Langkawi District Police headquarters introduced the bar code system. — AFP pic

USA: Teach an old car new tricks: Ford adds 4G and smartphone app features to older vehicles

By Alistair Charlton, International Business Times, January 27, 2017

SmartLink brings 4G internet connection, Wi-Fi and remote control features via Ford smartphone app.

Drivers of Ford and Lincoln cars from as far back as 2010 will be able to give them a 'smart' upgrade later in 2017. Ford has created a plug-in module giving the older cars a 4G Wi-Fi hotspot, remote control of the engine and locks via a smartphone app, and other features found on modern cars.

Connecting to the vehicle's OBDII port, usually found below the steering wheel, the pocket sized device is called SmartLink and gives 'dumb' cars a new lease of life. Through Ford's smartphone app, owners of the SmartLink can locate their car on a map, remotely start the engine, check how much fuel is in the tank and what range that equates to, and remotely lock or unlock the doors.

Connecting to Ford's web portal also means drivers are told about any maintenance issues the car is, and alerted to scheduled services. From there the driver can book a service with their local Ford dealer via the smartphone app.

The feature will also let car owners monitor the speed and location of the car remotely, for example when it is being driven by their children. Speed limits and location boundaries can also be set up to prevent children driving too quickly or too far away from home. If the child breaks these rules a text message will be sent to their parents.

By detecting vibrations while parked, the smartphone app can alert car owners to a potential collision, break-in or vehicle theft.

Upgrade modules connecting to the OBDII port, which is normally used for diagnostic testing, have been sold by third parties for several years, but this is the first time a manufacturer has made one specifically for its own vehicles.

SmartLink will be on sale this summer, Ford says, but pricing has yet to be announced. The module will connect to Ford and Lincoln vehicles made in 2010 or later, and the product will be exclusive to US drivers initially. Stephen Odell, executive vice president of global marketing, sales and service at Ford, said SmartLink "will surprise and delight owners of recent model-year vehicles by adding some of today's popular connectivity features."

Source: *http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/teach-old-car-new-tricks-ford-adds-4g-smartphone-app-features-older-vehicles-1603408*

## USA: She asked police for help finding her teeth. Cops found them in a stolen car

By Alex Harris, miamiherald.com, International Business Times, January 18, 2017

Lindsay Jean Stanley-McShane couldn't find her teeth or her shoes, so she asked deputies to help her find them.

Lake County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office deputies, who found the 31-year-old while responding to reports of a suspicious person trying to enter homes around 1 a.m. Friday, were very helpful, according to the Daily Commercial. They found her dentures and her pink tennis shoes almost immediately — inside a nearby stolen car.

Police found the gray Kia, stolen from Marion County, with the lights on and door open. It was out of gas.

Stanley-McShane, who police said "seemed to be on drugs," quickly claimed ownership of her teeth and footwear, but told police she was only a passenger in the car and she didn't know who was driving, the news site reported. She was treated in the hospital for drugs, then jailed on charges of stealing a car and possessing a stolen car.

Source: *http://www.newsobserver.com/news/nation-world/national/article127178839.html*
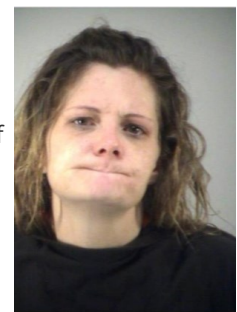
USA: Car wars: Spokane Police Department creating new task force to fight car theft

By Daniel Walters, Inlander.com, February 10, 2017

During today's State of the City speech, Spokane Mayor David Condon announced a slew of new initiatives, including one aimed squarely at an infamous problem in Spokane: Property crime.

The police department is launching a Vehicle Theft Task Force, focusing entirely on reducing the steady stream of car thefts. Spokane may not be in as bad a spot as 2010, when Spokane County ranked fourth in the nation for car thefts, but it's still pretty dismal.

"We're third in the state and there's not a day that goes by where we don't usually have three cars stolen at least," Police Chief Craig Meidl says today. "Sometimes five or six."

And while the city's recently made progress reducing other types of property crime, like burglary, vehicle thefts have been more difficult to address. "At the beginning of October, we were down in every property crime category. Every single one, except for vehicle thefts and larcenies," Meidl says. "Rather than just sitting there and saying, 'Yep, vehicle thefts are up again,' I just told the command staff, we're going to focus on vehicle thefts. We know we have a problem."

At least seven detectives will be fully committed to tackling vehicle thieves. The two officers from the Chronic Offender Unit and five from the Police Anti-Crime Team will try to treat the vehicle theft epidemic, not just by arresting thieves but trying to get at the root of their problems. The targeted crimes unit will assist as well.

"Anecdotally, and actually scientifically, a small percentage of people are responsible for a gross, disproportionate amount of vehicle thefts," Meidl says.

He thinks of an example juvenile female who, within the span of three weeks, was arrested on three separate occasions for stealing three separate vehicles. "If we can't arrest our way out of it, we need to get them resources," Meidl says.

That effort starts when they're still in prison and continues after they're released. It means talking to offenders to learn their stories, and then figuring out the best way to respond to their underlying issues. "When they're in jail, talk to them: 'Why are you stealing cars? Is it drugs? Is it mental health issues? Is it, you don't have a job?'" he says. "Then when they get out, stop by their house."

Basically, go to where the offenders are and offer them help getting jobs or getting into treatment. "Then if they say no, stop by and visit them again," Meidl says. "You just keep on offering them services."

Police will ask chronic offenders a four or five-page list of questions to try to connect them with resources. The city's community court has offered to help. The City of Spokane is looking at ways to help provide other solutions, like subsidizing housing for chronic offenders or helping them get a job.

And if they still refuse help? Then, Meidl says, the next time they're arrested, the police can go before the judge, and explain that the repeat offender has refused services — allowing them to argue for a more stringent sentence.

There's precedent for believing that this strategy can work: Three years ago, Meidl says, the chronic offender unit focused on car thefts, and brought down the car theft rate by 20 percent. Meidl will be watching the numbers closely this time around as well.

Source: *http://www.inlander.com/Bloglander/archives/2017/02/10/car-wars-spokane-police-department-creating-new-task-force-to-fight-car-theft*

Iran: Car Thieves Love Iran-Made Peugeots

From Financial Tribune, February 12, 2017

Several videos have emerged online purporting to show Iranian-made Peugeots being broken into with astonishing speed. Dozens of videos uploaded to Iran's local video upload website aparat.com show that cars ranging from Peugeot 405, Pars and 206 are easy to enter in a matter of seconds in very surprising ways.

In some of the videos small screwdrivers can be seen and used to open a locally produced Peugeot 405 drivers' door in two seconds flat, the same person is also seen opening the trunk of the same vehicle in barely ten seconds, according to a report in the French version of France 24 TV.

An Iranian made Peugeot 206 can be easily stolen by bending a door.

In another incident, one man is seen in the daylight bending the door of a Peugeot 206 sedan in a few seconds. He then reaches into the dashboard area and takes off with a video head unit – even as the car's security alarm and lights start flashing.

One unnamed local Iranian expert told the news channel, "The second most used method [screwdriver] takes advantage of the old locking system that is used by Peugeot in several of its models made in Iran. It is a mechanical system easy to manipulate, unlike the new electronic devices utilized by some competitors in Iran, including Renault."

Iranian police have confirmed that the local Peugeot's are the second most commonly stolen and broken into vehicles across the country.

At a press conference in June 2016, General Ali Ghiasvand, head of the police's anti-car theft department said Peugeot cars are the second most stolen group in Iran. The first being the locally produced SAIPA Pride which is famous for its cheap build quality and ease of theft.

Alex Vannier, head of press relations for Peugeot's global office in Paris said he was surprised to hear of the break-ins to his company's vehicles.

"Peugeot's team in Iran were not aware of these online videos, and did not have any complaints from their customers on the subject," he added.

For him, the first explanation lies in the age of the Iranian car fleet: "In the images, it is essentially [Peugoet] 405 produced in Iran in the 1980s. These vehicles do not have the same level of security as today."

However, the vehicles on show are much newer including the Peugeot 206 SD which was first introduced to the local market from 2009 onwards.

Vannier also noted that it was no surprise that Peugeot would be so high up on the car break-in charts as the company has at least one-third share of the entire automotive sales market in Iran.

The company official further said with the joint venture deal signed with Iran Khodro (called IKAP) newer models will replace their older peers. The new models include the 208, 301 and 2008 which will enter the market later this year.

Source: *https://financialtribune.com/articles/economy-auto/59339/car-thieves-love-iran-made-peugeots*

Australia: Green is the New Red

From National Moto Vehicle Theft Reduction Council

Does the colour of your car have an impact on safety and security? Research has shown that there is a distinct relationship between vehicle colour and crash risk* . The research conducted by the Monash University Accident Research Centre showed that compared to white, darker colours such as black, blue, grey, green, red and silver which have lower visibility were deemed less safe during the day.

Using data from the Comprehensive Auto Theft Research System (CARS), the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council's CARS team conducted an analysis to determine any relationship between vehicle colour and theft. The colour of all passenger/light commercial (PLCs) vehicles stolen in the financial years 2011/12 and 2015/16 were collected and linked to registration data. In turn, theft rates per registered vehicles were calculated. This information was available for all states except New South Wales and based on this data, the following trends were identified.

Overall:
- In 2015/16, green had the highest theft rate with 3.58 thefts per 1,000 registered vehicles (>200 thefts) in 2015/16. This was followed by black vehicles with 2.96 thefts per 1,000 registered vehicles.
- In 2011/12, red coloured PLCs had the highest theft rate with 3.30 thefts per 1,000 registered vehicles followed by white vehicles with 3.20 thefts per 1,000 registered vehicles.
- Black cars have become increasingly popular to own in 2015/16 (+29% increase in registered vehicles since 2011/12), however they are becoming more popular to steal (+56% increase in thefts since 2011/12).

Profit motivated versus short term theft:
In general, there was greater variation between the theft rates by vehicle colour for profit motivated than short term thefts. This indicates that thieves may target particular colours, when stealing for profit, whereas colour is less of a factor in short term thefts, e.g. A black Holden Commodore VT MY97_00 was 3 times more likely to be stolen for profit than a red one however both black and red Holden Commodore VT MY97_00 had similar theft rates for short term thefts.

Top colours stolen by market segment:
The top vehicle theft colours by market segment in 2015/16 by theft rates were as follows:
- Small passenger vehicles: Green
- Medium passenger vehicles: Green
- Large passenger vehicles: Black
- Sports vehicles: Black
- SUV/people movers: Green
- Light commercial vehicles: Black

Table 3. Top vehicle colours by theft rates and market segment, 2015/16

| Market segment	Colour	Theft rates per 1,000 registrations per segment	Average theft rate per 1,000 registrations per segment (all colours)
Small passenger vehicles	Green	3.48	2.40
Medium passenger vehicles	Green	3.80	3.14
Large passenger vehicles	Black	5.16	4.33
Sports	Black	5.16	4.78
SUV/People movers	Green	2.99	1.94
Light commercial vehicles	Black	3.79	2.86

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Top theft targets by colour:

The top three theft targets in 2015/16 were Nissan Pulsar N15 MY95_00, Holden Commodore VE MY06_13 and Holden Commodore VT MY97_00. Further insight into these vehicles by colour found:

- A red Nissan Pulsar N15 MY95_00 had the highest theft rate (29.6 thefts per 1,000 registrations) and also a 46% higher theft rate than a blue one.
- A black Holden Commodore VE MY06_13 has a 57% higher theft rate than a silver one.
- A black Holden Commodore VT MY97_00 had a 60% higher theft rate than a white one.

Figure 3c. The Holden Commodore VT MY97_00 top colours stolen by theft rates per 1,000 registrations, 2015/16.
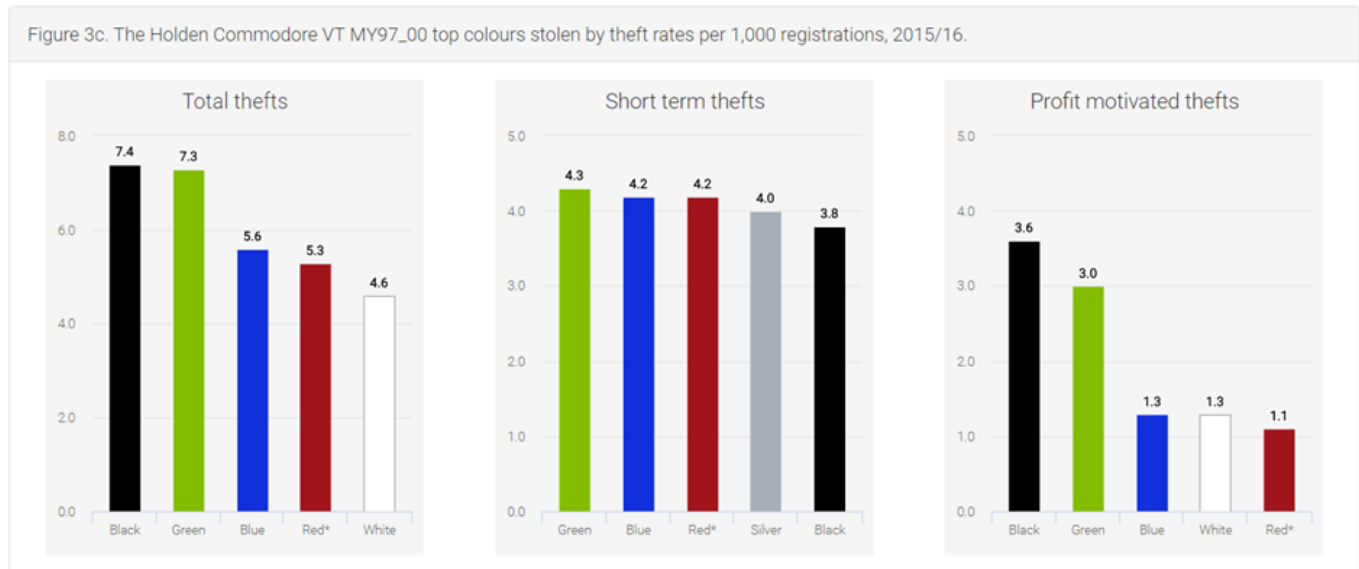
For a more detailed analysis of the relationship between vehicle theft and colour, view the full research report at *https://carsafe.com.au/colour-analysis*

* Newstead, S; D'Elia, A (2007). An investigation into the relationship between vehicle colour and crash risk. Report No. 263. Monash University Accident Research Centre.

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Mobile apps and stealing a connected car

By Mikhail Kuzin, Victor Chebyshev, securelist.com (Kaspersky Lab), February 16, 2017

The concept of a connected car, or a car equipped with Internet access, has been gaining popularity for the last several years. The case in point is not only multimedia systems (music, maps, and films are available on-board in modern luxury cars) but also car key systems in both literal and figurative senses. By using proprietary mobile apps, it is possible to get the GPS coordinates of a car, trace its route, open its doors, start its engine, and turn on its auxiliary devices. On the one hand, these are absolutely useful features used by millions of people, but on the other hand, if a car thief were to gain access to the mobile device that belongs to a victim that has the app installed, then would car theft not become a mere trifle?

In pursuing the answer to this question, we decided to figure out what an evildoer can do and how car owners can avoid possible predicaments related to this issue.

Potential Threats
It should be noted that car-controlling apps are quite popular – most popular brands release apps whose number of users is between several tens of thousands and several million people. As an example, below are several apps listed with their total number of installations.
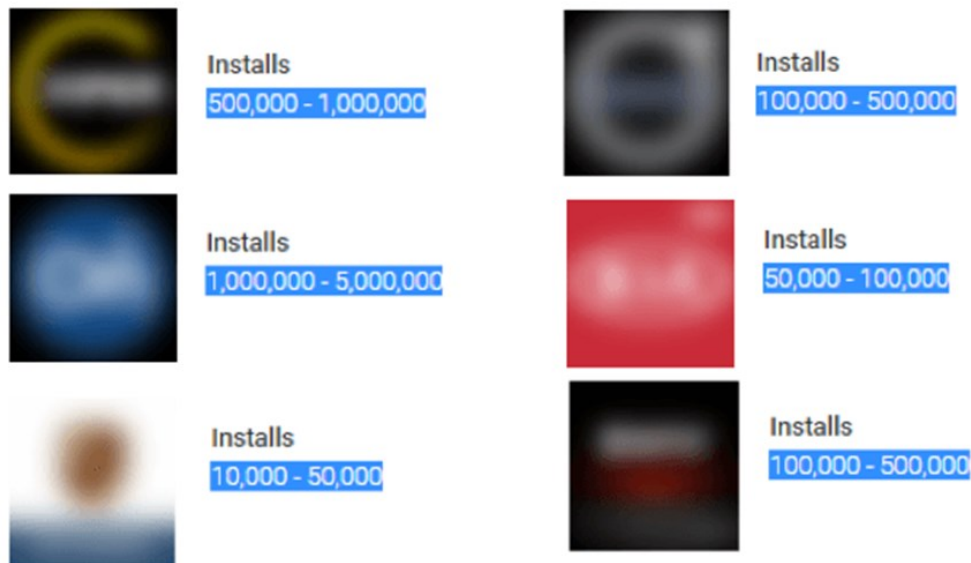
For our experiments, we took several apps that control cars from various manufacturers. We will not disclose the app titles, but we should note that we notified the manufacturers of our findings throughout our research.

We reviewed the following aspects of each app:

- Availability of potentially dangerous features, which basically means whether it is possible to steal a car or incapacitate one of its systems by using the app;
- Whether the developers of an app employed means to complicate reverse engineering of the app (obfuscation or packing). If not, then it won't be hard for an evildoer to read the app code, find its vulnerabilities, and take advantage of them to get through to the car's infrastructure;

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- Whether the app checks for root permissions on the device (including subsequent canceled installations in case the permissions have been enabled). After all, if malware manages to infect a rooted device, then the malware will be capable of doing virtually anything. In this case, it is important to find out if developers programmed user credentials to be saved on the device as plain text;

- Whether there is verification that it is the GUI of the app that is displayed to the user (overlay protection). Android allows for monitoring of which app is displayed to the user, and a malware can intercept this event by showing a phishing window with an identical GUI to the user and steal, for instance, the user's credentials;

- Availability of an integrity check in the app, i.e., whether it verifies itself for changes within its code or not. This affects, for example, the ability of a malefactor to inject his code into the app and then publish it in the app store, keeping the same functionality and features of the original app.

Unfortunately, all of the apps turned out to be vulnerable to attacks in one way or another.

Testing the Car Apps
For this study, we took seven of the most popular apps from well-known brands and tested the apps for vulnerabilities that can be used by malefactors to gain access to a car's infrastructure.

The results of the test are shown in the summary table below. Additionally, we reviewed the security features of each of the apps.

App	App features	App code obfuscation	Unencrypted username and password	Overlay protection for app window	Detection of root permissions	App integrity check
App #1	Door unlock	No	Yes (login)	No	No	No
App #2	Door unlock	No	Yes (login & password)	No	No	No
App #3	Door unlock; engine start	No	–	No	No	No
App #4	Door unlock	No	Yes (login)	No	No	No
App #5	Door unlock; engine start	No	Yes (login)	No	No	No
App #6	Door unlock; engine start	No	Yes (login)	No	No	No
App #7	Door unlock; engine start	No	Yes (login & password)	No	No	No

App #1
The whole car registration process boils down to entering a user login and password as well as the car's VIN into the app. Afterwards, the app shows a PIN that has to be entered with conventional methods inside the car so as to finalize the procedure of linking the smartphone to the car. This means that knowing the VIN is not enough to unlock the doors of the car.

The app does not check if the device is rooted and stores the username for the service along with the VIN of the car in the accounts.xml file as plain text. If a Trojan has superuser access on the linked smartphone, then stealing the data will be quite easy.

App #1 can be easily decompiled, and the code can be read and understood. Besides that, it does not counter the overlapping of its own GUI, which means that a username and password can be obtained by a phishing app whose code may have only 50 lines. It should be enough to check which app is currently running and launch a malicious Activity with a similar GUI if the app has a target package name.

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In order to check for integrity verification, we modified the loginWithCredentials method.

```
private void loginWithCredentials() {
    String v0 = this.mUsernameView.getText().toString();
    String v1 = this.mPasswordView.getText().toString();
    Toast.makeText(this.getApplicationContext(), v0 + v1, 0).show();
    this.performLogin(v0, v1);
}
```

In this case, a username and password will simply be shown on the screen of a smartphone, but nothing prevents embedding a code to send credentials to a criminal's server.

The absence of integrity verification allows any interested individual to take the app, modify it at his own discretion, and begin distributing it among potential victims. Signature verification is sorely lacking. There is no doubt that such an attack will require an evildoer to make some effort – a user has to be conned into downloading the modified version of the app. Despite that, the attack is quite surreptitious in nature, so the user will not notice anything out of the ordinary until his car has been stolen.

What is nice, however, is that the app pulls SSL certificates to create a connection. All in all, this is reasonable enough, as this prevents man-in-the-middle attacks.

App #2
The app offers to save user credentials but at the same time recommends encrypting the whole device as a precaution against theft. This is fair enough, but we are not going to steal the phone – we are just "infecting" it. As a result, there is the same trouble as found in App #1: the username and password are stored as plain text in the prefs file.{?????????}.xml file (the question marks represent random characters generated by the app).

```xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8' standalone='yes' ?>
<map>
    <string name="USERNAME">███████████</string>
    <boolean name="VERIFIED" value="true" />
    <boolean name="CRMExportDone" value="true" />
    <string name="HOME_COUNTRY_ISO_CODE">GB</string>
    <string name="LastName">Rojers</string>
    <string name="PASSWORD">██████</string>
    <string name="TOKENID">i6rq/YyUexko9K4j/MqDgbCW8k0EDzrqBJEHZGHU
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uilSh0=</string>
    <boolean name="PrivacyWarningShown" value="true" />
    <string name="PASSWORDHASH_">WwJheOfI0r5rIrEiFQEFpSglIUiTILjYT9
    <string name="MSGTOKENID">dS0cCR0eO3Ee2nTmA12EcO/ho7NjvRZij/Q8Y
    <string name="FirstName">Ben</string>
    <boolean name="PASSWORD_POLICY_CONFORM" value="true" />
    <long name="LAST_SYNC" value="1467120065944" />
    <string name="USERID">W24286026O</string>
    <int name="currentDashboardPage" value="1" />
</map>
```

The VIN is stored in the next file.

```xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8' standalone='yes' ?>
<map>
    <boolean name="REINDEX_STRING_DB" value="false" />
    <string name="PairingStatus">████████████_pairing_info</string>
    <long name="████████████_pairing_info" value="1467123669757" />
</map>
```

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The farther we go, the more we get. The developers did not even find time to implement integrity verification of the app code, and, for some reason, they also forgot about obfuscation. As a consequence of that, we easily managed to modify the LoginActivity code.

```
label_49:
    AppTracking.trackActionStarted("login");
    String v2 = this.userName;
    String v3 = this.password;
    Toast.makeText(this.getApplicationContext(), v2 + v3, 0).show();
    this.runInBackground(new LoginTask(((BaseActivity)this), v2, v3, this.permanentState));
}
```

Thus, the app preserved its own functionality. However, the username and password that had been entered during registration were displayed on the screen immediately after a login attempt.

App #3
Cars paired to this app are optionally supplied with a control module that can start the engine and unlock the doors. Every module installed by the dealer has a sticker with an access code, which is handed over to the car owner. This is why it is not possible to link the car to other credentials, even if its VIN is known.

Still, there are other attack possibilities: first, the app is tiny, as its APK size amounts to 180 kilobytes; secondly, the entire app logs its debugging data onto a file, which is saved on an SD card.

```
private void b() {
    __monitor_enter(this);
    try {
        d.a("START", this.getApplicationContext());
        if(this.o.getString(this.getString(2131165201), "0").equals("1")) {
            if(this.u.getText().length() != 0 && this.v.getText().length() != 0) {
                goto label_28;
```

Logging at the start of LoginActivity

```
BufferedWriter v0 = null;
try {
    File v1_2 = new File(String.valueOf(Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory().getPath()) + "/marcsApp/");
    if(!v1_2.exists()) {
        v1_2.mkdirs();
    }

    v3 = new Date();
    StringBuilder v6 = new StringBuilder(String.valueOf(Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory().getPath())).append("/marcsApp/log").append(v3.getYear() + 1900);
    if(v3.getMonth() + 1 < v8) {
        v2 = "0" + (v3.getMonth() + 1);
    }
    else {
        v2_1 = Integer.valueOf(v3.getMonth() + 1);
    }

    v6 = v6.append(v2_1);
    if(v3.getDate() < v8) {
        v2 = "0" + v3.getDate();
    }
    else {
        v2_1 = Integer.valueOf(v3.getDate());
    }

    v1_3 = new BufferedWriter(new OutputStreamWriter(new FileOutputStream(v6.append(v2_1).append(".txt").toString(), true), "UTF-8"));
```

The location for dumping the log file

It's a bit of bad luck that logging is enabled only when the following flag is set up in the app: android:debuggable="true". The public version of the app does not have the flag for obvious reasons, but nothing can stop us from inserting it into the app. To do that, we shall use the Apktool utility. After launching the edited app and attempting to log in, the SD card of the device will create a marcsApp folder with a TXT file. In our case, the username and password of the account have been output into the file.

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Of course, persuading the victim to remove the original app and install an identical one with the debugging flag is not that easy. Nevertheless, this shuffling can be performed, for example, by luring the victim to a website where the edited app and installation manual can be downloaded as a critical update. Empirically, virus writers are good at employing social engineering methods such as this one. Now, it isn't a big deal to add to the app the ability to send a log file to a designated server or a phone number as an SMS message.

App #4
The app allows binding of the existing VIN to any credentials, but the service will certainly send a request to the in-dash computer of the car. Therefore, unsophisticated VIN theft will not be conducive to hacking the car.

However, the tested app is defenseless against overlays on its window. If, owing to that, an evildoer obtains the username and password for the system, then he will be able to unlock the doors of the car.

Regretfully enough, the app stores the username for the system as well as a plethora of other interesting data, such as the car's make, the VIN, and the car's number, as clear text. All of these are located in the MyCachingStrategy.xml file.

App #5
In order to link a car to a smartphone that has the app installed, it is necessary to know the PIN that will be displayed by the in-dash computer of the car. This means that, just like in the case with the previous app, knowing the VIN is not enough; the car must be accessed from the inside.

App #6
This is an app made by Russian developers, which is conceptually different from its counterparts in that the car owner's phone number is used as authorization. This approach creates a fair degree of risk for any car owner: to initiate an attack, just one Android API function has to be executed to gain possession of the username for the system.

App #7
For the last app that we reviewed, it must be noted that the username and password are stored as plain text in the credentials.xml file.

If a smartphone is successfully infected with a Trojan that has superuser permissions, then nothing will hinder the effortless theft of this file

Opportunities for Car Theft
Theoretically, after stealing credentials, an evildoer will be able to gain control of the car, but this does not mean that the criminal is capable of simply driving off with it. The thing is, a key is needed for a car in order for it to start moving. Therefore, after accessing the inside of a car, car thieves use a programming unit to write a new key into the car's on-board system. Now, let us recall that almost all of the described apps allow for the doors to be unlocked, that is, deactivation of the car's alarm system. Thus, an evildoer can covertly and quickly perform all of the actions in order to steal a car without breaking or drilling anything

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Also, the risks should not be limited to mere car theft. Accessing the car and deliberate tampering with its elements may lead to road accidents, injuries, or death.

None of the reviewed apps have defense mechanisms. Due credit should be given to the app developers though: it is a very good thing that not a single of the aforementioned cases uses voice or SMS channels to control a car. Nonetheless, these exact methods are used by aftermarket alarm-system manufacturers, including Russian ones. On the one hand, this fact does not come as a surprise, as the quality of the mobile Internet does not always allow cars to stay connected everywhere, while voice calls and SMS messages are always available, since they are basic functions. On the other hand, this creates supernumerary car security threats, which we will now review.

Voice control is handled with so-called DTMF commands. The owner literally has to call up the car, and the alarm system responds to the incoming call with a pleasant female voice, reports the car status, and then switches to standby mode, where the system waits for commands from the owner. Then, it is enough to dial preset numbers on the keypad of the phone to command the car to unlock the doors and start the engine. The alarm system recognizes those codes and executes the proper command.

Developers of such systems have taken care of security by providing a whitelist for phone numbers that have permission to control the car. However, nobody imagined a situation where the phone of the owner is compromised. This means that it is enough for a malefactor to infect the smartphone of a victim with an unsophisticated app that calls up the alarm system on behalf of the victim. If the speakers and screen are disabled at the same time, then it is possible to take full command of the car, unbeknownst to the victim.

Certainly though, not everything is as simple as it seems at first glance. For example, many car enthusiasts save the alarm-system number under a made-up name, i.e. a successful attack necessitates frequent interaction of the victim with the car via calls. Only this way can an evildoer that has stolen the history of outgoing calls find the car number in the victim's contacts.

The developers of another control method for the car alarm system certainly have read none of our articles on the security of Android devices, as the car is operated through SMS commands. The thing is, the first and most common mobile Trojans that Kaspersky Lab faced were SMS Trojans, or malware that contains code for sending SMS surreptitiously, which was done through common Trojan operation as well as by a remote command issued by malefactors. As a result, the doors of a victim's car can be unlocked if malware developers perform the following three steps:

1. Go through all of the SMS messages on the smartphone to look for car commands.
2. If the needed SMS messages have been located, then extract the phone number and password from them in order to gain access.
3. Send an SMS message to the discovered number that unlocks the car's doors.

All of these three steps can be done by a Trojan while its victim suspects nothing. The only thing that needs to be done, which malefactors are certainly capable of handling, is to infect the smartphone.

Conclusion
Being an expensive thing, a car requires an approach to security that is no less meticulous than that of a bank account. The attitude of car manufacturers and developers is clear: they strive to fill the market quickly with apps that have new features to provide quality-of-life changes to car owners. Yet, when thinking about the security of a connected car, its infrastructure safety (for control servers) and its interaction and infrastructure channels are not the only things worth considering. It's also worth it to pay attention to the client side, particularly to the app that is installed on user devices.

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It is too easy to turn the app against the car owner nowadays, and currently the client side is quite possibly the most vulnerable spot that can be targeted by malefactors.

At this point, it should be noted that we have not witnessed a single attack on an app that controls cars, and none of the thousands of instances of our malware detection contain a code for downloading the configuration files of such apps. However, contemporary Trojans are quite flexible: if one of these Trojans shows a persistent ad today (which cannot be removed by the user himself), then tomorrow it can upload a configuration file from a car app to a command-and-control server at the request of criminals. The Trojan could also delete the configuration file and override it with a modified one. As soon as all of this becomes financially viable for evildoers, new capabilities will soon arrive for even the most common mobile Trojans.

Source: *https://securelist.com/analysis/publications/77576/mobile-apps-and-stealing-a-connected-car/*

Malaysia considers microchips in car number plates to curb theft, cloning

By Bihu Ray, International Business Times January 15, 2017

Malaysian transport authorities have decided to install microchips in registration plates of vehicles to curb uncooperative behaviours of drivers towards officials and fancy plates.

"The introduction of microchips embedded in registration plates would have a multiple impact," said a high-ranking government source, according to Sunday Mail.

"It would put an end to fancy number plates produced by accessory dealers with absolute disregard to guidelines and specifications," the source added.

It is also said that this new law will help reduce incidents of car theft and car cloning. Moreover, it will also help to track down motorists who fail to pay their traffic summonses. According to the Sunday Mail report, the microchips will have information about the vehicle owner, the driver, the engine, chassis numbers and even the colour and model.

"These are plates which regular traders like us cannot produce as it requires precision equipment," said an accessory dealer, as reported.

Transport Ministry senior officials said that they will announce the development on this plan at an appropriate time. Road Transport Department enforcement director, Datuk V. Valluvan Veloo, said that the government is trying to put a check on issuing of fancy number plates for a long time. However, the director refused to speak anything about the microchip-embedded registration plates.

"We are putting a stop to these non-standard plates, which can be used as a tool for criminal activities, such as snatch theft," he said, according to the report.

Valluvan also said that a total of 184,664 motorists were issued summonses for having fancy number plates between 2013 and 2016. The highest number of offenders, culminating to 24,623, was from Selangor, followed by Penang Kuala Lumpur reporting 25,093 and 15,458 offenders respectively.

In September 2016, Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi said the ministry is keen on adopting measures to standardise registration plates and producing plates made of stamped metal seems to be a good option.

Source: *http://www.ibtimes.sg/malaysia-considers-microchips-car-number-plates-curb-theft-cloning-6478*

Training is one of the most important areas that we as auto theft investigators need to continually seek out. With the trends in auto theft changing on a daily basis, we need to stay on top of these new developments that can assist us with prevention, identification, investigation, and prosecution. If you know of any other auto theft courses that are being offered, please contact Denny Roske at: iaatidenny@aol.com   IAATI will also post course announcements on our web site & the IAATI e-news during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: iaati.org   The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

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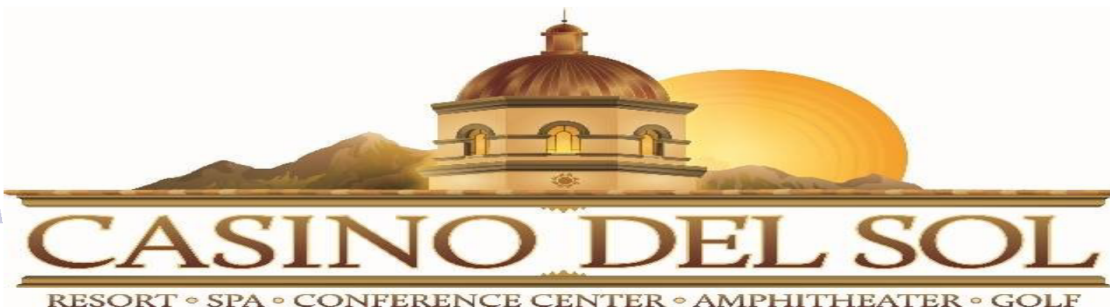
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