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## The importance of finding the balance

It can often be hard to continually front up and perform, day in day out. No matter how well we all do our jobs it often seems that we are fighting a losing battle. As soon as you arrest one group of offenders there are 10 more out there filling the void. Similarly as soon as we shut down one method of theft someone has developed a new way to steal a car and make money by inflicting pain on others in our community.

Then there are those extraordinary events over and above the regular activities that that can bring us to a sudden stop and cause us to reconsider what we are doing with our lives. These events can be the death of an innocent citizen killed by a driver of a stolen car; the loss of a colleague in the line of duty; the use of vehicles in a terrorist act; or it can be the illness or loss of a close friend.

Unfortunately IAATI members are not immune to such events and I am sad to said that we have recently lost a true friend and great colleague. On 18th April IAATI Director Bill Biondo passed away after suffering a ruptured cerebral aneurysm. At only 57 years old Bill's death will be a great loss to all that knew him, and our thoughts go out to his family. Sadly we also learn that that Immediate Past Australian President, John Hambridge, suffered a major heart attack in late October 2016 and continues his slow recovery in the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at an Australian hospital.

When you hear news like this it can hit hard. You reflect, not only on those friends and their families, but on your own life and your family and friends.

It is not unreasonable to think 'why do I bother?' or 'what is the point of busting my gut', shouldn't I stop working and enjoy life?' Well the answer is 'yes'. We all need to take time out to sit back and reflect on where were are going with our lives and decide if we are achieving the work life balance that we and our families deserve.

Recent events have cause me to undertake this reflection and I while I will work to achieve a better work/family balance the work we do its important. It is not about saying our work is more or less important and others. We all have a part to play in our community. We need to make sure that what we do has a positive impact—whether that be on yourself, your family, your neighbour or your broader community.

So while we continue the fight to protect our communities from those who commit vehicle related crimes, please remember to regularly take some time out to look after yourself and your colleagues.

**Chris McDonald, Editor**

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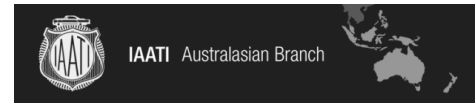


# IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

## Branches:

### Australasian Branch

[iaatiaus.org](http://iaatiaus.org)



### European Branch

[eb-iaati.org](http://eb-iaati.org)



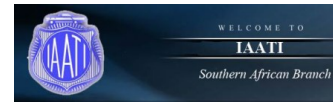
### Latin American Branch

[iaatilatam.org](http://iaatilatam.org)



### Southern African Branch

[iaatisab.co.za](http://iaatisab.co.za)



### United Kingdom Branch

<http://www.iaati.org.uk/>



## Chapters (North America/Canada)

### North Central Regional Chapter

[ncrc-iaati.org](http://ncrc-iaati.org)



### North East Regional Chapter

[neiaati.org](http://neiaati.org)



### South Central Regional Chapter

[tavti.org](http://tavti.org)



### South East Regional Chapter

[seiaati.org](http://seiaati.org)



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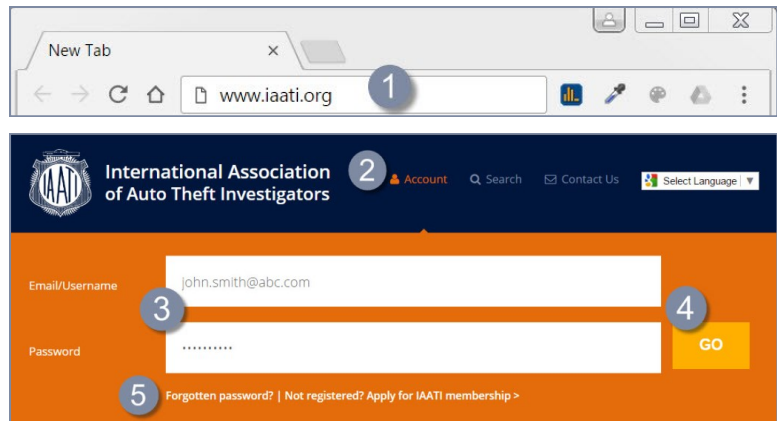
# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

## • Information Technology Committee

Below are answers to some of the Frequently Asked Questions from the recent website survey.

### *How do I log into the website?*

- 1 In your browser type [www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org)
- 2 In the dark blue header click on the word 'Account'
- 3 When you do so an orange panel will appear where you can enter your email address and your password.
- 4 Click 'Go'



If you still can't log in check that you have renewed your membership for 2017 and try using an alternative email address, i.e. try both your home and work email addresses. In general your email address will be the one that is used to receive IAATI emails.

If you have changed your email address lately, try entering your old email. Once in you can change your email address to your new one via your account dashboard.

If you still can't log in please email [jvabounader@iaati.org](mailto:jvabounader@iaati.org) with your details.

### *I have forgotten my password, how can I reset it?*

If you don't know, or have forgotten your password, click the *Account* button in the dark blue header and then click the *Forgotten Password* link <sup>5</sup> in the orange panel (under the Password field). You will then be prompted to enter your email address. If this is the email address we have recorded for your membership, you will sent an email that will allow you to set a new password.

### *Where are the links to the Branch and Chapter websites?*

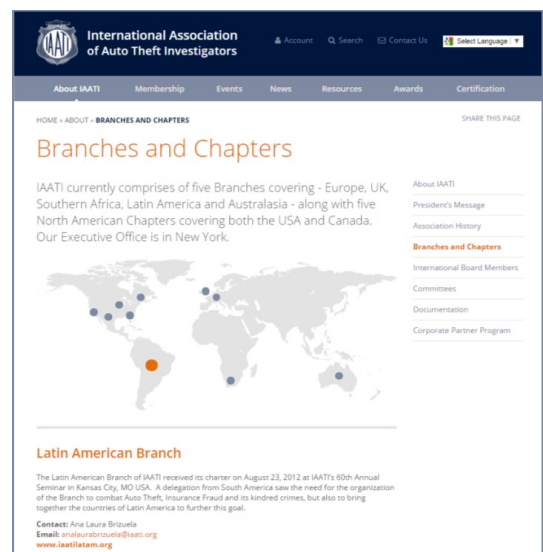
Details of each our branches and chapters, including links to their website, are under the *About IAATI* menu.

<https://www.iaati.org/about/branches-and-chapters>

In stage 2 of the website redevelopment we will explore ways of making the links to the branch and chapter websites directly accessible from the home page.

### *I can't find the past issues of APB or the Training resources, where are they?*

All copies of APB, our training resources, and the photo galleries are only available to financial members. To access these features you need to log into the website (click the 'Account' button) and enter your email address and password.



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- **Legislation Committee**

Are you aware of any recently passed or pending legislation in your area that may be of interest to IAATI members. If so, can you please forward details to Brad Anderson, Chair, Legislation Committee at [acr1brad@comcast.net](mailto:acr1brad@comcast.net)

The Legislation committee collate this information from members all around the world and publish it periodically in IAATI's Legislation Update publication.

Past copies of Legislation Update can be downloaded from the Resources > Publications menu on the international website Note: you must be logged into your account to see access these items.



- **2017 Seminar Committee**

The 2017 Seminar Committee wish to remind delegates visiting Cape Town that the South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ.

Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong, with round pins. If an adaptor is called for, consider bringing one with you, although they can be purchased locally.

US-made appliances may need a transformer.

Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.



- **APB Committee**

APB Editor, Steve Gobby, has compiled another *must read* issue of APB. This issue is current being mailed out to members, however, if you can't wait to receive your hard copy, you can download a pdf copy from the *Resources>Publications* page on the international website ([www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org)). The links to APB are only available to members, so you need to log into your website account to access this file.



## Have you forgotten something?

All 2017 Membership renewals are now overdue. If you haven't paid your 2017 membership fees, we understand that it can easily be overlooked in today's busy world. If so, we encourage you to renew as soon as possible as all non financial members will soon have their access to the website's member only pages and APB removed.

You can avoid this by renewing now.

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

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- **Marketing and Sponsorship Committee**



To Our Valued Sponsors,

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) will be conducting our 65th annual training seminar from August 27th through September 1st, 2017. This year's venue is in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. This is the first time that IAATI has taken our annual training event to the Republic of South Africa and IAATI's South African Branch is both excited and honored to host this wonderful event.

The Seminar Committee along with the Sponsorship Committee is still seeking committed sponsors to assist with our seminar. If you or your organization is interested in providing a sponsorship for this year's seminar, it is not too late.

IAATI places a strong value on integrity, commitment, professionalism and collaboration. Our values extend beyond our membership, as we very much recognize that committed sponsors are essential to our efforts to continually provide high-quality training. Ultimately, that training benefits the public and private sectors, as well as the communities that we represent and serve. Your partnership is invaluable in our mission to provide ongoing annual training events.

Support for IAATI can come in many different forms. Monetary donations often prove to be easiest for the donor and IAATI; however, other donations are very much needed and appreciated.

Please see attached forms for additional sponsorship information and opportunities. You may also contact me directly with additional inquiries or for more information.

Sincerely,

**Brad Anderson**

IAATI Director of Marketing/Sponsorship

E: [bradanderson@iaati.org](mailto:bradanderson@iaati.org)

P: 717-875-0734

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## Corporate Partner Package Options:

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<b>General Advertising/Promotional Benefits</b>				
Use of IAATI Corporate Partner Logo	✓			
One email blast to the entire membership sent by IAATI on your behalf	✓			
Advertising on IAATI website (includes placement of logo and link to website and link to your company website)	12 months	6 months	6 months	3 months
Inclusion of company profile in <i>Auto Theft Today</i>	✓	✓		
Opportunity to have any company specific training material (videos, publications, PowerPoint presentations, reference guides, links to website tools, etc.) included in the Member's only area of the IAATI file library.	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Annual International Training Seminar Benefits</b>				
Seminar Banquet Sponsor	✓			
Break Sponsor		✓		
Complimentary tickets to the Annual Training Seminar	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the President's Reception	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the Seminar Banquet Dinner	4	3	3	2
Exhibitor Booth 8 x 10	✓ Double booth	✓	✓	✓
Electricity to exhibitor booth	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wi-fi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo and contact information published in seminar handbook	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion of company logo and links to your website in the IAATI Mobile Seminar App	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entry to nightly networking Hospitality events	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to present to the delegates during the 'Sponsors Presentations' session	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to include promotional material in Seminar delegates registration packs	✓	✓	✓	✓



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## Corporate Partner Registration Form

To register for the IAATI Corporate Partner Program please complete this form and return it with payment to:

John Abounader  
Executive Director,  
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI)  
PO Box 223  
Clinton, NEW YORK 13323

via Email: [jvabounader@iaati.org](mailto:jvabounader@iaati.org) or via Fax: 315-883-1310

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# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Nominating Committee**

## **CALL for 2017-18 BOARD NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee for 2017-2018 will convene in Cape Town during our annual training seminar.

At that time, we will have the opportunity to discuss and summarize all Statements of Intent from incumbent and new candidates for the IAATI Executive Board; as well as conduct interviews of all interested parties.

Each year, we ask for your Statements of Intent prior to the seminar, which allows for time to distribute and review them.

We invite all members who are interested in serving IAATI, as part of our Executive Board, to participate in this process. It is another great opportunity for you to learn more about the organization, as well as for the IAATI Nominating Committee and Board to learn more about our members and all you have to offer our organization. It is a win-win for all involved.

Your responses, or Statements of Intent, should be in the form of a brief, but concise memo outlining your interest in IAATI. Please also note any qualifications for the respective seat that you are seeking to pursue.

This request and invitation extends to all appointed and elected positions, excluding Committee Chairs. We recommend that your responses are forwarded via e-mail, or fax if possible.

### **Your statement should include the following information on general issues such as:**

- The position being sought and understanding of the duties involved.
- Any IAATI seminars you have attended during recent years.
- Number of years you have served on the Board and/or in appointed positions.
- Present and future status of your position within your current department or company.
- Why you believe you are the ideal candidate for that position.
- Your accomplishments in the current term.

*For incumbent candidates* - You may also want to review the responsibilities of your particular office as outlined in our Constitution and By-Laws. This will aid you in demonstrating that you have fulfilled those duties.

### **Please also consider providing ideas on some of the following issues:**

- Observations or ideas about IAATI that could positively impact the organization.
- Ways of expanding and retaining membership in IAATI.
- Enhancing communication between Chapters and Branches of IAATI.
- Thoughts about IAATI and the use of Information Technology.
- Ideas for successful seminars; topics, speakers.
- Comments on any other topics which would assist IAATI in our mission.

As noted above; please feel free to send your responses electronically to the e-mail addresses noted below with the subject title 'IAATI Nomination':

**Todd Blair, Chair**

Email: [tblair@iaati.org](mailto:tblair@iaati.org)

**John Abounader, Executive Director**

Email: [jvabounader@iaati.org](mailto:jvabounader@iaati.org)

Regards

**Todd Blair**

IAATI Past President, 2015-2016  
Chair - 2017 Nominating Committee

## BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Bill Biondo: a GM through and through.

Is it with an extremely heavy heart that we advised long term International Board member Bill Biondo passed away on Tuesday 18th April, 2017. Bill was a Vehicle Security Technical Fellow at General Motors and travelled worldwide sharing his knowledge with Investigators and IAATI members. His knowledge about vehicle security systems, not only included GM's model's worldwide, but also those of other manufacturers. He was the Chair of IAATI's Manufacturer Committee and a regular presenter at the International IAATI Seminar and at various branch and chapter seminars.

Bill was an extremely well loved IAATI member and his classes were always the most popular class at each seminar. I recall his class at the 2016 International Conference in Murfreesboro was completely full 10 minutes before it started. Bill's reputation and popularity such that delegates were sitting on the floor and hanging out into the corridor just to hear his presentation.

Bill always delivered his classes with humour, a constant smile and random photos of his family, of whom he loved and was so proud of.

Those members who have ever contacted Bill to get information can testify, he was always so willing to help law enforcement and fellow IAATI members with their investigations.

Bill was suddenly taken from us at a young age and he will be sadly missed, but never forgotten by all of those who knew him. **Yes, Bill was rock solid GM —most importantly he was a 'Great Man'.**

The International Board is currently considering a number of proposals about how we can permanently recognize Bill's significant contribution to IAAT and the training of its members around the world. An announcement will be made in the near future.

*Announcement from Bill's wife Colleen:*

*"Devastated to announce my husband of 31.5 years passed away early on the morning of Tuesday April 18. Surrounded by all 4 of our kids (27, 25, 23, & 20), we presented him to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom is the only path to salvation. Bill suffered a ruptured cerebral aneurysm late Saturday night and God was so gracious to help the doctors and nurses keep him sustained on life support until all of our children arrived from distances as far away as Morocco. Bill was a great man, a great husband, a great dad, a great employee, a great friend. He was my love, my heart, my life. While I surely do not understand God's plan, I am assured of God's great love for Bill, me, and our 4 beautiful children. Bill will continue to do good in others' lives as we have donated his organs. He will be cremated and there will be a visitation and memorial service at Highland Park Baptist Church, Southfield, MI on 4/25/17. Visitation from 9-11 am, service at 11am.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org) "*



Bill Biondo, January 12, 1960 - April 18, 2017.

# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

## **Obituary:**

William Anthony Biondo, loving and loyal husband, father, brother, and friend.

Bill Biondo cherished his family and faith. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved mentoring others in their faith, their career, and in their relationships. Throughout his short life, his family, friends, and colleagues benefited from his sharp mind, keen wit, intense engagement with life, deep concern for others, and his genuine love of Jesus. Bill died peacefully at Beaumont Hospital, surrounded by his family, on April 18, 2017.

Bill Biondo was born on January 12, 1960 in Royal Oak, Michigan. He was a long time resident of Beverly Hills, Michigan. He graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School in 1978 and went on to Michigan State University (MSU) and graduated with a BS in 1984. He began his life-long career with General Motors (GM) in 1982 as a co-op student through MSU. Upon graduation from MSU, he returned to Beverly Hills and continued working for GM until his passing. In 2001, he achieved his MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. During his career at GM he acquired 44 patents and most recently he was awarded the prestigious Boss-Kettering Award, GM's top award for technical innovation. This had been a lifetime career goal for Bill. He enjoyed his career, coworkers and colleagues very much and often spoke of their enrichment of his life.

Shortly after graduating from MSU, Bill went to Liberia, Africa on a 6 week mission trip. Upon returning, he met Colleen Hollatz. They were married in November 1985. They welcomed 4 wonderful children into their lives: Jessica (27), Amanda (25), Alex (23), and Connor (20). Bill was a fierce and loyal fan of his children, attending many of their varied extra-curricular activities. He was devoted to being the spiritual leader of the family. He was a great listener, confidant, and supporter of his family spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Bill and Colleen enjoyed 31.5 years of a loving, caring marriage filled with happy memories, much travel, and personal growth.

Bill was never shy about his faith in Jesus and shared his faith openly in hopes of leading others to a genuine faith in Jesus Christ. Bill's greatest passion was that his family and friends would one day meet him again in heaven. Bill had a passion for missions and went on several short term mission trips, hosted Bible studies in his home, and was a mentor to many.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, James "Jack", and Teresa Biondo, and his sister Beverly Carter. He is survived by his siblings: Jim (Sally), Lucia Payne (Dave), Teresa Klegon (Frank), Rob, Renee Vredevoogd (Todd) and many nieces and nephews.

Source: [http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/William-A.-Biondo/\\_/1721546](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/William-A.-Biondo/_/1721546)



*"Always with a smile" - Bill giving another training class in Orlando.*



*"Three Gentlemen relaxing" - Australasian President, Mark Pollard, 'Gentlemen Jack' and Bill at the Jack Daniel's Distillery in Lynchburg, Tennessee in 2016.*



# BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

## 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](mailto:DPotter@plymouthrock.com) or NE IAATI Executive Director Kim Hormann [KHormann@plymouthrock.com](mailto:KHormann@plymouthrock.com)

## Western Regional Chapter

- The 2017 WRC Annual Training Seminar is scheduled for the 11th—15th September and will be held in Laughlin< Nevada. For Details will be available closer to the event but if you would like more information please contact Richard Spallinger at [rspallinger@nicb.org](mailto:rspallinger@nicb.org)

## South Central Regional Chapter

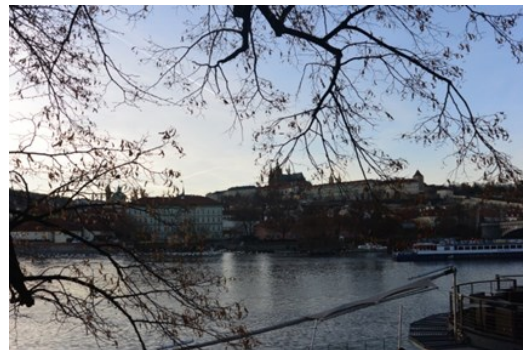
- The 2017 TAVTI/SCRC (Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators/South Central Regional Chapter – IAATI) Annual Training Seminar will be held in Dallas, Texas, at the Omni Dallas Hotel Park West at 1590 LBJ Frwy., Dallas, TX 75234. The conference will begin on Monday, October 23, 2017, and run through Friday, October 27, 2017. The conference is certified for approximately 24 hours of TCOLE credit. Registration for the seminar is \$200.

Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. The Omni Dallas Hotel Park West room rate is \$125 for a single or double room. The hotel phone number is 972-869-4300, and when making phone reservations, please refer to the “Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators” to get the conference rate.

If you have questions about the conference, please contact Kat Anderson, SCRC treasurer, at 806-787-5133 / [texkat52@yahoo.com](mailto:texkat52@yahoo.com) or visit <http://tavti.org/conference/> We hope to see you in Dallas!

## European Branch

- The 2017 European Branch Annual Seminar will be held at the Vienna House - Diplomat Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic on 25th—27th October 2017. Information and Registration: See the EB website: [eb-iaati.org/](http://eb-iaati.org/)



# BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

## South East Regional Chapter

- We are pleased to announce the SERC 2017 Conference will be held on June 11-15 in Delray Beach, FL and the Delray Beach Marriott hosted by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. This conference will be our 43rd Annual Training Conference that we have provided. The planning is well on its way and we are currently working on some exciting events. We will announce these under the conference training/activities section once they are confirmed. The conference flyer is now posted and conference registration now open.

SEIAATI Chapter Conference Registrations will be "Online" and can accommodate those paying by credit card or check. We are trying out a new registration system that we think you will all find easier and more convenient.

To find out more about the location and accommodations please see the choices below. If you have any questions please email [conference@seiaati.org](mailto:conference@seiaati.org) SEIAATI looks forward to seeing you for some sun, fun, and good training in June.

Accommodation: <https://seiaati.org/2017accommodations>

Registration: <https://seiaati.org/2017-conference-registration>

Conference Training/ Activities: <https://seiaati.org/conference-training>

## UK Branch

- The UK Branch has released the latest issue of their newsletter <http://www.iaati.org.uk/april-2017-newsletter-conference-update/> This issue contains details about the speakers for their 2017 Annual Conference.

**What:** IAATI UK – The UK Branch of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators are holding the premier UK conference on vehicle crime/ vehicle 'enabled' crime in 2017. 'UK Vehicle Crime – A Global Issue'

**Who:** US LOT – We ARE a member organisation. – Vehicle Crime / Vehicle 'enabled' crime is overall subject matter. The title for the conference this year is; 'UK Vehicle Crime – A Global Issue'

**When:** Wednesday 31st May / Thursday 1st June 2017

**Where:** Loughborough Conference Centre (Loughborough University Campus).

**Why:** Because vehicle crime and vehicle 'enabled' crime will go out of fashion at the same time as shoes and haircuts. Also massively important to highlight the sheer increase in frequency of crimes from all sectors involved from classic thefts to illicit parts, chop shop crime to finance fraud. The UK vehicles are (and always will be) 'HOT PROPERTY' to criminals both foreign and domestic.

**Why Part 2** – Frequency of attacks, ever more OCG's or commercial scale operators in vehicle crime. On conversation with law enforcement both here and internationally it has been highlighted that dealing with the home grown criminals is tough enough, dealing with seriously organised foreign OCG's on migratory crime holidays was probably never considered in the UK law enforcement budget considerations for the last few years. It's happening though, in greater numbers and more sophisticated attacks, (Signal relay/ Jammers/ Key programmers).

**Why Part 3** – I would personally like to thank all of you for the knowledge and help you have all given me in the last twelve months. No one person can be the 'Almanac' of our subject matter. Knowing the answer is a 'phone call away' or, 'I don't know but I know who you should speak to' conversations with members have probably been the most satisfying part of being your 'President Elect' over the last twelve months...

'President Elect'... A 43 year old Shropshire lad that now resides in Glasgow, Scotland and read too many Sir Arthur Conan Doyle novels as a child. I've learned titles mean responsibility and usually lots more work. I've learned vehicle crime is certainly not declining as stats would suggest. Still convinced 'Aliens are not nicking Audi's' so where are all the UK wanted vehicles going? We have a BIG problem in the UK. The future certainly doesn't look brighter in the next 3 to 5 years.



# BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

## UK Branch

Day 1 Wednesday 31 May 2017			
TIME	TOPIC (working titles)		SPEAKER
9.00 am	Registration		
9.30 am	Welcome, H&S, Fire procedures	Opening intro	David Ryan
9.40 am	IAATI International Welcome	IAATI International	Hans Koojiman
9.50 am	UK Vehicle Crime - A Global Issue	IAATI UK	Justin Powell
10.10 am	Head of National Roads Policing UK	Head of National Roads Policing UK	Paul Keasey
10.55 pm	Vehicle Identification on Classics		Mark Waring
11.15 am	Break - Teas, Coffees, Networking		
11.45 am	Welcome back		David Ryan
11.45 am	JLR Perspective on vehicle crime	JLR Corportate Investigations	Martyn Huntley & Peter Harwood
12.30 pm	Chasing Cars	TRACKER UK	Andy Barrs and Adrian Davenport
1.15 pm	Lunch		
2.15 pm	Welcome Back		David Ryan
2.20 pm	Bike and Scooter Crime overview	Datatag	Kevin Howells
2.40 pm	Bike and DNA Spray case	Selectamark	Simon Ashton / James Brown
3.10 pm	UK View	Home Office	Dr Paul Harrison
3.20 pm	Break - Teas, Coffees, Networking		
3.40 pm	Welcome Back		David Ryan
3.40 pm	Cash for Crash	The Cotswold Group	Natalie White
4.00 pm	GPS, vehicles and counter terrorism.	Chronos	Billy Marshall
4.30 pm	Badgers are Arsonists	Fire Investigations	Richard Baker/ Iain McKinley
5.30 pm	Day 1 - Conference Close		

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## UK Branch

Day 1 Wednesday 31 May 2017 (continued)			
Evening	Gala Dinner and Awards night.		



Day 2 Thursday 1 June 2017			
TIME	TOPIC (working titles)		SPEAKER
9.00 am	Registration		
9.20 am	Welcome, H&S, Fire procedures		David Ryan
9.25 am	Plant Theft - UK View	PANIU	Julian Crabb
10.10 am	Industry Partnerships	CPA / CITS	David Elliott
10.30 pm	Hide and seek with tracking	CanTrack Global	Peter Thomson
11.15 am	Break - Teas, Coffees, Networking		
11.30 am	Welcome back		David Ryan
11.35 am	CESAR Scheme case studies	DATATAG	Datatag
11.55 am	BAIT VANS	West Mids Crime Team	Andy Hollies and Mark Sylvester
12.15 pm	All for some tools - Van Crime	Trade Vehicle Locks	Justin Powell
12.25 pm	Bilking furious!! - Fuel Theft	Forecourt Eye	Simon Barrett / and Michelle Hencoz
12.40 pm	Closing Remarks		IAATI UK Board
1.00 pm	Lunch		
2.00 pm	Conference closes		



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## Latin American Branch:

- **2nd Annual Training Seminar**

During the 8th and 9th June, at the Centinela Building in Buenos Aires City, the LatAm Branch will hold its 2nd Annual Training Seminar. More than 280 people are expected to attend this year, accordingly to the successful more than 230 that were present in the 1st Seminar in 2016.

### The venue

This event will take place at the headquarters of the *Argentinian National Gendarmerie* (Spanish: *Gendarmería Nacional Argentina* or *GNA*) is the gendarmerie and corps of border guards of Argentina.

Since the arrival of IAATI in Latin America, the GNA has always accompanied the growing and development of the Branch and now, this major task force has offered its main facilities to hold the 2nd Annual Training Seminar.

The Gendarmerie's mission and functions are concerned with both domestic security and national defense.

According to the Argentinian Constitution, the armed forces cannot intervene in internal conflicts, so the Gendarmerie is subordinate to the Interior Ministry. It is defined as a civilian "security force of military nature". It maintains a functional relationship with the Ministry of Defense, as part of both the National Defense System and the Interior Security System. It therefore maintains capabilities arising from the demands required by joint military planning with the armed forces.



## Buenos Aires City

It is the capital and most populous city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, on the South American continent's southeastern coast. "Buenos aires" can be translated as "fair winds" or "good airs".

The Greater Buenos Aires conurbation, which also includes several Buenos Aires Province districts, constitutes the fourth-most populous metropolitan area in the Americas, with a population of around 17 million.

Buenos Aires is a top tourist destination, and is known for its preserved Spanish/European-style architecture and rich cultural life.



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## Latin American Branch:

Buenos Aires is a multicultural city, being home to multiple ethnic and religious groups. Several languages are spoken in the city in addition to Spanish, contributing to its culture and the dialect spoken in the city and in some other parts of the country. This is because in the last 150 years the city, and the country in general, has been a major recipient of millions of immigrants from all over the world, making it a melting pot where several ethnic groups live together and being considered as one of the most diverse cities of Latin America.

### The program

The opening ceremonies will be in charge of:

- Daniel Beck, IAATI Latin America - President
- Hans Kooijman, IAATI - President
- GNA Authorities
- National Government Authorities

The program includes conferences on:

- National Security
- Drug trafficking - Human trafficking – Immigration issues
- Auto theft prevention
- Cargo theft prevention
- Situation regarding auto and cargo theft in Latin America
- Latest technologies applied in the investigation of auto theft and related crimes
- Cybercrime, deep web, dark web
- Different visions from Latin America: Colombia, Costa Rica, Brasil, Mexico, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia.
- Insurance fraud
- Different visions and strategies from the various armed forces in Argentina.



A special workshop on vehicle verification will also take place on June 7th (LEO), as part of the training seminar (limited vacancies) .

### Sponsors are welcome!

There are a number of partnership options providing benefits to your Company:

<b>Platinum</b>	US\$ 2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes presentation at the opening ceremonies</li> <li>• full time stand in main hall</li> <li>• spot on brochures</li> <li>• attendance for free in the social events</li> </ul>
<b>Gold</b>	US\$ 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes presentation after lunch on the first day</li> <li>• full time stand</li> <li>• spot on brochures</li> </ul>
<b>Silver</b>	US\$ 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 minute presentation after break during second day</li> <li>• stand</li> <li>• spot on brochures</li> </ul>
<b>Bronze</b>	US\$ 1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stand</li> <li>• spot on brochures</li> </ul>

For any questions regarding the program, the venue or accommodation, contact Daniel Beck (dbeck@iaati.com) or Ana Laura Brizuela (analaurabrizuela@iaati.com)

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### Australasian Branch:

- **Our International President attends the 2017 Australasian Branch Seminar**

IAATI Australasian Branch planned to have their annual seminar in March 2017 in Brisbane, but because the Victorian Government asked the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) to host a seminar on vehicle crime a roughly the same time as the IAATI seminar, the choice was made, to hold a jointly hosted seminar.

Thankfully Joe Vina from Conference Direct was able to negotiate the postponement of the branch's contract with their Brisbane venue until 2018 without any financial penalty.

I had the opportunity to attend the resulting "Australasian Vehicle Crime Conference" which was jointly hosted by IAATI, NMVTRC and Victoria Police in Melbourne 4 -6 April, 2017. The event was held in the heart of Melbourne at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV), luxurious City Club Hotel and conference facility

It was a 3 day event. The first 2 days the speakers were NMVTRC speakers, day 3 was completely for IAATI. Both organizations came up with a good program. They had good speakers. ( See the program)

Day 1, April 4,2017, ended with a well organized networking reception.

Day 2, April 5,2017, IAATI had his AGM and in the evening we had the Awards Dinner.

I can say, this event was a success. The program was very interesting.

I arrived in Melbourne late on Sunday April 2,2017. On Monday I had a relaxing day with Australasian President, Mark Pollard, Australasian Board members, Paul Thomas and Ian Gunthorpe and fellow international guest speaker, DCI Oliver Little, City of London Police. Together we visited some wineries in the Yarra Valley, approximately 70 minutes out of Melbourne. There we tasted some good Australian wines and had a lunch. In the afternoon I was invited to join the Australasian board meeting.

The hospitality of the Australasian Branch was overwhelming. They took very good care of me. They gave me the feeling I was a member of their branch.

Everybody was very kind to me and they happy with my attending. On Thursday April 6, 2017, I had the possibility to do a presentation about the benefit and network of IAATI.

It was a long trip to come to Australia but I am very glad I made it.

The Australasian Branch is doing very well. I once again thank you to Mark and his committee for inviting me to me attend.

#### **Hans Kooijman**

IAATI President 2016-2017.



*Some of my souvenirs from 'down under'*

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## Australasian Branch:

### Tues. 4th April, 2017

09.00—09.15	Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp, Victoria Police, Conference Welcome
09.15—09.30	Ray Carroll, Executive Director, NMVTRC, Conference Themes and Black Box Thinking (Learning from Failure and the Value of Marginal Gains)

#### Session 1: Responding to Youth Crime

09.30—10.00	Assistant Commissioner Robert (Bob) J. Hill APM, Victoria Police, Responding to the Challenge of Increasing Vehicle Crime
10.00—10.30	Detective Chief Inspector Paul Betts, West Midlands Police, Multi-agency Approach to Young Offenders
10.30—11.00	Morning tea
11.00—11.30	Dr Monica Thielking, Swinburne University, Insights into Contemporary Young Offender Behaviour in Victoria
11.30—12.00	Assistant Commissioner Stephen Leane, Victoria Police, The Changing Nature of Youth Offending
12.00—12.30	Troy Crellin, Program Manager for Social Enterprise Programs, Mission Australia, Synergy Repairs: Restoring Young Lives and Cars
12.30—13.30	Lunch

#### Session 2: Disrupting the Vehicle Laundering and Separated Parts Markets

13.30—14.00	Detective Superintendent Murray Chapman, NSW Police, Reforming the Scrap Metal Trade in New South Wales
14.00—14.30	Geoff Gwilym, Executive Director, VACC, An Industry Model for the Management of End-of-life Vehicles
14.30—15.00	Amanda Bird, Senior Tax Specialist - Complex Investigations, Australian Tax Office, Following the Money
15.00—15.30	Afternoon tea
15.30—16.30	Panel Discussion- Q&A
16.30	Day 1 Close
17.00—19.00	Networking Reception

### Wed. 5th April, 2017

#### Session 3: Building Stakeholder and Community Capacity and Promoting Innovation

09.00—09.30	Ray Carroll, Executive Director, NMVTRC, Burglaries to Access keys (the New Permanent State) and how Motorists Perceive Vehicle Crime
09.30—10.00	Brian Negus, General Manager, RACV Public Policy, The Power of Collaboration
10.00—10.30	Samantha Hunter, CEO, Crime Stoppers Victoria, Optimising the Reach and Effectiveness of Collaborative Communications
10.30—11.00	Morning tea
11.00—11.30	Lisa Rudd, Community Development Officer, Glenorchy City Council, Tackling Vehicle Crime in Local Communities
11.30—12.00	Robert McDonald, Secretary General, RCAR, Theft by Wire: Facts vs Fiction



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## Australasian Branch:

<b>Wed. 5th April, 2017</b> (continued)	
<b>Session 3:</b>	<b>Building Stakeholder and Community Capacity and Promoting Innovation</b>
12.00—12.30	David Shelton, Executive Director- Registration & Licensing, VicRoads, The Future of Vehicle Identity
12.30—13.30	Lunch
13.30—14.00	Detective Chief Inspector Oliver Little, City of London Police, Genuine Theft or Collision vs Fraud
14.00—14.30	Keir Bielecke, Policy Advisor- Risk, Insurance Council of Australia, Insurance Industry response to Motor fraud
14.30—15.00	Rob Bartlett, Executive Manager, Suncorp, The Lawyer, the Smash Repairer and Car Napping Rort
15.00—15.15	The Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Police, Conference address
15.15—16.00	Panel Discussion - Q&A
16.00—16.15	Afternoon Tea
16.15—17.00	IAATI 2017 Annual General Meeting
18.30—22.30	IAATI 2017 Awards Dinner

## **Thurs. 6th April 2017**

### **IAATI Training Day**

09.00—09.20	Hans Kooijman, IAATI International President/Manager Claims Investigations, Allianz Netherlands, IAATI – An International Network for Vehicle Crime Investigators
09.20—9.55	Detective Senior Constable Luke Simpson, Motor Unit, Property Crime Squad, State Crime Command, NSW Police, Strike Force Jardine—a case study
9.55—10.30	Robert Ishak, Co-founder and Chairman, William Robert Lawyers, The Power of Negotiation: How to use Neuro Linguistic Programming to relate to your clients and understand their perspective
10.30—10.50	Morning Tea
10.50—11.30	Keir Bielecke, Policy Advisor- Risk, Insurance Council of Australia, Emerging trends in motor vehicle insurance fraud
11.30—12.15	Detective Chief Inspector Oliver Little, Insurance Fraud enforcement Department, City of London Police, Establishing the IFED- the hurdles faced and lessons learnt
12.15—12.45	Dr Kate Grimwood, Forensic Sales Manager, XTEK, Non-destructive examinations of vehicle identifiers
12.45—13.40	Lunch
13.40—14.20	Nigel Carson, Partner, and Tim Myers, Director, KordaMentha, Digital evidence in vehicle crime cases
14.20—15.00	Stephen Tully, Owner, MVA Investigations, Forensic Mechanical Investigations
15.00	Day 3 Close

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## Australasian Branch:

- **2017 Charity Raffle to support Past Australasian President**

The 2017 Seminar Dinner Charity Raffle was conducted in aid of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, in Brisbane. This year's choice of charity has extra special meaning to all Branch members as our Immediate Past President (2014 – 2016), John Hambridge, suffered a major heart attack at the end of October 2016 and has been hospitalised since.

After spending a number of weeks in a coma in the Intensive Care Unit, John was transferred to the BIRU at Princess Alexandra Hospital where he is undertaking what will be a long road to recovery. Unfortunately John is not able to receive visitors, other than immediate family members.

The raffle was extremely successful generating a total of \$1,791.75 which has been forwarded onto the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Note: John has recently been transferred to the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit at the Gold Coast University Hospital. Princess Alexandra's (BIRU) provides a specialised and dedicated inpatient and Day Hospital services for people with an acquired brain injury in the broad working age group. BIRU offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, inpatient and outpatient service for assessment and management of Acquired Brain Injury. We wish John all the very best during his recovery.

Note: John has recently been transferred to the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit at the Gold Coast University Hospital where he will continue his recovery. We wish John all the very best.

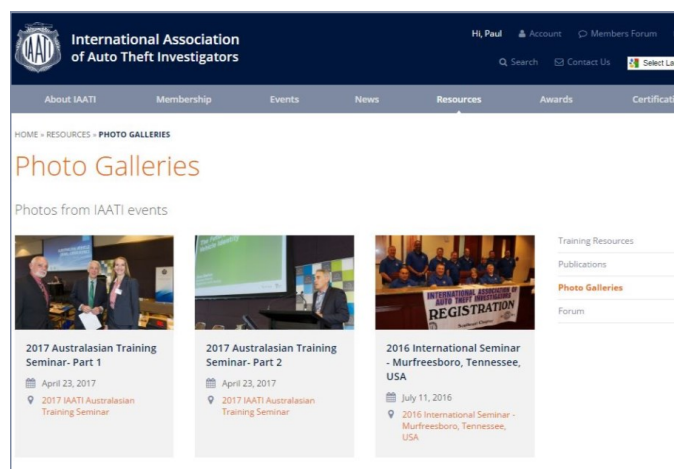
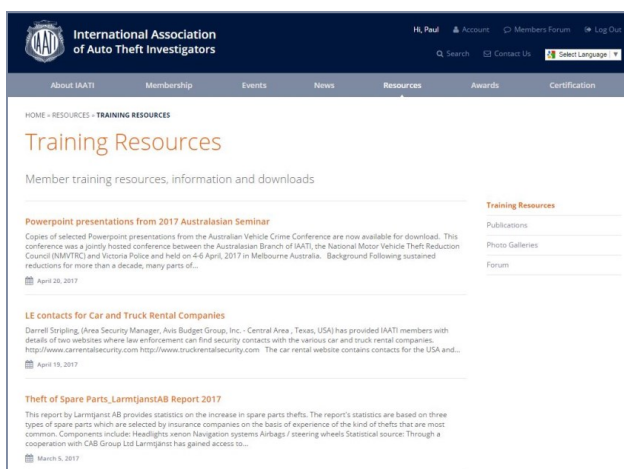


- **2017 Conference Presentations and Photos—available to download**

A total of 18 of the 26 presentations from the 2017 Australasian Conference are available to download. To access them simply log into the international website ([www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org)) and go to the *Resources>Training Resources* menu.

Members can also download photos from the 2017 conference by visiting the *Resources>Photo Galleries* Menu.

Note: these menus are only visible once you log into to website with your email and password. If you forget your password Click 'Account' and then click 'Forgotten Password'.



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### Southern African Branch:



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



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## 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](http://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!!!



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## 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](mailto: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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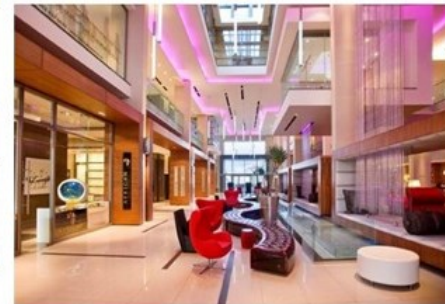
### *Island Club Hotel & Apartments*



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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Contact us: [info@iaati2017.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:info@iaati2017.co.za)

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June 11-15, 2017  
(rates are good pre and post event)**

Rates: \$139.00 per night, plus \$8.00 p/day parking

Reservation Deadline: May 15, 2017

*Local Airports: Palm Beach International & Fort Lauderdale International. Check website for shuttle information.*

Register online at [www.seiaati.org](http://www.seiaati.org)

FEES (Prior to May 15, 2017)

\$200.00- Members      \$245.00 Non Member (includes membership)

Late Registration- After May 15, 2017:

\$250.00- Members      \$295.00-Non Member (includes membership)

### **Includes:**

**Welcome Reception**-Business Casual

**Offsite Picnic** -Casual (transportation will be provided!)

**Annual Banquet**-Business Dress

**Networking Suite Nightly**- Casual





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## AUTO THEFT TRAINING SEMINAR SEPT 11<sup>TH</sup> THRU 14<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Seminar Registration is Monday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, from Noon - 5pm  
Classes: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

The Arizona Auto Theft Investigator's Association (AATIA) along with Arizona Association of Special Investigations Units (AASIU) and the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) are teaming up to present a training seminar for investigators of Auto Theft Crime. The seminar will foster a spirit of cooperation and communication by encouraging open exchange of information and technical data among the participants and by providing practical training. The seminar will be hosted by the Bullhead City Police Department.

Course list:  
Basic & Advanced Vehicle Theft, Mex Vehicle ID, Construction Equip ID, Insurance Fraud, ISO, Law Enforcement online, Case Presentations, ATV Thefts, Street Racing, Acid Restoration, Vehicle Arsons, Forensic Locksmith, Black box, Medical Fraud, Accident Recon, Social Media, Cargo Theft, Cell Phone Investigations  
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Registration Fee Enclosed:

\_\_\_ \$275 \_\_\_ \$35 guest banquet ticket \_\_\_ Instructor /Vendor \_\_\_

Detach this portion and return with payment to: 2017 AATIA Laughlin Seminar, PO Box 39721, Phoenix AZ, 85069

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## UK: Hi-Tech Thieves Use Radio Trick to Unlock And Start Your Car

### *More concerns over 'keyless' ignition systems*

By Mark Bridge, *The Times*, 27 April 2017

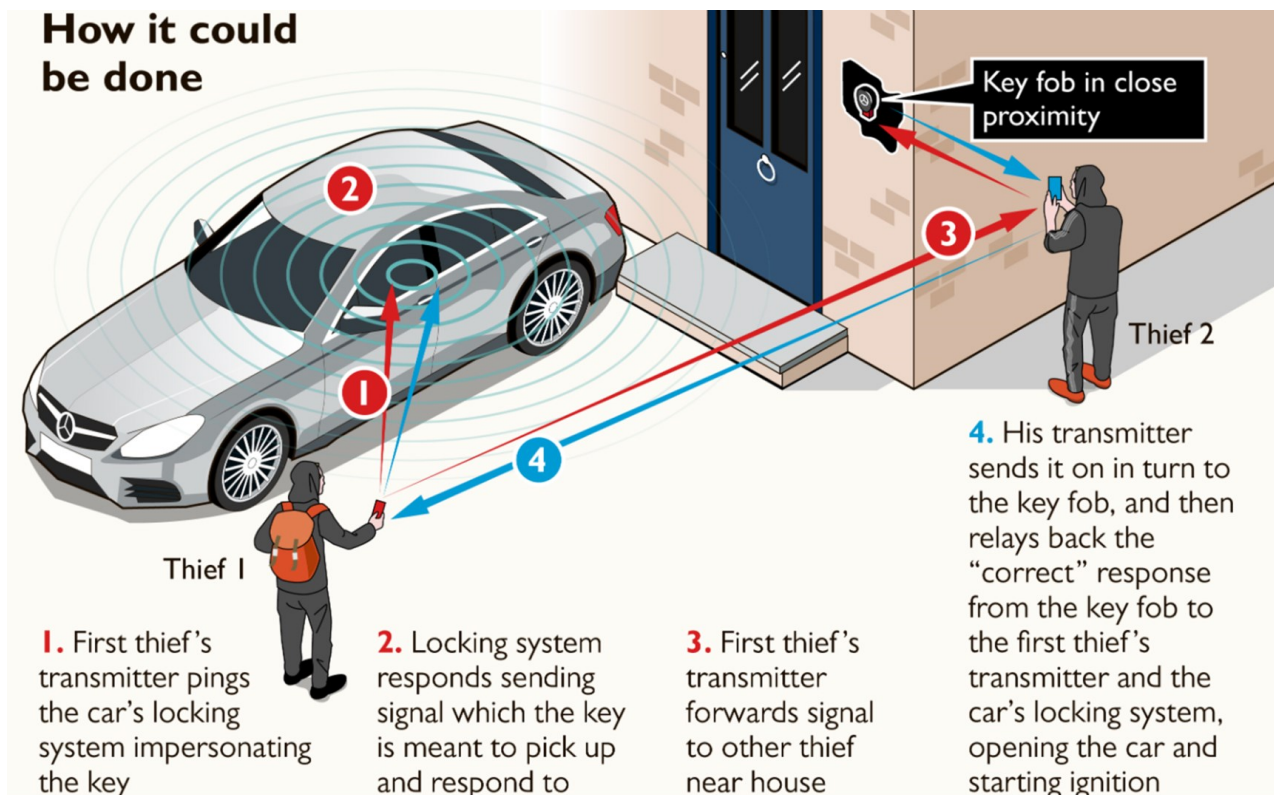
Criminals are stealing cars with "keyless" entry systems by holding radio transmitters close to the walls of the owner's home to amplify the signal from key fobs kept indoors.

The attack tricking electronic locking systems was already common elsewhere in Europe, but Thatcham, the British motor insurance industry's research body, says that there have been incidents in Britain and it has expressed concerns to manufacturers.

Footage showing an apparent attack has been made public by Paige Foster, 23, an estate agent, who found one morning last week that her and her partner's five-month-old Mercedes had vanished from outside their front door in Grays, Essex.

She called the police while looking through their CCTV and saw two men walk on to their driveway. In the video, one hooded figure walks to the driver's side of the £35,000 car while another holds a satchel believed to contain a transmitter up to the side wall of the property. The first thief then opens the car door and drives off while his accomplice walks away, despite the key fob remaining in the couple's kitchen throughout.

Mercedes-Benz said it was unaware of any problems with its locking systems but experts said the attack appeared to be of a type known in Europe for years. Last year security researchers in Munich showed that they could break into 24 car models, including BMWs, Toyotas and Audis, using a pair of radio devices in an attack that closely resembled the Essex theft.



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### UK: Hi-Tech Thieves Use Radio Trick to Unlock And Start Your Car (continued)

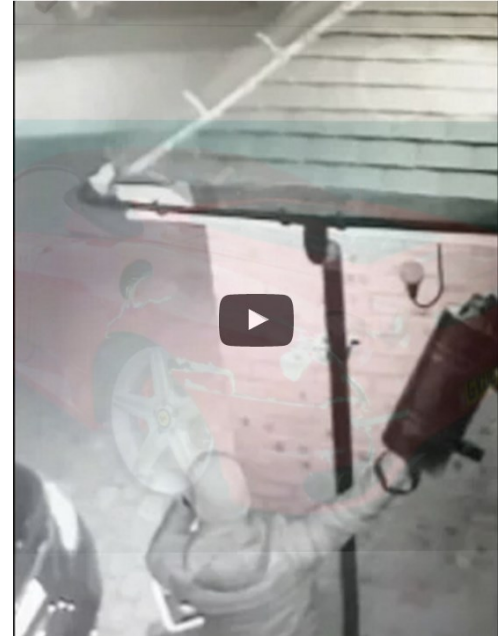
The attack required only affordable off-the-shelf equipment, with one transmitter contacting the car's entry system and communicating with the other nearer the key to relay back the signal to open and start the car.

Deputy Chief Constable Matt Jukes, of the National Police Chiefs' Council, said: "Vehicle theft has reduced by over 70% over the past 15 years. We have seen some specific trends emerging over recent years, such as keyless car theft. The National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service has been working to build a picture of how criminals are exploiting new technology."

A spokesman for Mercedes-Benz said: "All our vehicles have extensive security and anti-theft protection systems. We also offer our customers the option of deactivating the radio signal with two clicks of the key in order to prevent abuse."

Source: <https://www.driving.co.uk/news/high-tech-thieves-use-radio-trick-unlock-start-car/>

Video: <https://youtu.be/ZLDVRaMHILY>



### Europe & China: EUROPOL and the People's Republic of China Join Forces to Fight Transnational Crime

*Europol Press Release, 19 April 2017*

The Vice Minister of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, Meng Hongwei, and Europol's Director, Rob Wainwright, signed today a strategic cooperation agreement to expand cooperation to combat cross-border criminal activities. The agreement will enable both partners to work on key areas such as migrant smuggling, cybercrime, drug trafficking, asset recovery, money laundering, organised property crime and trafficking in human beings.

The signing of the Agreement on Strategic Cooperation concludes the successful negotiations between the People's Republic of China and Europol on how to effectively join forces to fight serious and organised crime. After entry into force of the agreement, this new level of cooperation will be important for tackling priority crime areas affecting both the European Union and China.

The agreement allows for the exchange of general strategic intelligence as well as strategic and technical information and operational information with the exception of personal data.

#### Additional Information

There are two types of cooperation agreement that Europol can enter into with states and other entities outside the EU: strategic and operational agreements. While both types of agreement are aimed at enhancing cooperation between Europol and the country concerned, there is one major difference: strategic agreements do not allow for the exchange of personal data whereas the operational agreements do.

Source: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/europol-and-people%E2%80%99s-republic-of-china-join-forces-to-fight-transnational-crime>

### Canada: Hyundai App Exposed Vehicles to High-Tech Thieves: Researchers

By Alastair Sharp, April 25, 2017

TORONTO (Reuters) - Software vulnerabilities in a Hyundai Motor Co <005380.KS> app that lets a car be started remotely made the company's vehicles susceptible to theft from high-tech thieves for three months before the company fixed the bug in March, a cyber security firm said on Tuesday.



Hyundai introduced a flaw in a Dec. 8, 2016 update to the mobile app for its Blue Link connected car software that made it possible for car thieves to locate vulnerable vehicles, unlock and start the vehicles, said Tod Beardsley, research director with cyber security firm Rapid7 Inc .

Hyundai confirmed the bug's existence and said it moved quickly to fix the problem. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an advisory about the vulnerability on Tuesday. "No known public exploits specifically target these vulnerabilities," the advisory read. "High skill level is needed to exploit."

Both the company and Beardsley said they did not know of any cases of car thieves exploiting the vulnerability before Hyundai pushed out the fix to Android and iPhone users in early March.

"The issue did not have a direct impact on vehicle safety," said Jim Trainor, a spokesman for Hyundai Motor America. "Hyundai is not aware of any customers being impacted by this potential vulnerability."

The bug surfaced as the auto industry bolsters efforts to secure vehicles from cyber attacks, following a high-profile recall of Fiat Chrysler vehicles in 2015 and government warnings about the potential for car hacks.

Risks have multiplied in recent years as vehicles have grown more complex, adding features like mobile apps that can locate, unlock and start them. "What's changed is not just the presence of all that hackable software, but the volume and variety of remote attack surfaces added to more recent vehicles," said Josh Corman, director of the Atlantic Council's Cyber Statecraft Initiative.

Fiat Chrysler recalled 1.4 million U.S. vehicles in 2015 after two security researchers demonstrated that they could get remote control of a Jeep traveling at high speeds.

The Blue Link bug is not as frightening as the ones uncovered in the Fiat Chrysler vehicles. Moving vehicles are not vulnerable to attacks using the Blue Link app, and a hacker would have to be near the owner of a targeted vehicle who is using the mobile app via an insecure WiFi connection, Beardsley said.

General Motors Co patched a similar bug in its OnStar vehicle communication system in 2015 that had the potential to let hackers break into cars.

Source: <https://www.usnews.com/news/technology/articles/2017-04-25/hyundai-mobile-app-exposed-cars-to-high-tech-thieves-researchers>

### Hyundai upgrades Blue Link App citing vulnerability to car theft

In an effort to enhance car ownership experience, Hyundai had introduced the Blue Link smartphone app for the iOS and Android devices. However, the technology has also worked in favour of car thieves as it leaked certain personal information pertaining to registered users and their vehicles. The leaked data included usernames, passwords, PINs, as well as GPS location records which were then used by thieves to steal the vehicle. In order to fix the issue, the Hyundai Motors silently introduced a software upgrade to a new version, 3.9.6 on owner handsets. The company had clarified that the Blue Link bug was not too risky as moving vehicles were not vulnerable to attacks and the hacker needs to be near the targeted vehicle with the owner using the mobile app over an insecure Wi-Fi connection.

Source: <https://www.cartrade.com/car-bike-news/hyundai-upgrades-blue-link-app-citing-vulnerability-to-car-theft-134157.html>

## IN THE NEWS

### UK: Private Prosecution Save Insurer £30K and Jails Conman After Crashing Fake Ferrari

By Alastair Sharp, April 25, 2017

- Fraudster sentenced for 18 months after private prosecution proves guilt
- Accident Exchange, APU and Hill-Dickinson support insurer by building case against Adam Islam
- Islam and Mohammed Abu Khayer found guilty of fraud by false representation after reckless car crash
- Toyota MR2 dressed as a Ferrari F430 didn't sell for fraudster's wishful £30k listing

In a landmark private prosecution led by Asset Protection Unit (APU), a motor fraudster was sentenced to 18 months in prison at Snaresbrook Crown Court yesterday.

Having pled guilty to fraud by false representation, Adam Islam admitted to crashing his fake Ferrari in a bogus claim which paid out £29,000.

The incident occurred on 12th September 2014, when Islam, of Southwold Drive, Barking, Essex, crashed his Toyota MR2, which was dressed up to look like a Ferrari F430, into his friend's hired Audi A1 in suspicious circumstances.

With insurance fraud low on the list of police priorities, and Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED) rules dictating fraud must be reported by an insurer or the police, the action led by motor fraud experts APU proved the only option to recover the £29,000 paid out by Islam's insurers.

Islam and his accomplice Abu Khayer convinced his insurer LV= to pay out £29,000 after claiming his car had broken down on a bend before being hit, and that he did not know the driver. As the at-fault vehicle was insured by the hire company, Abu would incur no personal cost by accepting liability for the accident and could split the hefty insurance pay-out with Islam.



*He crashed his Toyota MR2 into his friend's rental car and tried to claim off the insurance.*

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Already in a replacement hire car organised by his accomplice, Mohammed Abu Khayer following the accident, Islam tried to claim for another credit hire car from a separate company. This was quickly detected by Hill-Dickinson's Netfoio database, the largest of its kind used to prevent, detect and manage insurance fraud.

APU, appointed by sister company Accident Exchange to take up the case, deployed its team of forensic experts and former Police officers to quickly establish that the vehicle that hit Islam's fake Ferrari was driven by Abu, a friend who had hired the vehicle just days before the crash.

Further investigation found that Islam had recently failed to sell his car online for £30,000, prompting further suspicion of likely insurance fraud.

With all the evidence gathered, APU teamed up with commercial law firm Hill-Dickinson LLP to launch a private investigation into the case. Hill-Dickinson's expert Advocacy Team, led by in-house counsel, Mark Stanger worked with the APU team, conducting the advocacy at all Court hearings.

Islam's accomplice, Khayer, also received a 12 month custodial sentence suspended for two years, and was ordered to compensate Accident Exchange, his hire company, and its insurer, totalling more than £10,000.

After Islam and Abu Khayer pleaded guilty on 16th March, Judge Peters QC commented on the private prosecution, saying: "I see no reason why organisations should be treated as suffering less harm than if it were an individual."

The judge who sentenced the pair yesterday, HHJ Dawson added, "If it wasn't for the investigation by one of the companies, it [the fraud] may well have been missed.

"Almost immediately after the crash, you [Islam and Khayer] both launched into a sophisticated fraud. This is not a victimless crime; we all end up paying more for car insurance. It also undermines the trust from insurance companies in the public, which causes delay in genuine payments. More fraud makes it more difficult for honest people to be paid."

Neil Thomas, Director of Investigative Services at APU Ltd commented, "The sentence is a big step for the industry, and saving insurers such a large sum is the icing on the cake. It all adds up, and we have demonstrated that championing new approaches by working with Hill-Dickinson, we can help mitigate fraud to ultimately save drivers from increased premiums".

Peter Oakes, Head of Fraud at Hill-Dickinson LLP said: "By working together in partnership with our counter-fraud group, our cradle to grave approach has secured a great outcome for our client. This important case sends a powerful message to would-be fraudsters that their fraud will be detected and prosecuted. This success lays the ground for future actions"

APU's team of telematics and anti-fraud experts is increasingly utilised by police forces and insurance companies across the country, as police often lack the resources and skills to interrogate telematics data and package it into usable evidence in court.

Source: <https://www.accidentexchange.com/about/news/private-prosecution-saves-insurer-30k-and-jails-conman-after-crashing-fake-ferrari/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1#HmDGJeE2F4LGHgPt.97>

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# IN THE NEWS

## Europe: Romania and France Dismantle Organised Crime Network Specialised in Truck Theft Across The EU

*Europol Press Release, 7 April 2017*

Romanian and French authorities, supported by Europol and Eurojust, have dismantled an international criminal network composed of 28 Romanian nationals suspected of having stolen goods worth over EUR 4 million from delivery trucks.

In the early hours of 4 April 2017, six members of the group were arrested while operating in France.

On 5 April 2017, following two requests for international letters rogatory issued by the French authorities, the Romanian Police executed 46 house searches and 14 arrest warrants across eight counties in Romania.

Europol provided on-the-spot support to the Romanian authorities by deploying a property crime specialist equipped with a mobile office. Representatives of the French Gendarmerie and a French magistrate also participated in the action.

During the searches, police officers found and seized bottles of perfume, electronic devices and documents. Warehouses were also searched in the Netherlands.

In October 2015, the French Gendarmerie initiated an investigation into a mobile organised crime group that was stealing various goods (in particular cosmetics) from delivery trucks parked in rest areas along several French highways.

It is believed that up until now, the crime group has committed the same type of crime in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, and Poland.

Europol supported this investigation from the early stages, mainly by organising operational meetings with the investigators from the affected countries. Information exchange between the Member States on this complex case was facilitated by Europol's secure communication channels.

Also, the information collected was analysed by Europol property crime specialists and several analytical reports – linking the cases together – were provided to the field investigators.

Source: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/romania-and-france-dismantle-organised-crime-network-specialised-in-truck-thefts-across-eu>





## IN THE NEWS

### **USA: Vehicle-theft ring that recruited juveniles, targeted trucks is busted, Riverside County authorities say**

*From Mexico News Daily, April 25, 2017*

Riverside County sheriff's officials say they have shut down a vehicle-theft ring through a yearlong investigation that led to 16 arrests and the recovery of 37 stolen vehicles.

The investigation culminated in the April 11 arrest of the second of the ring's two alleged leaders in Riverside, according to a news release from Sgt. Sean Brown.

Riverside County sheriff's officials say 35-year-old Gerardo Fererico Monsivais and 27-year-old Jose Guadalupe Garcia were the leaders of the ring that targeted early to mid-2000s Chevrolet Silverados and Ford F-250s across Jurupa Valley, Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris.

Brown said they taught minors how to steal vehicles because the penalty for juveniles is lower than for adults. Six of the 16 people arrested were juveniles.

The investigation began in April 2016, when deputies found a stolen Chevy Silverado in Jurupa Valley with a switched VIN, Brown wrote in a news release. The deputies found a probation appointment card for Monsivais in the Chevy, but when they went to the mobile home park that the card listed as his address, he wasn't there.

The investigation was turned over to the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail task force — a multi-agency collaboration between local police agencies, the county Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the Department of Insurance.

The task force spent several months identifying suspects in the crime ring. Monsivais was the 16th and last to be arrested, Brown wrote in the release. He was found April 11 hiding in the cab of a tow truck in the 3600 block of Placentia Lane in Riverside.

Special Investigations Lt. Paul Bennett said the next steps for the task force are to convince a jury that the crime ring has wider implications.

"This wasn't just about stealing cars," Bennett said, because the suspects allegedly taught juveniles to commit crimes.

In all, the task force recovered 37 stolen vehicles, 24 of which were Chevy and Ford pickups. Bennett said there are almost certainly more vehicles stolen than those authorities recovered.

Both Monsivais and Garcia are facing a long list of criminal charges.

Monsivais was charged Monday with 26 felonies — 22 of vehicle theft with a prior conviction and four of operating a vehicle chop shop — along with a sentence-enhancing allegation that he committed fraud and embezzlement. He has not yet entered a plea.

Court records show three other active cases against him, all filed last year. He was charged with three felony counts of vehicle theft with a prior conviction; one felony count each of check fraud, being a convicted felon and narcotic addict in possession of a firearm, and possessing a prohibited firearm and ammunition; and a misdemeanor count of being under the influence of a controlled substance. He has pleaded not guilty to all of those charges.

He is in jail at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility. His bail is set at \$750,000.

Monsivais has prior felony convictions in Riverside County for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and possessing more than 1 kilogram of methamphetamine or PCP for sale, court records show.

Garcia, meanwhile, had six separate cases filed against him in 2016, court records show. Collectively, he was charged with 18 felony counts of vehicle theft with prior convictions, two of receiving stolen property and one each of operating a

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vehicle chop shop, obtaining personal identifying information with the intent to defraud and using someone else's identity to obtain credit, along with a misdemeanor count of resisting during a September arrest and several sentence-enhancing allegations that he committed a crime while on bail.

He is in jail at the Southwest Detention Center in French Valley, with bail set at \$750,000. He has pleaded not guilty to all of the current charges.

Garcia has a criminal record in Riverside County that dates to 2009, including felony convictions for purchasing or receiving a stolen vehicle, receiving stolen property, distributing a controlled substance, possession of marijuana for sale and discharging a firearm.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/2017/04/25/vehicle-theft-ring-that-used-juveniles-targeted-trucks-is-busted-riverside-county-authorities-say/>

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### Mexico: Stolen vehicles are shipped far and wide

*From Mexico News Daily, April 26, 2017*

*The number of insured vehicles stolen last year was up 21%*

Some of the 76,000 vehicles reported stolen last year in Mexico finished up in the Middle East, eastern Europe and Africa, says the Association of Mexican Insurance Companies, or AMIS.

Association president Recaredo Arias says stolen vehicles leave Mexico in containers shipped from Tamaulipas and Veracruz, two of nine states in which 80% of motor vehicle thefts with violence are committed.

He said international criminal organizations were involved in those thefts.

There were 76,334 insured vehicles stolen between April last year and March of this year, up 21% from the previous period, the highest increase recorded in the last six years, Arias said.

But the last quarter saw a whopping 33% increase: 21,135 vehicles were stolen between January 1 and March 31 of this year.

The thefts committed during the 12-month period cost the insurance industry 8.3 billion pesos in payouts.

Not all stolen vehicles are never seen again: 28,430 were recovered over the 12 months.

Four Nissan models were the most popular among thieves: the Tsuru led the way, followed by the Pick Up, Versa and Sentra.

Trucks are also a target. There were 9,097 semi-tractors stolen during the year, up 32%.

Arias offered two reasons for the increased incidence of auto theft. One was the higher levels of insecurity in general and the other was electoral cycles.

He said there was a change of governor in nine states last year with the result that state security forces were "distracted" from their duties and some new administrations had not made an effort to combat auto theft.

Source: <http://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/stolen-vehicles-shipped-far-and-wide/>

## IN THE NEWS

### UK: 'Gone in 60 Seconds' gang are jailed for more than 46 years for stealing high-end cars using sophisticated software to break into keyless Range Rovers worth nearly £3million

By Kelly McLaughlin For Mailonline, 14 April 2017

- The thieves targeted more than 120 vehicles worth as much as £60,000 each
- The gang of six men and a woman made their getaway cars look like minicabs
- The vehicles were then shipped in containers from Britain around the world
- The thieves performed their crimes between March 2015 and August last year

A brazen 'Gone in 60 Seconds' gang have been jailed for stealing high-end cars by using sophisticated software to break into keyless Range Rovers, worth a combined £3million.

The high-tech thieves targeted more than 120 vehicles worth as much as £60,000 each over a 12-month period, and were locked up for a total of more than 46 years.

Using key programming technology to steal vehicles including Range Rovers, Mercedes and BMWs, the gang of six men and one woman made their getaway cars look like minicabs - complete with TfL private hire stickers - to commit the thefts.

Manjit Sandhu orchestrated the gang who bought specialist equipment used by locksmiths to bypass keyless cars' security systems in a matter of seconds.

Heena Bux, 21, found cars to break into and arranged for Khuram Zaman, 20, Mohammed Islam, 20, and Geoffrey Cairns, 55, to drive them away.

They also burgled car keys from homes in the east and west of London and drove the owners' vehicles away from their driveways within minutes.

The vehicles were then shipped in containers from Britain around the world, to places including Africa and Eastern Europe, between March 2015 and August last year.

One thief, Sufiyan Mahmood, was even captured on CCTV driving a stolen car through a McDonald's drive through after taking it from the owner's home.

Police got wind of the crook's plans and started watching their homes.

On August 17 last year police raided the Blakesley Arms pub in Newham, east London, run by gang leader Manjit Sandhu's dad - finding car keys, a key programmer, 'blank' keys and a lock-picking tool.

The 32-year-old ring leader even committed one offence on the same day he received a suspended sentence for being involved in the theft of another car in an unrelated incident.



Manjit Sandhu (left) orchestrated the gang who bought specialist equipment used by locksmiths to bypass keyless cars' security systems in a matter of seconds. Heena Bux (right), 21, found cars to break into and arranged for others to drive them away



Sufiyan Mahmood (left), 19, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal as was Faisal Khan, 23, of Forest Gate, east London. Khuram Zaman (right) was locked up for four years, six months for being part of the gang

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In one theft, some of the offenders stole a BMW after breaking in to a house to get the key, but were unaware that the stolen car was fitted with a dash cam that captured images of them as they got in and out of the car.

Sandhu of Hornchurch, east London, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal at Southwark Crown Court on Tuesday after he was caught on his own CCTV system leaving home to commit the crimes.

He was jailed for 12 years on Wednesday, which included two years for the activation of a suspended sentence as he was previously convicted of vehicle theft.

Appearing alongside Sandhu, co-conspirator Islam, of Forest Gate, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal as was Cairns, of Romford, and jailed for three years.

Cairns was jailed for three years and six months.

Mahmood, 19, of Forest Gate was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal as was Faisal Khan, 23, of Forest Gate, east London.

Khan was sentenced to four years and six months with Humzah Bhariwala, 23, of Forest Gate, found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and handed an 18-month term.

Mahmood was sentenced to seven years, six months' imprisonment along with a further four months' to run consecutively for an unrelated charge of possession of drugs and mobile phones whilst on remand in prison.



*Geoffrey Cairns (left), 55, one of the getaway drivers, was jailed for three years and six months. Faisal Khan (right), 23, was sentenced to four years and six months*



*Mohammed Islam was found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal*



*One thief, Sufiyan Mahmood, was even captured on CCTV driving a stolen car through a McDonald's drive through after taking it from the owner's home*

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Buz, of Leytonstone, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal as was Zaman, of Walthamstow.

Zaman was locked up for four years, six months and Buz was given a total of nine years, six months' imprisonment, which included two years for the activation of a suspended sentence having previously been convicted of burglary.

Detective Inspector Caroline Clooney, who leads the Met's Organised Vehicle Crime Unit, said: 'This was an extremely prolific and well-organised criminal gang.

'They brought distress to many victims whose homes they broke into, who not only lost their vehicles but in many cases were traumatised by the thought of someone having been in their house while they slept.

'Although the case involved over 120 offences, it is clear that this team were responsible for an even greater number of crimes.

'Almost all of the houses that were burgled had uPVC front doors that had not been double locked, allowing the offenders to gain entry very quickly using simple tools.

'I would urge all householders to ensure that their front door is correctly locked at night - this means not only lifting the handle on a uPVC door, but also using the key to lock it.

'Unless it is locked with the key, the door remains vulnerable to the method employed by the criminals in this case.'



*The crime was similar to the plot of Gone in 60 Seconds, which focuses on a group of car thieves and the dozens of vehicles they have to steal in a matter of days*



*On August 17 last year police raided the Blakesley Arms pub in Newham, east London, run by gang leader Manjit Sandhu's dad - finding car keys (pictured above), a key programmer, 'blank' keys and a lock-picking tool*

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4410012/Gone-60-Seconds-gang-jailed-46-years.html>



## IN THE NEWS

### India: Delhi police uncovers racket of making stolen cars legitimate with registrations of junked cars

By Chayyanika Nigam, *indiatoday*, 17 March 2017

*Delhi cops uncovered a an organised scam of given stolen cars authentic documentation with the help of registration details of junked cars.*

Frankenstein's monsters on wheels are running on the city streets and giving the authorities nightmares. Delhi police have blown the lid off a nexus between some insurance firm employees, authorised centres and auto-lifters that is resuscitating scrapped cars.

The modus operandi came to light when the department's recently constituted core teams found that more than 35 per cent of the carjackers held in the city are bringing smashed vehicles chucked by their owners back to life.

Every day more than 100 automobiles are being stolen in Delhi. According to data for last year, among the 2,09,519 vehicles stolen, 28,409 were two-wheelers, 8,198 were cars and 2,037 were other vehicles. Only 4,473 stolen vehicles were recovered and 5,069 auto-lifters were arrested.

Cops have also noted a steep rise in the purchase and sale of damaged and second-hand cars on OLX and other online marketplaces.

"Teams have been formed by the auto-lifter gangs who ask the members to watch out for major accidents happening in and around the Capital," said an officer. "Also, they are being asked to look for damaged cars with the help of insurance companies and authorised centres where the owners approach for accident claim."

The gang members keep an eye out for such cases and then, with the help of insurance workers, they contact the car owners and offer them attractive prices. The crooks introduce themselves as scrap dealers and, once the deal is finalised, the authorised centres provide them the engine and chassis numbers as part of legal documentation.

A gang member is then assigned the task to steal a vehicle of the same model and colour from Delhi. They then change the engine and chassis numbers on the stolen vehicle based on the documentation procured for the scrapped one.

"After giving rebirth to the scrapped car and doing a re-registration, the auto-lifters sell it off openly. As they provide full legal documents to the customers, they charge extra money," an officer in a district core team said.

In a recent meeting with his men, Delhi police chief Amulya Patnaik discussed the fact that motor vehicle theft is getting more organised in the city every day and maximum such offences take place in the dark hours, particularly around midnight.

The top cop instructed officers to keep a tight vigil on vehicular movement in the city and at the outskirts of the Capital. Theft cases should be considered as priority cases, he reportedly said in the meeting.

"The only solution to curb vehicle theft is to make it a non-cognisable offence," said an officer. "And insurance companies should stop providing claims for stolen vehicles."

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 The scam involves replacing engine and chassis numbers of stolen cars with those of scrapped ones.
- 2 More than 35 per cent of car jackers held in Delhi involved in the modus operandi.
- 3 Insurance officials complicit as well.

Source: <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/delhi-police-stolen-cars-junked-vehicles-insurance-scam/1/906041.html>

# IN THE NEWS

## USA: Man Steals Car to Pick Up Ankle Monitor

Source: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/news/lojack-install-695-showing-up-to-metro-court-in-a-stolen-car-priceless>

*'LoJack assists Albuquerque Police in arresting two more auto theft offenders. One who was going to report to pre-trial services.*

LoJack Install-\$695, Showing up to court in a stolen vehicle to get your ankle monitor-Priceless

Alfonso Rodriguez, 20, and John Benavidez, 19, were both arrested for Receiving/Transferring a Stolen Vehicle and Possession of Burglary Tools.

On 03/30/2017 at about 10 a.m., the Albuquerque Police Department Auto Theft Unit received a silent LoJack alert on a stolen vehicle being identified as a black 2002 GMC Yukon. The signal was coming from an apartment complex in the area of Jefferson and Montgomery. Detectives arrived and observed two males identified as Alfonso Rodriguez and John Benavidez get into the stolen vehicle and drive out of the complex. Rodriguez was identified as the driver and detectives followed as he drove around Albuquerque with no apparent place to go. Rodriguez eventually led detectives to the area of 5th St and Marble Ave where he parked the stolen vehicle. Both Rodriguez and Benavidez exited the vehicle and began walking towards the Metropolitan Court house.

Detectives took both subjects into custody outside without incident. During their investigation, detectives were told by Benavidez they got the vehicle from another male. He said they knew the vehicle was stolen due to the damage to the steering column and they were using a key that did not belong to this vehicle to start it. Rodriguez also admitted he knew the vehicle was stolen and drove it anyway. Rodriguez said his reason for driving the stolen vehicle was because he needed to report to pre-trial services per his conditions of release at Metropolitan Court and did not want to take the bus.

Both Rodriguez and Benavidez were arrested and charged with Receiving//Transferring a Stolen Vehicle and Possession of Burglary Tools. Rodriguez was just released from jail on March 29th and was going to pre-trial services on a grand jury indictment for Kidnapping and assault charges from 2016 to be fitted for an ankle monitor. Benavidez has been caught in stolen vehicles in the past, once in December 2016 and once earlier this month. This will be his 3rd auto theft charge in 4 months.

The Albuquerque Police Department Auto Theft Unit did an outstanding job getting these two repeat offenders into custody without incident. The LoJack system yet again proved it is a valuable tool for law enforcement in assisting officers in getting offenders into custody, all while keeping the public safe. The system in the victims vehicle was just installed two months prior to the theft and ensured the return of his vehicle.



# IN THE NEWS

## USA NYPD busts 11 men in Queens running \$500G stolen car ring via social media

By Christina Carrega, New York Daily News, April 6, 2017

A group of 11 men were indicted in Queens Thursday for allegedly using social media to sell over \$500,000 worth of stolen cars, motorcycles, auto parts and fake inspection stickers.

During a 16-month investigation, authorities with the NYPD's Auto Crime Division probed an Instagram page that posted photographs of car rims and state inspection stickers for sale.

An undercover detective made contact with Abad Rios, the account holder, and launched an undercover operation where Rios allegedly sold him 13 forged stickers on several occasions between August 2015 and December 2016.

Rios put the undercover in touch with Kuldeep Sethi, who prosecutors say sold 14 stolen cars and six stolen motorcycles.

Prosecutors said a court-authorized wiretap helped unveil the inner-workings of the ring, which stole vehicles from Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island and New Jersey.

Eleven people were variously charged on seven indictments in Queens Supreme Court with the top charge of grand larceny.

The culprits stole approximately 45 cars and 16 motorcycles worth a combined estimated total of \$500,000, prosecutors said.

Police recovered 28 autos and bikes worth about \$270,000. The vehicles were mostly Subaru Imprezas plus some Honda S2000s and Subaru Foresters.

Despite this citywide bust, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement that auto theft crimes are in decline in Queens.

"We have seen a dramatic drop in auto thefts from a high of more than 50,000 cars being stolen annually in 1991 to less than 2,000 last year," he said. "We remain committed to aggressively investigating and prosecuting such conduct."

In addition to Rios and Sethi, the defendants are: Eric "Ebay" Villanueva, 30; Joshua "J-Roz" Paulicelli, 30; Samar "Sammy" Preet, 26; Jobdaniel "J-Spec" Nunes, 31; Sean "Twin" Ramos, 25; Luis "Sergio" Rosa, 28; Wilvin "Maria" Espinal, 26; Felix "Soutside Felix" DeJesus, 22; and Pierce O'Connor, 22.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/queens/nypd-busts-11-men-500g-social-media-stolen-car-ring-article-1.3025927>

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## IN THE NEWS

### NERC Regional Director – Maureen Stefenelli - A local hero

#### USA: Two Off-Duty NYPD Police Officers Stop Woman From Jumping Off The Brooklyn Bridge

Source: [nypdnews.com](http://nypdnews.com), March 23, 2017

Two NYPD police officers, both off duty, saved a woman who was attempting to take her life by jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge. On Friday, March 17, Police Officer Robert Faivre, of the 84 Precinct, was on his way home after finishing his tour and was driving across the Brooklyn Bridge toward Manhattan. It was just after midnight when he noticed a woman stumble down from the foot path onto the roadway of the bridge. As he approached her while still in his vehicle, he asked the woman what she was doing. She replied, "I am jumping." He responded by saying, "No, don't do it!"

Officer Faivre then exited his vehicle and while he tried to walk up to the woman, she began to move in the opposite direction. As she moved closer to the outer ledge of the bridge, he grabbed onto her prevented her from jumping. While this was happening, Police Officer Maureen Stefenelli, of the 76 Precinct Detective Squad, was also driving home across the Brooklyn Bridge after finishing work. She noticed two people struggling near the edge of the bridge and without second thought, she stopped her car and exited to further assess what was happening.

She immediately identified herself as a police officer and Officer Faivre responded that he too was a police officer and told her he needed her help. The two officers worked together to bring the despondent woman to safety and had her sit down on the pavement. During the entire time the two officers were engaging the woman in conversation seeking to get her to stop.

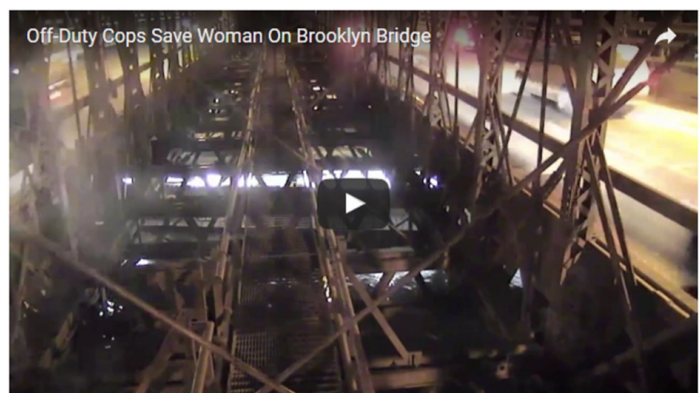
"While talking to the woman I tried to show her I genuinely wanted to help her, I wanted her to know I cared," said Officer Faivre.

After the two officers were able to de-escalate the situation, Police Officer Faivre went to move his vehicle in order to put it in a position that would safely protect them from oncoming vehicles on the bridge roadway. As Officer Faivre did this, Officer Stefenelli continued to speak with the woman trying to calm her.

"The woman said she was all alone, that no one cared about her," Officer Stefenelli said. "I told her we are the NYPD, that Officer Faivre and I were police officers, and that we cared."

A passerby on the footpath called 911 and the two officers remained with the woman until patrol officers and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel arrived. After arriving on the scene, EMS brought the woman onto their ambulance and removed her to a local hospital.

Source: <http://nypdnews.com/2017/03/two-off-duty-nypd-police-officers-stop-woman-from-jumping-off-the-brooklyn-bridge/>



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# IN THE NEWS

## UK: Standards for Cyber Security on New Cars gets the Green Light

Press Release April 11, 2017

Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, has today (April 11, 2017) given the green light to 5\*StarS as part of the national strategy to establish the UK as a global centre for the development, testing and commercialisation of Connected Autonomous Vehicles.

5\*StarS, which partners HORIBA MIRA, Ricardo, Roke, Thatcham Research and Axillium Research, will receive grant funding from the UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK, to launch the 'Automotive Cyber Security through Assurance' project. The project will address the increased threat from cyber security with the proliferation of connected and autonomous road vehicles.

Following its successful bid to secure funding, the consortium will research and develop an innovative assurance methodology to assure that connected autonomous vehicles components and systems have been designed and tested to the relevant cyber security standards throughout their whole lifecycle. The ultimate aim of the consortium is to develop a 5 star type consumer rating framework, analogous to existing EuroNCAP type ratings for vehicle safety.

Business and Energy Secretary Greg Clark said: "The race for developing connected and autonomous vehicles is accelerating and as a Government we are determined to build on our strengths and ensure the UK is at the forefront of this revolution.

"We have an excellent record in innovation in the UK and through our Industrial Strategy, we will build on our strengths so the UK auto sector remains world-leading. That is why we have announced support today for 5\*StarS as schemes like these will be key to turning research and development into anchoring future production."

Peter Shaw, chief executive at Thatcham Research, said: "Car security, and specifically cyber security, is one of the top concerns of UK insurers. We are increasingly seeing more connected vehicles launched every month, whether that is loaded with a new app, or the ability to connect with the Cloud to access data. Wherever there is a digital element in the car, it is vulnerable to attack. Consumers and insurers need to know what potential risk this connectivity has. The 5\*StarS system will provide this, as well as drive car manufacturers to continually strive to improve car security."

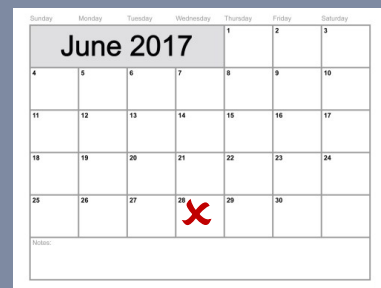
Chris Reeves, Head of Connected Autonomous Vehicles at HORIBA MIRA, said: "This project is a major step forward in not only clarifying the risks associated with connected autonomous vehicles for the insurance industry, but also in increasing consumer confidence. The project will also help to realise the commercial opportunity connected autonomous vehicles bring for the UK, and we're delighted to lead a consortium of global players capable of addressing this major emerging challenge."

Source: <http://news.thatcham.org/pressreleases/standards-for-cyber-security-on-new-cars-gets-the-green-light-1908542>

### July Issue of Auto Theft Today — Publication deadline

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## IN THE NEWS

### UK: Burglar rips sat navs and steering wheels from BMWs in Chigwell using keyless car theft

By Ralph Blackburn, [www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk](http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk), 21 March 2017

A Chigwell resident is warning his neighbours after steering wheels and sat navs were stolen from his BMWs, using technology to exploit the keyless entry system.

The thief climbed over the gates of Anand Sharma's house, in Manor Road, shortly after 12.30am on March 14, and used software on a laptop to unlock the doors of the vehicles.

CCTV footage, exclusively obtained by the Recorder, shows the man walk up and easily open the unlocked doors.

He then spends about half an hour pulling out a sat nav and steering wheel from the X5 and the sat nav from the X6.

This left Mr Sharma with £27,000 worth of damage.

He now wants to warn his neighbours, as he believes the cars were accessed using software to hack the keyless technology.

"All of that effort just to sell £200 of kit on eBay," he said.

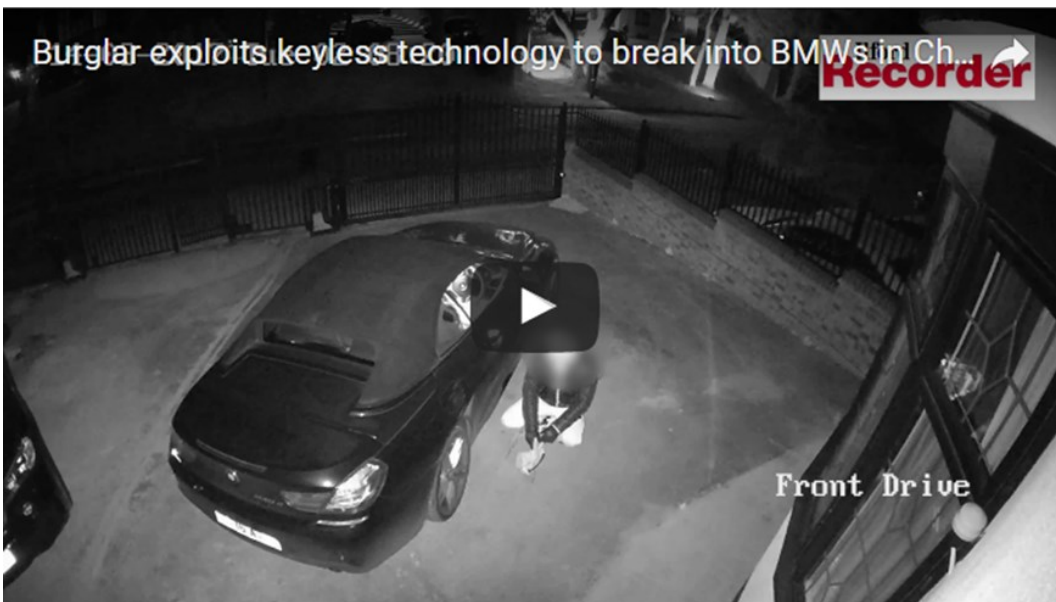
"What's next? They will break into my home."

On March 6 a gang from across east London were convicted of a string of car thefts, worth almost £3million, in which they exploited vehicles' keyless entry systems.

Source: <http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/news/crime-court/burglar-rips-sat-navs-and-steering-wheels-from-bmws-in-chigwell-using-keyless-car-theft-1-4941118>



Where the sat nav and the steering wheel had been stolen from Anand Sharma's car. He thinks the burglar broke in by exploiting the keyless technology. Picture: Anand Sharma



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## IN THE NEWS

### UK: Ghost broker sentenced for £59,200 scam

By Sian Barton, [insuranceage.co.uk](http://insuranceage.co.uk), 10 April 2017

*The ghost broker received a sentence of 16 weeks in prison suspended for one year.*

A man has been sentenced for ghost broking after his activities were uncovered by LV and the City of London Police's Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED).

According to IFED, Daniel Toma Barbu, aged 49 of Tunmarsh Lane, London has been given a suspended sentence of 16 weeks in prison, suspended for one year, along with 120 hours unpaid work within 12 months after he set up false insurance policies.

IFED was contacted by LV Insurance in March 2014 after it initially identified 18 suspected fraudulent policies. IFED's investigation uncovered additional fraudulent policies set up by Barbu who is thought to have made £59,200 from the scam.

IFED explained that by setting up car insurance policies using addresses that were not linked to the policy holder, Barbu was able to register the policy holders' cars to rural addresses with lower insurance premiums, a practice known as ghost broking.

The false policies were set up using Barbu's bank details as well as unregistered email addresses and mobile phone numbers. He then benefitted from the lower premiums himself or sold them to others for financial gain.

According to the police residents at the addresses used by the defendants have confirmed that the policy holders have never resided at the addresses given on the policies and the cars registered to the policies have never been kept at those addresses either.

Barbu was arrested in November 2014 and was charged with 22 counts of fraud as a result of the IFED investigation.

**Problem:** Detective constable Jamie Kirk said: "Ghost broking is a substantial problem that has seen Barbu take advantage of drivers looking to find cheaper car insurance deals.

"He has compromised the safety of people on the roads and we believe he profited from these actions. Ghost brokers must be stopped and the public need to remain vigilant in order to avoid falling prey to other fraudsters like Barbu."

Clare Lunn, LV director of GI fraud, said: "We're pleased that this fraudster has received a custodial sentence, which we hope will serve as a deterrent to others who believe they can deliberately misrepresent policy details.

"The actions of ghost brokers can increase premiums for genuine customers and cause distress to those whose details are used. Customers using a broker should always make sure that they are reputable, as victims of ghost brokers will not only lose their money but also risk a criminal record for driving without insurance. LV will always push for the toughest sentences for those who are prosecuted."

Source: <http://www.insuranceage.co.uk/broker/3022211/ghost-broker-sentenced-for-ps59200-scam>

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## IN THE NEWS

### Australia: 'Surprised' thieves stole one of world's rarest Ferraris, court told theft

By Adam Cooper. *The Age*, April 6th 2017

Two unsophisticated car thieves failed to steal a humble Nissan Skyline hours before making off in one of the world's rarest Ferraris, a Melbourne court has heard.

The 1972 Ferrari Daytona — previously owned by Dodi Fayed and Pink Floyd's Roger Waters — was found a day later torched in a Langwarrin paddock.

Matthew Ludwig and Bradley Abela, who were high on ice at the time, had earlier stolen a set of number plates before relieving a car yard of a Camry and a Kia, then stealing lunch money from two Subway stores.

Around 4am on November 6, 2015, Ludwig, Abela and others used a Ford Territory — stolen weeks earlier — to force the doors of a Braeside car workshop, where they found two Ferraris, the Daytona and a 1986 Ferrari 328.

Both cars met unfortunate fates.

Prosecutor Peter Pickering told the County Court the \$100,000 328 model was also found burnt out, in Frankston, three days after it was stolen.

Lawyers for Ludwig and Abela on Thursday urged judge Paul Lacava to impose community corrections orders, which would mean the pair would not serve more than one year in jail for a string of thefts that morning.

But Judge Lacava challenged Will May, Ludwig's lawyer, and told him the thefts involved planning, were committed over several hours and done while the pair were affected by the drug ice.

"Presumably you're not going to tell me when they opened the garage doors they were surprised to find the cars there?" Judge Lacava asked Mr May.

"Yes, Your Honour, those are my instructions," Mr May replied. "There is no evidence to suggest they knew the vehicles were there."

"Both offenders had no idea what to do with them when they were in possession of them," Mr May said.

"So they burnt them," Judge Lacava replied.

"No ... they are not charged with arson."



Photo: ABC NEWS



The rare 1972 Ferrari 365 Daytona, worth more than \$2 million, was stolen from a car workshop in Braeside. Photo: supplied

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## IN THE NEWS

### Australia: 'Surprised' thieves stole one of world's rarest Ferraris, court told (continued)

While the men stole the Ferraris, there was no direct evidence they destroyed them.

Ludwig, 32, pleaded guilty to eight counts of theft, four of burglary, two of attempted theft and one of offending on parole.

Abela, who turns 31 on Friday, pleaded guilty to five theft charges and single counts of possessing a drug of dependence and making a false report, related to claiming his wallet was stolen. (Police found it in the abandoned Territory.)

Mr May said Ludwig was the "black sheep" of his family, having fallen in with a bad crowd in his teens, which led to drugs and criminal offending. Eight of his past nine years had been in custody, he said.

Nola Karapanagiotidis, for Abela, said her client had chronic adjustment disorder brought on by long-term drug use and a dysfunctional upbringing, which included his parents' volatile relationship and his father's drug and criminal activities.

While the men were not to be punished for destroying the cars, Mr Pickering said, the fact the Ferraris' owners never got their cars back aggravated the offending.

Judge Lacava remanded the pair in custody to be sentenced at a later date

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/surprised-thieves-stole-one-of-worlds-rarest-ferraris-court-told-20170406-gvf75v.html>

### New Training Resource added to the website

A report on the Theft of Spare Parts has been added to the members only *Training Resources* section of website. This report by Larmtjänst AB provides statistics on the increase in spare parts thefts. The report's statistics are based on three types of spare parts which are selected by insurance companies on the basis of experience of the kind of thefts that are most common. Components include: Headlights xenon Navigation systems Airbags / steering wheels.

Statistical source: Through a cooperation with CAB Group Ltd Larmtjänst has gained access to statistical data from the system CABAS. The specified system reports statistics from auto repair shops on the estimated costs for work and the spare parts in connection to the repairs. In CABAS the place of the repair shop is registered. The CABAS system however doesn't give information about the exact place where the theft took place. The places where these thefts occurred and the location of the repair shops don't necessarily have to be the same. The data set used was supplemented with the county in which the repair shop is located. It is still likely that the analysis of the geographical distribution of the thefts is reasonably accurate, since most of the car owners most likely turned to the nearest repair shop after the theft occurred. However it is difficult to say how accurate the above mentioned assumption is.

Period: Statistics valid for 1 January- 31 December 2016.



To access the document you must sign into the website and then go to the Training Resources page

## IN THE NEWS

### Nigeria: AMDON Launches Automated Custom Duty Verification Stickers

By Suzan Nwachukwu, leadership.ng, Mar 28, 2017

The Association of Motor Dealers of Nigeria (AMDON) has launched an automated custom duty verification sticker to tackle custom vehicle duty payment.

This was in response to the controversies generated by none and under payment of custom duty across the country.

The sticker which would cost N5,000 signifies that the vehicle duty has been verified with the use of the numbers provided by the Nigerian custom service pending when the short code for easier verification will be ready and issued.

The national president, AMDON, Prince Ajibola Adedoyin said yesterday in Abuja that the essence of the new development was to make it difficult for the sale of unaccustomed vehicles, stop the suffering car dealers usually find themselves as well as eradicate the embarrassing faced by customers and end users.

“This development is in collaboration with Nigeria Custom Service. The stickers are fitted with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) that contains information readable through the handset,” he said.

By this development, he explained that buyers are employed to look out for these stickers before purchasing any vehicle.

“The RFID contains the VID (Vehicle Identification) number which is for security purposes, the chassis number and the owner phone number. The subsequent AMDON RFID stickers to be produced will even contain more information which will include the reference number, which is the NCSC port of entry and date of registration which are the requirements to authenticate the genuineness of duty payment as approved by the NCS.

“It is our hope that by our commitment towards this project, we would have been able to reduce all the above stated problems to the barest minimum,” he said

He called on all members of the Association to strictly adhere to the directives and encouraged all car dealers who are yet to identify with the association to do so.

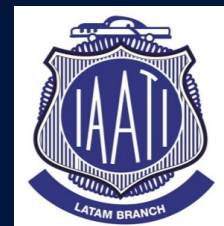
He also disclosed that AMEDON is partnering with the Nigerian Police Force (NPP) in order to reduce to the barest minimum the issue of stolen vehicles; a project the association hopes will curb security issues associated with car theft

Source: <https://leadership.ng/news/579155/amdon-launches-automated-custom-duty-verification-stickers>

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## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Sheriff's drone busts \$400,000 heavy equipment theft ring in Maryland

By Wayne Grayson, [www.equipmentworld.co](http://www.equipmentworld.co), March 20, 2017

In just a few short years drones have matured from a hobbyist gadget into a sophisticated tool that can save contractors a lot of time and a lot of money on tasks like progress photos, surveying, asset management and more. And with manufacturers like Caterpillar and John Deere beginning to sell this hardware right alongside their yellow iron, it's become clear this technology will play a major role on the jobsite of the future.

And recently, the owners of some stolen equipment in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have one drone in particular to thank for the safe return of their property.

According to a report from WBFF TV in Baltimore, Maryland's Cecil County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) used a drone to find the location of nearly \$400,000 in heavy equipment. Working off a tip from the New Jersey State Police, CCSO investigators tailed the suspect and found that as he traveled between the three states where the equipment was stolen, he frequented a property in Elkton, Maryland.

Cecil County Sheriff Scott Adams then flew one of the office's two drones near enough to the property where investigators could get a visual and discovered "several large pieces of construction equipment...to the rear of a large structure on the property," according to a CCSO press release.

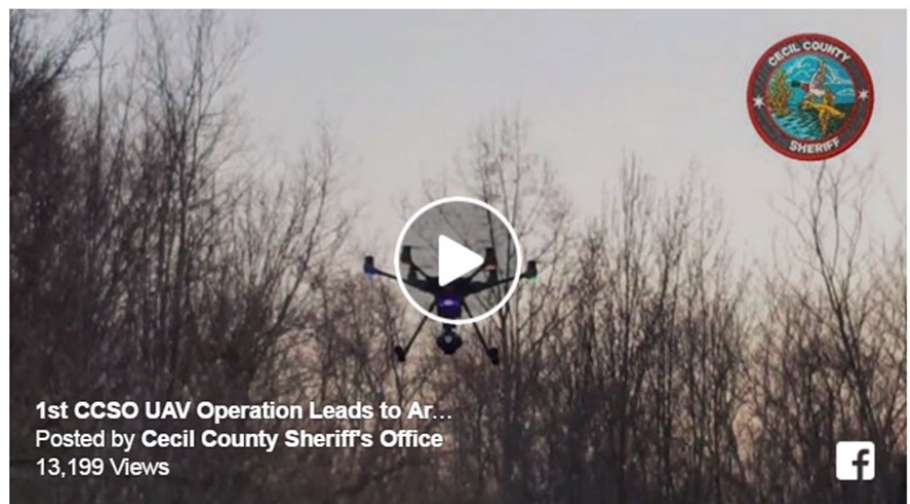
Using the drone footage, search and seizure warrants were obtained. Law enforcement officials seized 19 pieces of heavy equipment from the property and have begun returning the machines to their owners. Officials have so far been able to return 11 of the 19 items.

Among the machines stolen were John Deere and Kubota excavators, a Deere bulldozer, a Case backhoe and skid steer and more. You can see the full list of stolen equipment at the [FOX 45 website](http://FOX45.com).

Source: <http://www.equipmentworld.com/sheriffs-drone-busts-400000-heavy-equipment-theft-ring-in-maryland/>



*A still of CCSO drone footage from a report by FOX 45 TV. CCSO investigators found 19 pieces of stolen construction equipment on the property.*



<https://www.facebook.com/CecilSheriff/videos/932810266854866/>

## IN THE NEWS

### Indonesia: Police Uncover Motorcycle Theft Syndicate, Seize 24 Stolen Motorcycles

Source: <http://www.en.netralnews.com>, 04 April 2017



*Cilincing Metro Police and crime evidence (tribrata)*

JAKARTA, NETRALNEWS.COM – Cilincing Metro Police officers have arrested eight perpetrators of motorcycle theft. The police also seized a number of items as evidence, including 24 motorcycles and registrations, a dagger, and several T-shaped keys.

"The motorcycle theft perpetrators are FS, AA, BO, RAS, AM, JA, DA, and BS," said North Jakarta Metro Police Chief, Police Commissioner Dwiyono at Cilincing Metro Police Headquarters on Monday (4/3) afternoon.

The police chief explained that the arrests stemmed from police that were tracking to the scene after receiving information about a stolen motorcycle parked in Kampung Sawah, Cilincing, on January 26, 2017.

When tracking at the crime scene, the police stopped two people riding a motorcycle without a rear license plate. "When asked to show the documents for the motorcycle, they were not able to produce them," he said.

The Interrogation of the two motorists revealed that they also kept T-shaped keys that are often used for motorcycle theft. "Both claimed to have obtained the motorcycle from theft," the police chief said.

From that information, the police conducted an investigation and found the 23 motorcycles in several locations. Physical examination of frame and engine numbers indicated the owner were from Cilincing, North Jakarta.

"The perpetrators admitted to stealing motorcycles by approaching motorcycles parked on the street and then forced to turn the engine on by using T-shaped keys" Dwiyono said.

After police processed the case, the police chief said the stolen motorcycles will be returned to their respective owners. The perpetrators will be charged under Section 363 of the Penal Code regarding the crime of theft of a motor vehicle with a penalty of over five years in prison.

Source: <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/currentnews/read/3687/police.uncover.motorcycle.theft.syndicate..seize.24.stolen.motorcycles>



## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Agriculture thefts on the rise

By Phil Cross, okcfox.com, 2 March 2017

The state may have been settled long ago, but there is still a bit of the Wild West hanging on in modern times.

It's the battle between lawmen and outlaws. While the thefts are getting more high-tech what was once a plague for farmers and ranchers is ensnaring people who live much closer to the city.

"I've been doing this law enforcement ever since Moby Dick was a minnow," said Jerry Flowers, the chief agent for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry's Investigative Services division.

Celebrating its tenth year in existence, Flowers and his team of agents have worked to put a damper on agriculture crimes.

Take for instance cattle thefts, which was once a major problem on farms from one end of the state to another. Even as cattle prices have fluctuated, cattle theft cases have dropped dramatically, in part due to the apprehension of the cattle rustlers. The return rate on cattle thefts investigated by the ODAFF is much higher than many law enforcement agency theft investigations.

"Somebody breaks into your house and steals your TV you're likely not going to see it again," Flowers said, "Somebody comes out and steals your cow and there's probably a 40-50% chance I'm going to find it and get it back to you.



Theft of farm equipment is on the rise

As cattle thefts have gone down, equipment thefts have gone up. The outlaws, as Flowers calls them, are getting organized.

"You catch somebody out here stealing a tractor that's probably not their first rodeo," Flowers told FOX 25.

Flowers and his team have been instrumental in taking out large-scale equipment theft rings that have plagued farmers, it isn't just large-scale agriculture operations that have to be worried about this kind of theft.

"The most stolen items are your zero turn radius mowers," said Mark Wenthold who is the local agent with National Insurance Crime Bureau.

While it may be common sense to know that stealing is wrong, Wenthold says people who buy pieces of equipment for too cheap could also face charges.

"I've seen several people filed on for receiving stolen property because they purchased something that any person with any common sense should have known that they were getting way too good of a deal," Wenthold said.

If you're going to buy used, Wenthold says make sure you get copies of the paperwork and take pictures of the person selling to you along with a picture of the vehicle they are driving. However too good of a deal should not get you excited, it should make you cautious. If you are buying a large piece of equipment for just a few cents on the dollar, Wenthold says it very likely is stolen.

If you want to help make sure police can reunite you with your equipment, if it does get stolen, put a GPS tracker on it in a hidden location. Wenthold says to not even tell employees that you have a tracker on your equipment because some cases of equipment theft are inside jobs.

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## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Agriculture thefts on the rise (continued)

Wenthold and Flowers both suggest for equipment and trailers that you make your own identifying mark on it in a hidden location. Welding an identification number to the tongue of a trailer is also possible. While crooks can often destroy vehicle identification numbers, if you mark a trailer in a spot that is not easily accessible the crooks might not see it.

Finally, the experts say to keep track of your records and make sure you record serial numbers. Even if your trailer does not come with a VIN, you can request one from the state. Making sure your equipment is registered in this way can help investigators who might recover it down the road.

While you may not be able to stop someone intent on stealing you can help make sure you won't be a victim. "These guys are lazy," Flowers said, "They look for the easy way to steal, so if you make it easy for you, you're making it easy for them."

Do not leave equipment in the middle of a field. Take mowers and tractors into sheds or barns. If that is not an option, Flowers said you should at least move them out of sight of anyone who might be driving by.

The same is true for cattle; penning them up by a fence might make sale day easier, but you've also done a lot of the hard work for would-be thieves.

"The best thing the good Lord gave all of us is our common sense," Flowers said, "Use your common sense."

Flowers and Wenthold also noted that many of the large scale equipment theft rings are setting up shop in rural parts of the state where they can hide on acres of land. They say if you live in a rural area and see a lot of movement of suspicious vehicles at odd hours you should feel free to call law enforcement to check it out.

Source: <http://okcfox.com/news/local/agriculture-thefts-on-the-rise>

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### UK: Second hand car buyers could be tracked... by the previous owner

Source: [sbdautomotive.com](http://sbdautomotive.com), 3 March 2017

An IBM security researcher has warned that previous car owners can easily maintain data connections to their cars after they have been sold, allowing them to monitor the new owners and carry out remote control functions such as locking and unlocking the car doors.

Charles Henderson, the leader of X-Force Red, IBM's security testing group, stumbled across the phenomenon by chance when selling his car. He noticed that not only did he have access to vehicle data but the new owner had no idea that their privacy was being invaded. This situation lasted for a number of years.

Henderson went on to test the systems in cars from four major OEMs and found they all had apps installed that allow previous owners to access them remotely.

"Manufacturers need to take a proactive approach to ensuring adequate owner privacy throughout the life of the car, says Patrick Dunn, Senior Specialist at SBD. "At present, many owners are completely unaware of the need to erase all personal data linked to the car before selling it. And this information isn't necessarily just within the infotainment system. In many cases, it exists within an online account as well. Unless owners read through their terms and conditions relating to the data, they may well be unaware of the need to close the account, especially if they're not paying for it."

Any information held online about the customer is generally the responsibility of the manufacturer, however if they are unaware that a car has changed owner, they have no reason to deactivate the account. It is therefore critical that they implement a trigger to notify them each time a car is sold. This will enable them to fully remove all data relating to the previous owner.

## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Motorbike theft campaign group urging police to take action over crime Classic cars stolen from Mount Pleasant lead investigators to bust Tarrant County auto theft ring

By By Melissa Greene, Assignments Manager, KLTV, March 30th, 2017

MOUNT PLEASANT, TX (KLTV) - A car theft ring in Tarrant County was busted this week after investigators said the suspects stole three classic cars from an East Texas man.

It all began to unravel when Christopher Hammons, 32, and Christopher Scott Day, 47, saw an online ad for a 2007 Corvette for sale in Mount Pleasant, according to Detective Jesse Minton with the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force.

The victim agreed to sell the car, and deposited the check at his bank. When it cleared, the victim agreed to sell the men two more vehicles: A 1931 Ford T-Bucket Roadster and a 1972 Chevrolet truck. Investigators said the vehicles were brought back to Tarrant County and sold for cash.

They passed the Mount Pleasant man about \$66,000 in bad checks, Minton said.

"The bank has the power to pull that money back, so they did, and so he's out money and cars," he said. But Minton said the victim got a little help when someone decided to do "the right thing."

The stolen Corvette ended up at the home of an Arkansas man whom Minton said realized the title, "didn't look right."

"They [criminals] will tend to clean off the actual writing on the title and type in a different vin number so they can pass along a clean title," Minton said.

The man arranged to bring the vehicle back to Texas and return it to the seller. That's when the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force was contacted, Minton said.

Investigators quickly connected Day and Hammons to multiple stolen vehicles and trailers, including those three classic cars belonging to the man in Mount Pleasant.

"We were lucky to get this really quick thanks to someone contacting law enforcement when they found something was wrong," Minton said.

As for the Mount Pleasant man whose case started the investigation? "We are getting his Corvette back to him," Minton said.

Christopher Scott Day was arrested in Haltom City. He is charged with theft between \$2,500 to \$30,000, forgery and theft between \$30,000 and \$300,000. Day is being held in the Tarrant County Correction Center on \$110,000 in bonds.

Christopher Hammons was arrested March 23. He is charged with theft of property valued over \$30,000 but under \$300,000, Hammons is being held in the Tarrant County Correction Center on a \$10,000 bond.

In addition to the Tarrant task force, investigators with the Northeast Texas Automobile Theft Task Force, Euless, Arlington, Haltom City, Fort Worth and Hurst police departments, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Titus, Parker and Tarrant county sheriff's offices were involved.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/35027284/classic-cars-stolen-from-mount-pleasant-lead-investigators-to-bust-tarrant-county-auto-theft-ring>



Photos courtesy of the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force.

## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Floyd investigator receives public service award from International Association of Special Investigations Unit

Source: [www.northwestgeorgianews.com](http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com), 5 March 2017

Floyd County police investigator Byron McCarley was awarded a Public Service Award from the International Association of Special Investigations Unit during an annual program at Kennesaw State University on Wednesday.

The IASIU reported that McCarley played an instrumental role in a number of investigations, naming two particular cases that resulted in the arrest and prosecution of six individuals for theft, insurance fraud and other related charges.

One such case, reported in Floyd County, involved the arson and theft of a vehicle that was ultimately discovered to be insurance fraud. Subsequent to this case, the same offenders were charged in another jurisdiction for auto theft and aggravated assault after a female was stabbed during the theft of her vehicle. Both subjects were arrested in Floyd County.

McCarley has worked for the Floyd County Police Department since November 2005 and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.



Floyd County Police Department  
Investigator Byron McCarley

### USA: USA: New Motor Vehicle Title Service Licensing Program Implemented

Source: [krgv.com](http://krgv.com), 19 March 2017

EDINBURG-- Hidalgo county has launched a new licensing program to help investigate and prosecute auto theft cases.

The program will prevent the passing of fake titles, insurance documents and supporting documentation needed for transfers of ownership by requiring individuals and businesses to have a Motor Vehicle Title Service license.

Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr. said the requirement applies to any company or individual who assists others in obtaining vehicle title documents by submitting, transmitting, or sending applications to the appropriate government agency.

"A motor vehicle title service will be required to maintain records for each transaction submitted to our office," said Villarreal. "This will give us a transaction trail that is readily available for law enforcement. It will identify who authorized, prepared and presented the paperwork to our office."

In order to submit motor vehicle transactions, applications for a motor vehicle title service license or a title service runner's license and required fees must be remitted.

Those with questions may contact the Motor Vehicle Department at (956) 318-2157 or (956) 318-2158.

More information is available by visiting [www.HidalgoCounty/TitleServices](http://www.HidalgoCounty/TitleServices).

Source: <http://www.krgv.com/story/34944736/new-motor-vehicle-title-service-licensing-program-implemented>



## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Spokane considers new misdemeanor penalty to combat car theft

*By Kip Hill kiph@spokesman.com, March 6, 2017*

Entering a car or a truck without the owner's permission would become a criminal offense in Spokane under a new law the City Council will consider this month.

Police could detain or cite a person with "vehicle trespass" for unlawfully entering or remaining inside a car they don't own, and the misdemeanor could land the offender in jail for up to 90 days or involve a \$1,000 fine.

The law gives police an additional way to target repeat property crime offenders following an uptick in vehicle theft in Spokane, said City Councilwoman Lori Kinnear, who forwarded the proposal to the full council for a vote.

"I really think we have to close all the loopholes we can on this, and leave no stone unturned," Kinnear said.

Trespassing in a vehicle would be a step below vehicle prowling, which is the current go-to criminal charge officers employ when encountering suspects in automobile-related property crime, said Spokane police Assistant Chief Justin Lundgren.

"It's really hard to catch vehicle prowlers, or vehicle thieves, in the act," Lundgren said.

A prowling conviction requires proving the offender entered the car with criminal intent, something that's difficult to do if there's no damage to the vehicle or clear attempt to steal what's inside, Lundgren said.

Kinnear said her goal is to ensure officers have "all the tools they need" to combat Spokane's car theft problem, which saw a 20 percent jump in 2016, according to figures provided by the police department in support of a proposed pilot program mandating community custody for chronic car thieves in the city. The state House of Representatives considered approving the project, which would allow for pilots in Spokane County and Federal Way, but the bill did not make it out of the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Timm Ormsby, D-Spokane and head of the Appropriations Committee, said the proposal could be revived as part of the state's budget process, which could last into the summer months. The program would cost \$1.2 million through 2023, according to an estimate prepared by the state's Office of Financial Management.

The pilot project, proposed by Ormsby and fellow Spokane Democrat Rep. Marcus Riccelli, would reinstate community custody for offenders convicted of felony car theft and possession of a stolen vehicle crimes for up to a year. The state ended community custody for property crimes in 2007 as part of cost-saving measures.

City Councilman Breean Beggs said without the state's promise of community custody for felony offenders, Kinnear's suggestion of a new misdemeanor for vehicle trespassing provided a means for law enforcement to detain and direct low-level offenders to services, such as drug treatment and job training, before they're convicted of felonies.

"It's kind of a smart justice initiative, if it's used that way," Beggs said.

Reforms to the county's criminal justice system aim to remove misdemeanor-level and nonviolent offenders from the aging Spokane County Jail, which supporters say should prioritize violent and chronic offenders.

Spokane's vehicle trespass misdemeanor would target anyone who "knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a vehicle belonging to another." Washington state law prohibits criminal trespass "in a building" and "in or upon premises of another." Kinnear's ordinance was screened by a legal team including the council's policy adviser and city attorneys, she said.

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## IN THE NEWS

### USA: Spokane considers new misdemeanor penalty to combat car theft (continued)

By Kip Hill [kiph@spokesman.com](mailto:kiph@spokesman.com), March 6, 2017

The city of Delaware, Ohio, with a population of roughly 36,000, has a similar measure on the books already. The law there provides a written defense for suspects facing a vehicle trespass charge; they can beat it by proving they could have reasonably believed they had permission to be in the vehicle or show that it was provided by the owner.

The City Council is scheduled to consider the proposed ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. March 13 at City Hall.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/mar/06/spokane-considers-new-misdemeanor-penalty-to-comba/>

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### USA: Grants available to help vehicle theft prevention efforts

By Mary Ellen Murphy, [whtc.com](http://whtc.com), April 07, 2017

LANSING, MI (WHTC) - The Michigan Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) is accepting grant applications from law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and non-profit organizations for enforcement, prosecution, community awareness and prevention programs aimed at reducing motor vehicle theft.

During the 2016 grant year, ATPA grant-funded motor vehicle theft teams recovered 3,614 stolen vehicles and parts worth approximately \$38 million.

The grants are funded from assessments paid by insurance companies. A 50 percent cash match is required for all applicants, with the exception of non-profit organizations. The money must be used to enhance motor vehicle theft prevention efforts, not for supplementing current programs.

To obtain a grant application, visit [www.michigan.gov/atpa](http://www.michigan.gov/atpa). The application form is located in the forms section. Grant applications must be submitted on or before June 5, 2017. The money is available during fiscal year 2018, which runs Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018.

For more than a decade, the ATPA has assisted in the reduction of motor vehicle thefts in Michigan by 56 percent.

Source: <http://whtc.com/news/articles/2017/apr/07/grants-available-to-enhance-motor-vehicle-theft-prevention-efforts/>



# TRAINING & TOOLS

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](mailto: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](http://iaati.org) The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

## Conferences and Training Seminars

<b>North Central Regional Chapter</b>	May 1st – 4th	Indianapolis, Indiana	Cheryl Zofkie czofkie@nicb.org
<b>Colorado Auto Theft Investigators</b>	May 5th – 11th	Breckenridge, Colorado	Chris Tyus chris.tyus@countryfinancial.com
<b>NICB Special Investigations</b>	May 8th – 11th	St. Louis, Missouri	Melitta Kewitz mkewitz@nicb.org
<b>North East Regional Chapter</b>	May 15th – 18th	Portland, Maine	Dave Potter dpotter@PlymouthRock.com
<b>NICB &amp; Ally Financial Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference</b>	May 23rd – 24th	Irving, Texas	Ivan Blackman iblackman@nicb.org
<b>United Kingdom Branch</b>	May 30th – June 1st	Leicestershire, United Kingdom	Justin Powell justinpowell@sky.com
<b>National Odometer &amp; Title Fraud Enforcement Assoc.</b>	June 4th – 8th	Charlotte, North Carolina	Jason Shrader 704-331-4506
<b>Latin American Branch Seminar</b>	June 8th – 9th	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Laura Brizuela analaaurabrizuela@iaati.org
<b>Southeast Regional Chapter Seminar</b>	June 11th – 15th	Delray Beach, Florida	Nathan McGanty nmcganty@gmail.com
<b>65th Annual International Seminar</b>	Aug. 27th – 1st Sept	Cape Town, South Africa	Daan Nel dnel@tracker.co.za
<b>Western Regional Chapter &amp; Western State Auto Theft Inv.</b>	Sep 11th – 15th	Laughlin, Nevada	Richard Spallinger rspallinger@nicb.org
<b>European Branch Annual Seminar</b>	Oct 25th – 27th	Prague, Czech Republic	Davy Borysiewicz davy.borysiewicz@baloise.be
<b>South Central Regional Chapt. &amp; Texas Auto Theft Invest.</b>	Oct. 24th – 27th	Dallas, Texas	Bill Skinner bskinner4309@gmail.com
<b>Miami Dade Police Dept. Auto Theft Symposium</b>	Nov. 5th – 10th	Miami, Florida,	Ana Jorge ajorge@mdpdpd.com
<b>Australasian Branch Annual Training Seminar</b>	March 19th – 21st 2018	Brisbane, Australia	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaatiaus.org
<b>66th Annual International Seminar</b>	Aug. 2018	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	

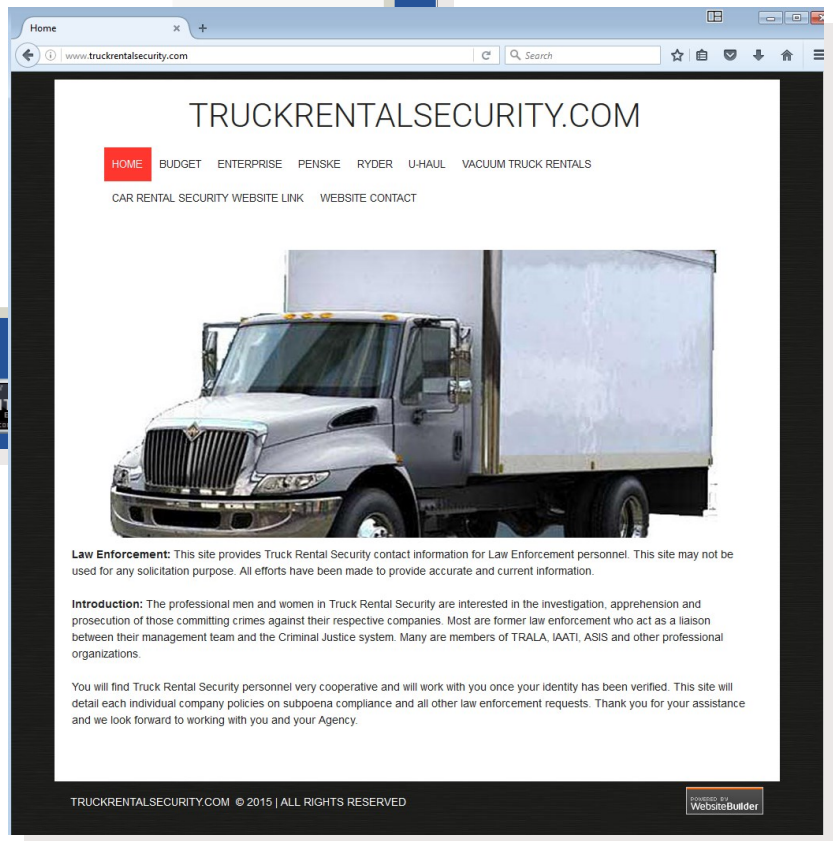
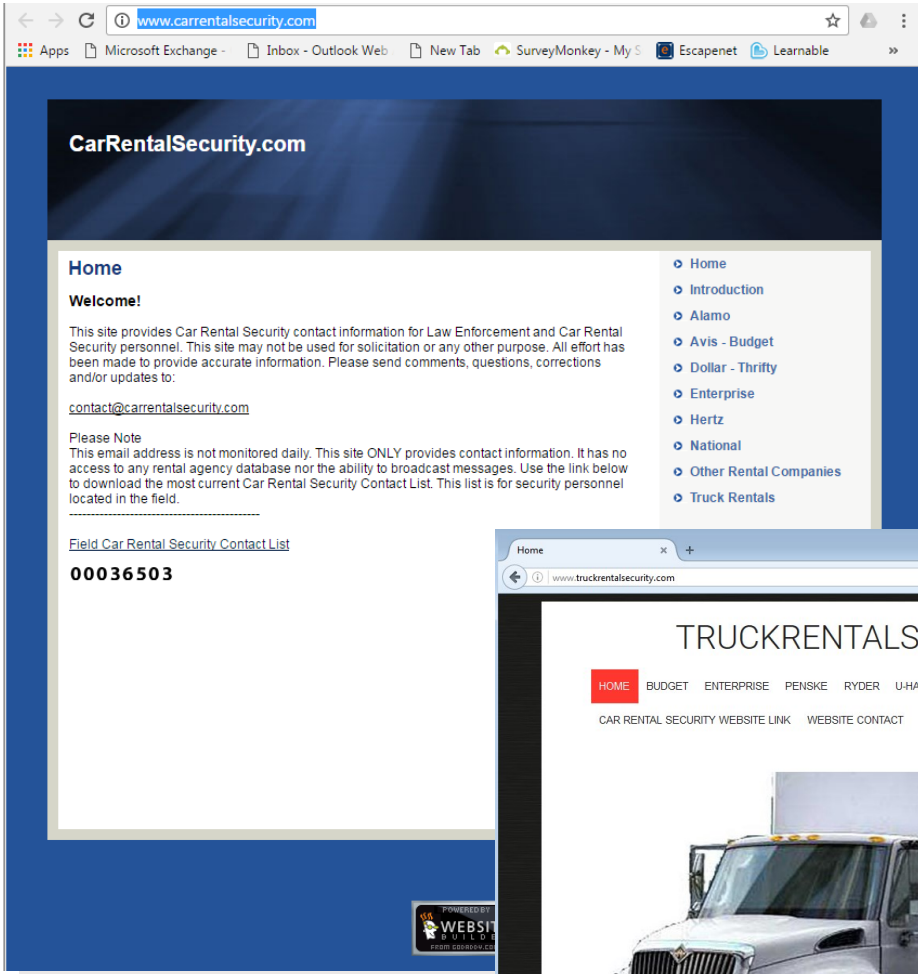
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## Law Enforcement Contacts for Car and truck rental companies

Thanks to Darrell Stripling, (Area Security Manager, Avis Budget Group, Inc. - Central Area , Texas, USA) who has provided details of two websites where law enforcement can find security contacts with the various car and truck rental companies.

<http://www.carrentalsecurity.com> (USA and Canadian contacts)

<http://www.truckrentalsecurity.com> (USA contacts)





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## VEHICLE FINANCE FRAUD CONFERENCE

May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel | Irving, TX

### REGISTRATION COST:

NICB Members and Law Enforcement: **FREE**  
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### HOTEL INFORMATION:

**Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel**  
4440 West John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063  
**FREE shuttle from the airport**

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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Attendees must register and provide payment prior to the conference.

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**Price**—Special room rate of \$159.00 plus fees and taxes.

Reservations must be secured by **5:00 PM, May 2nd, 2017.**

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### HOW TO REGISTER

**Online**—Conference Registration may be completed online for NICB Members and Law Enforcement or NON NICB Members when utilizing a credit card for payment at [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org). **Register Online»**

### TOPICS

- Autos and International Crime
- National Auto Crime Trends
- Identity Theft
- Solutions through Data
- Benefits of Collaboration
- Future of Vehicle Ownership
- Round Table Discussion

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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## Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference REGISTRATION FORM – *Check Payment Only*

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National Insurance Crime Bureau  
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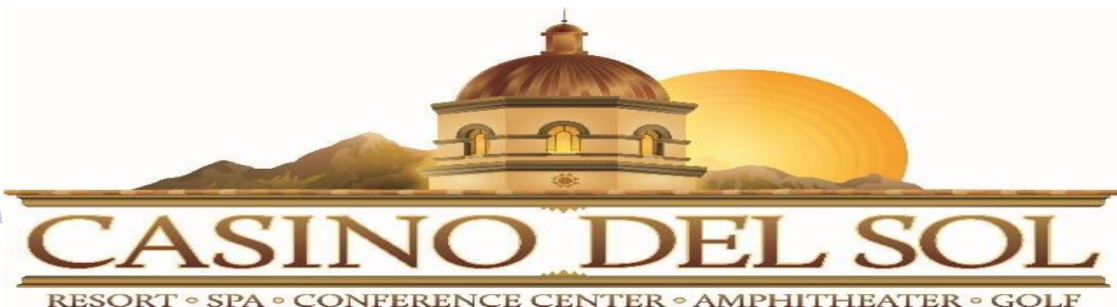
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Duration: Minimum 4 ½ hours (09h00 – 13h30)

Cost per person: R1,200

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Cost per person: R930

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