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Training, Training and Training

October was a big month for training with the European Branch, the South African Branch and the South Central Regional Chapters all holding their Annual Training Seminars. In addition there has been training provided by Western States Auto Theft Investigators, National Cargo Theft Summit, South Carolina Insurance Fraud Summit, and the 20th Annual Oregon IASIU Insurance Fraud Conference just to name a few.

However as this flurry of training opportunities subsides it is worth remembering that IAATI has a wealth of training material in its File Library on the website. This material can be accessed at any time of the year.

Furthermore you can help us build upon this pool of on-line training resources. If you have provided any training and wish to share your PowerPoint files, class notes, references, links to videos, etc., please let us know and we will gladly add them to the collection for the benefit of all members. Similarly if you know of any good online resources that would be of benefit to fellow IAATI members please send us the details and we can add them to our growing list of resources.

Alternatively if you are hosting a training session why not ask the class presenters if they are willing for their class to be recorded and have it uploaded to the IAATI File Library. With software like Periscope it is even possible to live stream and record classes to delegates who can't attend in person.

So if you know of any additional resources or are willing to provide copies of your own training material for viewing by IAATI members around the world, then please contact our Executive Director, John Abounader via jvabounader@iaati.org

This is our last issue of Auto Theft Today for 2015 and on behalf of the Editorial team I wish to thank everyone who has contributed articles during the year and hope you can do so again in 2016.

Finally, we also wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas.

Chris McDonold, Editor

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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch

iaatiaus.org



European Branch

eb-iaati.org



Latin American Branch

iaatilatam.org



Southern African Branch

iaatisab.co.za



United Kingdom Branch

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



Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter

ncrc-iaati.org



North East Regional Chapter

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South Central Regional Chapter

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South East Regional Chapter

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Western Regional Chapter

wrciaati.org



BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- The **Information Technology Committee** has finalised its deliberations regarding the redevelopment of the Association's website and the developer is expected to start work in the near future. It is anticipated this first stage of the redevelopment will be completed in the first quarter of 2016.
- The **64th Annual Seminar Committee** is well underway with its planning for the planning for the 2016 International Seminar in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and it is never too early for you to also do your planning. See the registration form for the 2016 International Seminar on page 6.
- IAATI is looking to partner with Interpol for an Auto Theft Symposium, 16—18 February in Bangkok, Thailand. Chair of the **Asian Development Committee**, John O'Byrne, stated "This is a great opportunity to not only open up the IAATI presence within the Asian Community but the entire globe as attendees from all over the world shall be present."
- The **Education/Training Committee** together with the **Certification Committee** are currently working on an outline for a 1 or 2 day training curriculum which could be used by IAATI instructors in area currently without a state, local provincial or regional motor vehicle crime training organization. The two committees are also working together to update the Certification study material and the test questions.
- The **Legislative Committee** is currently compiling a listing of new legislation from around the world that is of relevance to IAATI members. If you are aware of any legislative changes in your area please provide details to Brad Anderson, Chair, Legislative Committee via bradanderson@iaati.org
- The **Membership Committee** is studying IAATI's due structure in regard to Latin American, South African and other areas of the world where our current dues may impact our membership numbers. Although quite low by some standards, our current membership fees are inhibiting our membership numbers in these regions and the committee is actively working on proposals to address this issue. The committee is also exploring ideas about methods that would lead to increasing our membership retention rates.
- **NMVTIS Committee** report that the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) is getting a facelift and educational webinars will begin in the coming months. The new version is very user-friendly, and everything included has resulted from recommendations from the field. The new version has increased search capabilities, as well as some new data sources, and BJA is close to getting the NCIC theft file engaged as a part of the system. The system also includes a new VIN analyzer that will provide officers with a little more information. For those members who are interested, the 2014 Annual Report for NMVTIS can be viewed by clicking on the link: http://www.vehiclehistory.gov/pdfs/NMVTIS_2014_AR%20online-3-2FINAL.pdf
- The **Marketing Committee** has produced an updated version of its brochure promoting its Corporate Partner Program. The Corporate Partner Program offers companies the unique opportunity to:
 - support IAATI's activities in the development and education of professionals involved in the fight against vehicle crime
 - assist with the provision of face to face and on-line training,
 - facilitate the development of local, national and international networks across agencies and industries.The updated brochure will be released shortly, but in the meantime if you are interested in becoming a Corporate Partner with IAATI or being involved as sponsor or exhibitor at the 2016 International Seminar, please contact Carmen Swanson via cswanson@iaati.org
- The **Awards Committees** are reminding members that they are keen to receive nominations for the following awards: Insurance Investigation of the Year; Component Parts Markings; IAATI Award of Merit, IAATI Heavy Equipment Award, NICB Award of Excellence; Raymond Dreher Memorial Award. Award nominations close 1st May 2016 and details on how to apply can be found at https://iaati.org/site_contents.asp?contents=awards

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions for the Board or any of its committees please send them to our Executive Director, John Abounader at jvabounader@iaati.org

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IAATI Certification Program

An Overview

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) has recognized a need for an accepted method and standard of evaluating the qualifications of individuals who are conducting Auto Theft Investigations. Investigators who testify in court as “Experts” have an equal need and interest in establishing their credentials.



Certification Program Objectives:

- Recognize qualified Auto Theft Investigators
- Serve as an International Registry for identifying qualified investigators
- Promote excellence in training, education and conducting Auto Theft Investigations
- Provide a system by which equally qualified investigators will have an immediate acceptance as “Experts.”

It is an honor to recognize the IAATI members listed below for completing the separate levels of certification for 2015. This task took dedication and personal time by each of these individuals to complete. First, the applicant must meet certain criteria for each level of certification to eligible to take the written test. A minimum passing score of 70% must also be achieved on each of the written tests. The certification is valid for five years.

Level 3 Masters Certification

Kevin Bresnock Transportation Technology, GA

Level 2 Advanced Certification

Kevin Bresnock	Transportation Technology, GA
David Zeis	Sycamore PD, OH (Recertified)
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Brad Anderson	Donegal Mutual Insurance, PA
Anthony White	Hazleton PD, PA
Brian Sarafinko	Pennsylvania State Police, PA
Jeremey Desjardons	Department of Motor Vehicle, MA
Joseph Rivera	EMC Insurance, IA
Mike Nelson	York Regional Police, ON, Canada
Chris Cummings	York Regional Police, ON, Canada
Paul Fraitzl	Manchester PD, NH
Tom Dubois	Manchester PD, NH
Mary McIntyre	Vermont DMV, VT
Joseph Fontana	Nassau County PD, NY
Jeff Addley	London Police Service, ON, Canada
Anthony Fischetti	Cincinnati Insurance, NY
Denny Goodhart	Cincinnati Insurance, OH
David Gaynor	New York State Police, NY
Linares Israel	Procuraduria General De Justicia, Mexico
Jesus Vargas	Procuraduria General De Justicia, Mexico
Mike Keizerwaard	York Regional Police, ON, Canada
Michael Ledoux	Carfax, NY
Jim Seibert	Donegal Insurance Group, PA
Michael Carleo	New York City PD, NY
Heidi Jordan	NICB, NH
Maureen Stefenelli	New York City PD, NY
John Paskan	NICB, OH
Peter Hilchery	Amica Mutual Insurance
Michael Goldman	Progressive Insurance, PA
Steven Wheeler	Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority, PA
Charles Baker	Niagara County S.O., NY
William Biondo	General Motors, MI

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Level 1 Certification

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Joel Hernandez	Volusia County S.O., FL
Michael Wolf	New York City PD, NY
Kevin Bresnock	Transportation Technology, GA
Brian Le	CA Department of Insurance - Fraud Division
Robert Rowe	West Palm Beach PD, FL
Mark Hannigan	Insurance Fraud Bureau, MA
Brad Anderson	Donegal Mutual Insurance, PA
Anthony White	Hazleton PD, PA
Brian Sarafinko	Pennsylvania State Police, PA
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Peter Hilchery	Amica Mutual Insurance
Michael Goldman	Progressive Insurance, PA
Steven Wheeler	Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority, PA
LaMonica Cross	New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, NJ
Anthony Fischetti	Cincinnati Insurance, NY
Denny Goodhart	Cincinnati Insurance, OH
David Gaynor	New York State Police, NY
Glen Lombardi	Progressive Insurance, NY
Charles Baker	Niagara County S.O., NY
William Biondo	General Motors, MI
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Paul Fraitzl	Manchester PD, NH
Tom Dubois	Manchester PD, NH
Mary McIntyre	Vermont DMV, VT
Heidi Jordan	NICB, NH
John Paskan	NICB, OH

Details and study material for each level of certification can be found on the IAATI web site in the File Library; located in the folder labelled "IAATI Investigator Certification Program".

J.D. Hough, Chair Certification Committee
jdhough@iaati.org

IAATI Level 3 Masters Certification

Advanced Identification & Related Issues:

1. Computerized Methods of Identifying Vehicles
Sgt Jim Holmes, DC Metro Transit Police
2. Glass-Code Dating
Steve King, NICB

Investigative Methods and Related Issues:

3. The Role of Salvage & the Auto Theft Investigator
Sgt. Robert Jagoe, Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team
4. Street Racing, Auto Theft & Fraud Mike Bender, Bender Comprehensive Information Network
5. Preparing to Prosecute/ Expert Witness Testimony
Peter McDowell, Esquire
6. Rental Car Theft Detective
Chris McDonold and Sergeant Robert Jagoe Baltimore Regional Auto Theft

Team Administration of the Auto Theft Function

7. Supervising the Auto Theft Unit
Sgt. Robert Jagoe, Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team
8. Auto Theft Crime Prevention
Sgt. Robert Jagoe, Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team
9. Business Inspections: Obtaining Intelligence & Deterring Professional Thieves Detective.
Chris McDonold and Sergeant Robert Jagoe Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team
10. Psychology of the Auto Theft Offender
Sgt. Robert Jagoe, Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team

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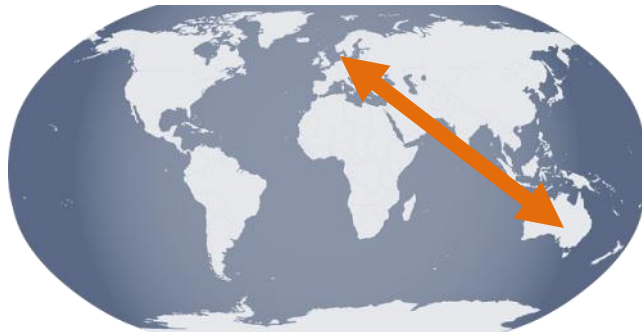
European and Australasian Branch's initiate an Exchange Program

Late last month the European Board agreed to a proposal from the Australasian Branch to establish an Exchange Program. Under the agreement each Branch will accept one member from the other branch to attend their annual Training Seminar free of charge. The program will commence with a European Branch member being selected to attend the next Australasian Branch Seminar which is being held in Melbourne, 18-20 April 2016.

The Australasian Branch will return the favour by sending one of their members to attend the 2016 European Branch sender later in the year.

As part of the agreement each branch will waive the training fees for the selected member. In describing the initiative, Australasian Branch President, Mr John Hambridge said "It appears that many of the new methods of electronic theft are first experienced in Europe so it is important that we keep abreast of what is happening in Europe and be ready for when these modus operandi surface in our part of the world. This exchange program is one way of achieving the exchange of information and strengthening professional networks between the members of the two branches."

John also stated that this exchange program is for the membership at large. He said "I know from the Australasian Branch perspective we will be offering this opportunity to the general membership. I want to reinforce the point that any financial member of the branch will be able to apply for the opportunity and it is not something designed only for the Branch 's Management to benefit from."



In an effort to stronger networks and information flows, the European and Australasian Branches have established a Exchange Program, thus waiving the training fee for one member from each branch to attend the other Branch's Annual Training Seminar.

European Branch: New Board sworn in as Renato Schipani hands over the reigns

At the recent European Branch Annual Training Seminar, Interpol's Renato Schipani, completed his two year term as European Branch President and handed over the position to Jari Tiainen from the National Bureau of Investigation, Finland.

Renato and his outgoing Board can be proud of their achievements having developed a healthy and active branch over recent years. Renato's expertise and knowledge will not be lost as he has taking over the important role of Executive Director for the Branch.

The new 2015 European Branch Board includes:

President:	Jari Tiainen , National Bureau of Investigation, Finland
1st Vice President:	Arne Knippel, Danish Insurance Association, Denmark
2nd Vice President:	Torbjorn Serrander, Larmtjanst AB, Sweden
Executive Director:	Renato Schipani, O.I.C.P. – Interpol, Lyon, France
Treasurer:	Franky Dedeurwaerder, Federale Politie - AIK - Pensioned, Belgium
Treasurer:	Davy Borysiewicz, Baloise Insurance /Investigation & Recovery, Belgium
Directors:	Hans Kooijman, Allianz Nederland Groep; Nederlands
	Nils-Kristian Brekke, Codan Forsikring Insurance, Norway
	Vince Wise Datatag ID Limited, United Kingdom
	Alessandro Ciuchi, Xperta S.r.l, Italy
	Wouter Verkerk, Stichting VBV, Netherlands



*Renato Schipani,
European Branch
President, 2013-2015*

Contact details for each of the European Branch Board members can be found from webpage: <http://eb-iaati.org/about/board-members>

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Australasian Branch launches new Award for 'Forensic and Supporting Services'

The Australasian Branch has announced a new Branch award for Forensic and other supporting services as part of its 2016 Awards Program. Branch Vice President and Chair of the Awards Committee, Mr Mark Pollard, said :

"This new award acknowledges that IAATI is made up of a diverse range of professionals and most successful investigations involve bringing together and working with a range of experts. As a result we are launching the '*Forensic and Supporting Services Award*' as a means of shining the spotlight on the range of supporting services that can play a major role in any investigation but often go unrecognised."

The award will be open to any individual, public or private organisation involved in the provision of forensic or other types of supporting services. It recognises their outstanding work that has resulted in either:

- the detection of an offence;
- significantly assisted in the investigation or prosecution; or
- the prevention of vehicle related crime.

The award may be given for a particular case or for the sustained contribution to the particular area of study over many years.

It is expected that this new award will be highly competitive with potential nominees likely to come from a broad cross-section of areas. They are likely to include both public and private sector employees and organisations, such as:

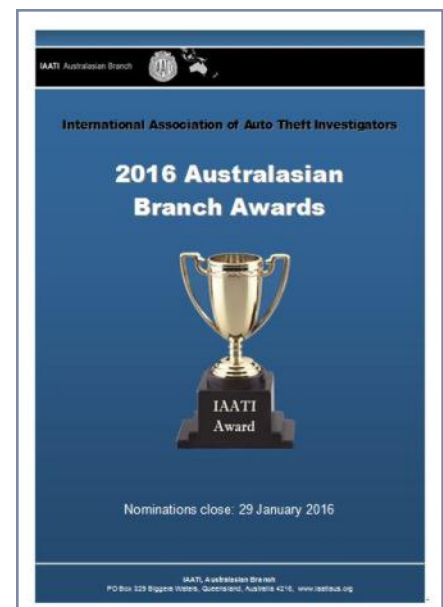
- Scene of crime examiners
- Intelligence officers
- Computer and digital forensics
- Handwriting and document experts
- Registration and Transport agency inspectors
- Researchers or technical staff from vehicle manufacturers, motoring clubs
- Fire investigators
- Locksmiths
- Fraud analysts
- Accident reconstructionist
- Forensic mechanics
- Developers of security devices and equipment, etc.

The Branch is extremely grateful to CSI Investigations Pty Ltd. for being our inaugural sponsor of this award. Thanks to CSI Investigations, the winner of the Forensic and Supporting Services Award will receive up to \$1,500 towards their costs in attending the 2016 Australasian Branch annual training seminar and the presentation dinner.

Nominations for all of our Australasian Branch awards are now open, including:

- Investigation of the Year (Sponsored by Maurice J Kerrigan and Associates)
- Insurance Industry Investigation of the Year (Sponsored by Polonious)
- President's Award (Sponsored by NKG Management Services)
- Member of the Year

Nominations **close on 29 January 2016**. For more detail the awards and how to nominate please visit the [awards nomination page of the website](#) or click on the image to the right.



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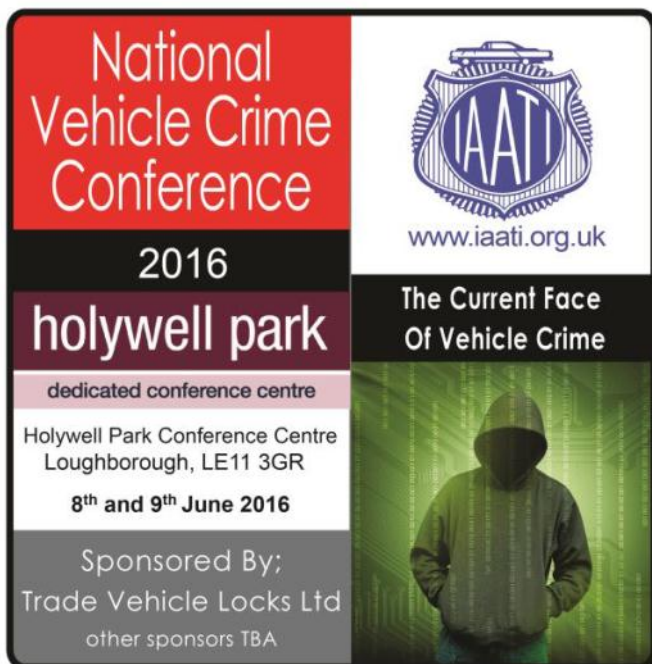


International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (UK Branch) (I.A.A.T.I.)

2016 National Vehicle Crime Conference

Holywell Park, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3GR

8th & 9th, June 2016



I.A.A.T.I. partners with trusted organisations who are service providers in products, intelligence, opinion formers and a healthy cross section of key players from the motorcycle, road haulage, leisure, plant, and the insurance and motor industry as a whole. The Conference is being reformatted to include 'training / awareness presentations in the areas highlighted below.

I.A.A.T.I. UK will play host to the National Vehicle Crime Conference at the Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough, on the 8th and 9th June 2016. This is a one day and a half event attracting senior practitioners, opinion formers, law enforcement, intuitive projects, vehicle examiners and a healthy cross section of key players from the plant, agricultural, haulage, leisure, salvage, I.T., insurance and motor manufacturer industries. This event, unlike previous Conferences, will focus on classroom Training (Awareness) sessions covering Electronic, Physical, Marking, insurance fraud and other aspects of vehicle crime.

Along with classroom training / awareness presentations, there will be keynote speakers from leading organisations across the sector. The event attracts up to 150 delegates and is the focus of both industry and media attention. A number of Sponsors will have exhibition stands, each bringing state-of-the-art solutions and best practice to the attention of delegates.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CATEGORIES:-

ELECTRONIC (Including Tracking and electronic intrusion / product substitution)

MARKING (all types)

PHYSICAL (attack / intrusion methods and their deterrence / prevention)

Gold Sponsorship - (3 at £4000 - 2 Remaining – Categories ELECTRONIC including Tracking, and MARKING – The Category of PHYSICAL has been taken by Trade Vehicle Locks Ltd.

Silver Sponsorship - (3 at £2500 - All 3 Categories Remaining).

Bronze Sponsorship - (which includes Exhibitors) - First come first served up to a maximum of 20

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Holywell Park, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3GR

8th & 9th, June 2016

INTRODUCING OUR FIRST 2016 CONFERENCE GOLD SPONSOR (CATEGORY PHYSICAL)

Trade Vehicle Locks Ltd [TVL] is the UK's Premier Supplier of designer vehicle security products. Based in Grays, Essex, with 40 years in the industry, TVL also has a nationwide network of fitters and provides world leading vehicle security products and is the UK specialist for commercial vehicle security. TVL boasts a combined experience of more than 40 years designing, building and installing advanced locking systems for vans and goods vehicles.

Trade Vehicle Locks pride itself on supplying the largest and most bespoke range of commercial vehicle security products available, giving our customers the choice of products to satisfy their customers needs. Most products available on the market today have originated from TVL in one shape or form. Our R&D department is the most proactive of any supplier in our industry, allowing our product portfolio to constantly expand. We are able to design, build and quickly bring to market countermeasures for the latest vehicle specific criminal methods employed by thieves.

TVL believes knowledge is key and as such we offer Installation and Product training courses where we will be showing first hand the benefits of each products and application, giving you the confidence to properly advise your customers on the best products and applications to suit their needs. Technical support is offered by experienced installers and engineers. You can have peace of mind that the person answering the phone knows what they are talking about and will provide you with the very best advice to assist you if required.

The Delegate cost for attending will be £80 for both days or £45 for the Wednesday only and £40 for the Thursday only. This includes Conference lunches and all day refreshments. Wi-Fi is free and available throughout the venue

- Delegate registration is available online at: http://www.iaati.org.uk/?page_id=2513
- Directions can be found on :- <http://www.holywell-park.co.uk/imagio/directions>
- For SatNav, type in LE11 3GR
- Details of Holywell Park can be seen on: www.holywell-park.co.uk
- The Hotel is the on-site 4* Burleigh Court Hotel.
- For Sponsorship Opportunities contact the Organiser

The Event Organiser is : Ian Platt (IAATI) – 07899 967322 / platt.ian@btinternet.com

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Other Branch and Chapter Highlights:

European Branch:

- The 2016 European Annual Training Seminar will be held in Spain, Marbella
- In 2016 the Branch is hoping to run training for Law Enforcement Agencies in Greece, Moldova and Bulgaria.

Southern African Branch:

- The Branch's 7th Annual Training Seminar was held at the SA Police resort and conference venue Weesgerus, Modimole from 28 Oct to 30 Oct 2015. The attracted over 180 delegates registered for this year and the SAB board, we are pleasantly surprised at this large turnout. The success of this seminar is proof that there is a demand for these type of seminars and the Branch is definitely on the right track to get this interest and support.
- South African crime statistics were recently released and have shown a big increase in the violent crimes. Truck robberies and vehicle hi-jacking has increased by double figures and are truly a reason for concern. Also very serious is the fact that we have so many police killings, 63 for the year thus far

South East Regional Chapter:

- The Murfreesboro Police Dept. has agree to serve as the Sponsor agency for the 2016 conference.
- The Chapter has been working on the upcoming 2016 International Seminar and some of the classes they are looking at having include:
 - ATV Identification
 - GPS Decryption and Analysis
 - Statement Analysis
 - Odometer Fraud
 - Vessel Identification and Investigation
 - Terrorism
 - Rental Car Theft
 - Vehicle Arson—Beyond Cause and Origin
 - Basic Vehicle Identification

Latin American Branch:

- The Branch's 2016 Annual Training Seminar will be held in March in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- The Branch 's executive have been extremely active on the last few months participating in the following events:
 - Attended 'Seguriexpo Buenos Aires' a major event for the electronic security industry in South America. (September)
 - Attended the Argentinian Federation of cargo Enterprise's Seminar on "Cyber Crime" (September)
 - Providing training as part of the Argentinian Federal Police's "Training Course for vehicle VIN verifiers" (Sept.)
 - Attended the "COLTIC 2015—VI Latin American Congress of Criminal Justice Investigation Techniques", organised by the School of Criminal Law and Forensic Sciences of Argentina. (Sept)
 - Training provided to the employees at the "San Fernando Operations Centre (COSF)", Buenos Aires, Argentina (October)
 - Attended the "Fourth Conference on Justice and Security" organized by the Institute of Public Safety (October)
 - The services of Branch's professionals were asked to train detectives from the Superintendency of Research of Buenos Aires Provincial Police.
- In the coming month the Branch has been invited to present in Chile, with the aim of strengthening their bond with the local armed force, best known as Carabineros.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

COVERT VEHICLE SURVEILLANCE SOLUTIONS FOR BMV, UUV, & BUY/BUST

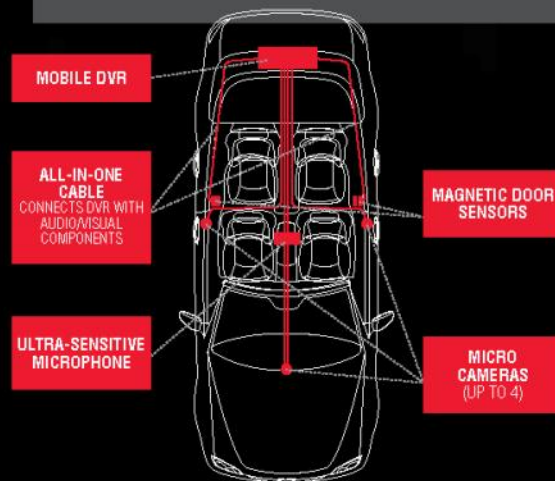
A proven force multiplier:

- Quickly set up and run single or multi-vehicle surveillance operations
- Manage operations remotely from a centralized location, or in the field
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IN THE NEWS

Three quarters of cars stolen in France 'electronically hacked'

By Henry Samuel, Paris, The Telegraph, 29 October 2015

Car consumer group in France calls for "urgent" security improvements in range of cars after it transpires that 74 per cent of those stolen are electronically hacked with Smart Fortwo top of the theft hit parade

Three quarters of cars stolen in France are targeted using electronic hacking, it was claimed on Thursday, prompting calls for urgent security improvements in a range of vehicles sold across Europe.

The Smart Fortwo model was France's most-stolen car due its extreme vulnerability to attack, with the Ford Fiesta and Peugeot 406 models also popular among thieves who it is feared could use the same hacking methods in Britain.

The astonishing figures come two months after computer scientists in the UK warned that thousands of cars – including high-end brands such as Porsches and Maseratis – are at risk of electronic hacking. Their research was suppressed for two years by a court injunction for fear it would help thieves steal vehicles to order.

The kit required to carry out such "mouse jacking", as the French have coined the practice, can be freely purchased on the internet for around £700 and the theft of a range of models can be pulled off "within minutes," motor experts warn.

The figures have prompted urgent calls by a top French car consumer magazine for manufacturers to "secure your cars".

Many cars use radio frequency identification chips which are designed to verify the identity of the ignition key being used to start the car engine. If thieves get into the vehicle without the right key, the engine should refuse to start.

However, it is possible electronically to listen to signals sent between the security system and the key fob via a computer programme to analyse and emulate it. Once this is done, it is possible to unmask the vehicle's secret code very quickly and start the engine.

According to Traqueur, French leader in detecting and recovering stolen cars, some 74 per cent of the cars stolen in the first four months of this year were swiped electronically.

On Thursday, French car magazine 40 Millions d'automobilistes (40 Million Motorists) published a hit parade of the country's most stolen cars from among the 110,000 taken last year.

The Smart Fortwo model came top, accounting for almost 12 per cent of the total. Ford Fiesta was second on almost 11 per cent and Peugeot 406 third on almost six per cent. Almost all the models in the top ten were French or German-made.

Besides ease of theft, these are targeted due to the flourishing black market for their spare parts.



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Three quarters of cars stolen in France 'electronically hacked' (continued)

Pierre Chasseray, head of 40 Million Motorists, singled out Smart cars saying “you only need to lift up a plastic panel to hack this vehicle.

“We already underlined this weakness last year. Smart has got to do more to secure their cars.”

But he told Le Parisien newspaper that all carmakers were in “urgent” need of improving electronic security. “Almost the entire car fleet in France can be hacked like a computer today. A car thief today is a technician without needing to be a computer genius. He just needs to connect his little electronic box to open the car”.

“It is a matter of urgency as electronic theft is now massive. I am calling on makers: secure your cars,” he said.

A brief internet search is all it takes to find the required material. According to Le Parisien, it costs only €70 (£50) to purchase a “mechanical universal key” whose sellers claim enables thieves to break into a Porsche, Audi, Volkswagen, Seat or Skoda undetected. The listening device to crack the immobiliser reportedly costs around €1,000.

In August, researchers at Birmingham University and Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, revealed they were able to intercept signals sent between the chip and the car.

The researchers highlighted a weakness in the Megamos Crypto system, a piece of technology used by big manufacturers such as Audi, Fiat, Honda, Volvo and Volkswagen.

They identified the flaw in 2012 after UK police said they were baffled by rising numbers of “keyless car theft”. The Metropolitan Police says some 6000 vehicles were stolen without keys last year – almost half of all thefts.

However, Volkswagen won a High Court injunction preventing its publication on the grounds the information could be used by criminal gangs.

A spokesman for Volkswagen said: “In all aspects of vehicle security, we go to great lengths to ensure the security and integrity of our products against external malicious attack.”

Pierre Steward of Experveo, which helped analyse the French theft figures, said: “Car makers have made improvements in their latest models, but given the number of electronic thefts, either they're not doing enough or the criminals are clearly one step ahead. If I was cynical I would say that for manufacturers, one car stolen is another car for sale.”



Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/11964140/Three-quarters-of-cars-stolen-in-France-electronically-hacked.html>

The Smart Fortwo model was France's most-stolen car due its extreme vulnerability to attack

IN THE NEWS

USA: Intel Announces Task Force to Improve Automotive Security

By Anila Maring, cdanews.com, 15 September, 2015

Intel Corporation joins the fight against automobile hackers. The dramatic hack of a Chrysler Jeep, which resulted in the first ever vehicle recall due to software security issues, has also prompted the chip giant to take action. The general manager of Internet of Things at Intel said that so much more functionality is being implemented in internet-connected vehicles, that deliver great value, but it also exposes more attack surfaces.

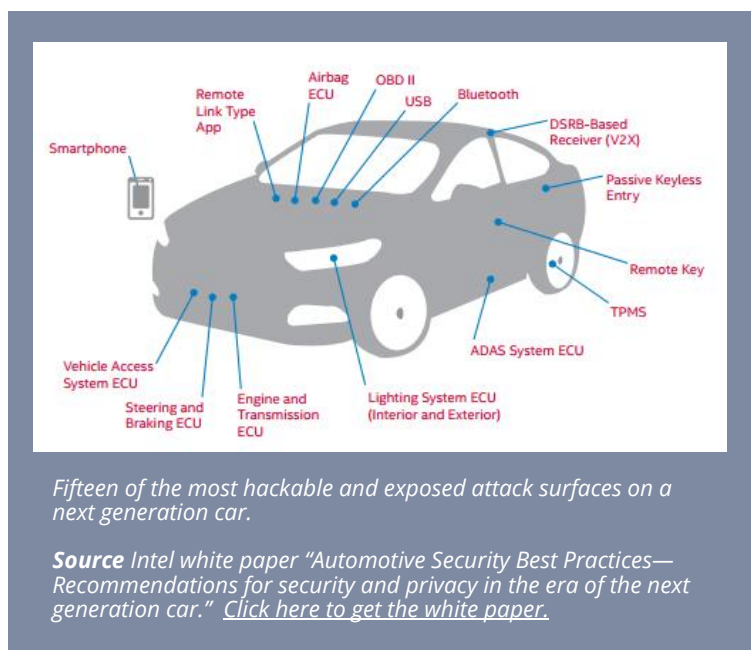
The chip giant is assembling a group of researchers to help reduce the risk of future connected car hacks. According to Engadget, the company said that the Automotive Security Review Board (ASRB) would help mitigate cybersecurity risks in cars while encouraging technological innovation and progression.

The Santa Clara based tech company said that the research team will conduct on-going testing and audits to discover the “best practices” for the automotive industry. A report by Intel’s MacAfee detailed recommendations to keep automobiles safe and avoid expensive recalls. Chris Young, security senior vice president at the company said that automobiles like any other computing system have points of weakness and points of access.

According to NBC News, Intel predicts a future when, like a check engine light, an update software light will urge drivers to install software updates. Secure vehicles are going to require a collective effort as auto-components come from multiple vendors. Young expressed that there needs to be plans to improve breach-detection mechanism and ways to fix the automobile quickly after a hack.

Intel forms a research group to prevent car hackers from accessing vehicles connected to the internet with services like Apple’s CarPlay and Android Auto. The ASRB team will include top security industry talent and the company will provide the group with its latest technology. The recent Jeep hack revealed security issues for some connected car systems, in which the chip maker powers systems for Hyundai, Kia, BMW, Infiniti and more. According to the Register, to motivate the researchers, Intel will award a new car to the member who provides the most impactful cyber security contribution that can be implemented on the chipmaker’s automotive platform.

Research firm Gartner predicted that by 2010, the number of connected cars on the roads will reportedly be between 150 and 250 million. While being constantly connected to the internet can make cars vulnerable to hacking, it is something



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IN THE NEWS

USA: Intel Announces Task Force to Improve Automotive Security (continued)

Intel Corporation believes automakers can use to their advantage. Young said that manufacturers need to be able to communicate to vehicle when they are sleeping in the evening.

The microchip maker announces a new task force to tackle cyber security in connected cars. The chipmaker has entered the connected car race as a member of the pit crew. Young said that the bar against cyber-attacks must be raised. The ASRB team would encourage that cyber security be an essential ingredient in the design of every connected vehicle.

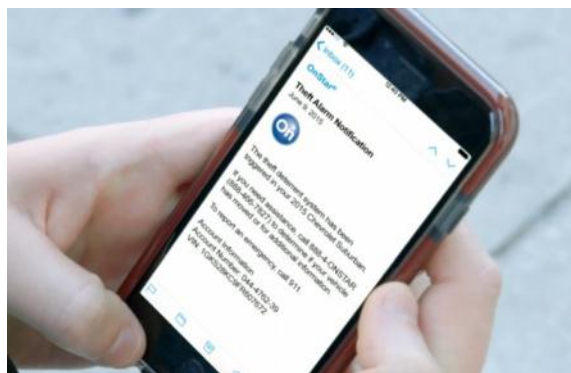
Source: <https://cdanews.com/2015/09/intel-announces-task-force-to-improve-automotive-security/>

To read Intel's white paper on 'Automotive Security Best Practices' visit: <http://www.intel.com.au/content/www/au/en/automotive/automotive-security-best-practices-white-paper.html>

USA: Chevrolet Adds Theft Alarm Feature: Now Your Car Can Text You If It's Being Stolen

Richard Read, The Car Connection, Jun 25, 2015

General Motors' OnStar service debuted in 1996, just as cell phones were evolving from expensive, ugly, shoe-sized appliances into sleeker, trimmer accessories that could easily be stowed in a pocket or purse. OnStar's premise of embedding that kind of anytime, anywhere communications technology in a car was game-changing and very, very exciting.



Just like mobile phones, OnStar has itself evolved over the past 19 years, remaining relevant as so many other tech companies have fallen by the wayside. One of the company's newest offerings is a safety feature that notifies owners in the unlikely event that their vehicles are being stolen. It's already available for Buick, Cadillac, and GMC models, and it's now available on Chevrolet vehicles, too.

The feature is called "Theft Alarm Notification". Working in tandem with other OnStar services like Stolen Vehicle Slowdown, Theft Alarm Notification boosts the chances that owners will get their cars back after the bad guys (or girls) try to make off with them. If you're an OnStar subscriber, you can opt-in to Theft Alarm Notification and select how you'd like to be notified when a would-be thief triggers your car alarm. You can choose to receive a text message, email, or phone call. Then, "OnStar advisors will work with local authorities and use GPS technology to pinpoint the vehicle's location. In certain models, if the conditions are safe, advisors can send a signal to slow down the vehicle, aiding police officers in its recovery and preventing a potential high-speed chase."

GM says that Theft Alarm Notification is part of OnStar's Stolen Vehicle Assistance service, which is included as part of the Security and Guidances subscription packages. Most Chevrolet vehicles from model-year 2014 and later are compatible with the service. If you're an OnStar subscriber and want to see if Theft Alarm Notification will work on your vehicle, check this PDF or call OnStar.

Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1098874_chevrolet-adds-theft-alarm-feature-now-your-car-can-text-you-if-its-being-stolen#src=10065

IN THE NEWS

UK/Africa: London to Uganda car-smuggling operation dismantled

25 September 2015

A high-level international car theft operation has been broken up by UK law enforcement agencies and anti-fraud investigators. The crime ring focused on theft of high value 4x4 vehicles and those equipped with keyless go ignition systems, and was cracked by a joint effort from the National Crime Agency, National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NVCIS), Interpol and APU Ltd.

APU's accident investigation and asset protection team combined fourth-generation tracking technology, forensic analysis capabilities and human intelligence expertise which allowed officers from the National Crime Agency (NCA) to trace the journey of a Lexus stolen in London to the Ugandan capital, Kampala. Officers found more than a million pounds worth of stolen vehicles as the car-smuggling ring was dismantled. In total, the tracked Lexus led Police to 28 high-value vehicles stolen from the UK, which are now in the process of being repatriated.

NCA officers see these acquisitive vehicle offences as part of a national threat but believe the impact of the operation has shut down the criminal syndicate in Uganda, previously one of the most prevalent destinations for cars stolen from the UK. Using APU's covert technology, NCA regional manager Paul Stanfield was able to trace the progress of the stolen Lexus on a Smartphone app as it was shipped illegally from Oman to Mombasa in Kenya and then by road to Kampala in a steel container. It also allowed Police to identify corrupt officials in both Kenya and Uganda, infiltrate the criminal syndicate and understand its operation.

Stanfield said: "This investigation is an excellent example of the close co-operation between the UK National Crime Agency, National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NVCIS), Interpol and APU to tackle the increasing threat from organised vehicle crime. Working with the Police and security services in Kenya and Uganda, we have been able to dismantle an international criminal network that has been responsible for stealing high-value cars from the UK and exporting them to East Africa.

"The role that APU and its unique technology played in the operation was crucial; without its innovative method of locating the asset and its team's experience in both converting location data into usable content as well as understanding how such a complex investigation is executed, we would not have been able to bring this operation to a successful conclusion.

"Having seen how private and public sectors have worked hand-in-hand so perfectly during this investigation, I am in no doubt what it means for the success of future operations and the importance of collaboration and looking at organisations like APU."

Identified motor insurance fraud costs the UK an estimated £1.3 billion a year but NCA claims suggest that £100 million in irrecoverable insurance monies were lost in the first three months of 2015 alone due to vehicles being stolen

Source: http://www.newcarnet.co.uk/Audi_news.html?id=14800



IN THE NEWS

UK: Vehicle identity check scheme scrapped as 'unnecessary burden'

BT.com, 26 October 2015,

Vehicle checks which cost motorists almost £10 million a year have been abolished by the Department for Transport.

Since 2003 drivers who wanted to return a written off car to the road have needed to apply for a vehicle identity check (VIC) to prove their vehicle matched the registration details. But the scheme - described by Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin as an "unnecessary burden" - has been scrapped.

The VIC was introduced to stop vehicle ringing - where criminals make it easier to sell stolen cars by swapping the identity of vehicles no longer economical to repair with a stolen vehicle of a similar make and model.

The DfT said that during the past 12 years around a million checks have been made, resulting in only a handful of cases of wrongdoing.

Officials believe advances in vehicle security already deter the low-level criminals that the VIC scheme was set up to combat, while the development of online resources allow identification to take place without paper checks.

Scrapping the VIC - which had a £41 fee - will save motorists almost £10 million a year and cut around £4.8 million of costs incurred by businesses, the DfT added.

Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin said: "I'm delighted to scrap this unnecessary burden which Labour created as part of their war on the motorist. We are on the side of the honest driver which is why we are restoring common sense to the roads. In the process we are saving drivers and businesses millions every year."

The decision to abolish the scheme was taken following a consultation and review by the DfT.

The Department said it will continue to work with the insurance and motoring industry to protect consumers when purchasing used vehicles.

Source: <http://home.bt.com/lifestyle/motoring/motoring-news/vehicle-identity-check-scheme-scrapped-as-unnecessary-burden-11364012888411>

USA: FBI release 2014 Vehicle Theft Statistics

The FBI have released their 2014 Crime Statistics with the key findings for motor vehicle theft being:

- There were an estimated **689,527 thefts** of motor vehicles nationwide in 2014. The estimated rate of motor vehicle thefts was 216.2 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The estimated number of **motor vehicle thefts decreased 1.5 % in 2014** when compared with the 2013 estimates, dropped 6.8% when compared with the 2010 estimates, and declined 44.2% when compared with the 2005 estimates.
- **More than \$4.5 billion** was lost nationwide to motor vehicle thefts in 2014. The average dollar loss per stolen vehicle was \$6,537.
- In 2014, of all motor vehicles stolen, 74.5 % were automobiles.

To see the full set of statistics: <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2014/crime-in-the-u.s.-2014/offenses-known-to-law-enforcement/motor-vehicle-theft>

IN THE NEWS

Canada: Three-quarters of recent car thefts in Manitoba involved the use of keys: Manitoba Public Insurance

9 October, 2015

Of the 400 vehicles reported stolen to Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) this past spring, 75% involved the use of keys, the Crown corporation reported recently. The percentage represents an 11% increase for key-related thefts compared to the spring of 2014, MPI said in a press release.

With the goal of raising awareness about protecting vehicle keys, MPI and CAA Manitoba have launched a public awareness campaign, in partnership with members of the Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP). Over the next few months, COPP members will be holding information sessions in their respective communities to remind vehicle owners about the importance of safeguarding vehicle keys. In total, there are 59 COPP groups in the province.

"Stolen vehicles are typically driven dangerously, potentially endangering the lives of innocent motorists, pedestrians and cyclists," said Ward Keith, vice president, business development & communications and chief product officer, MPI, in the release.

Gord Macintosh, the provincial Attorney General & minister responsible for MPI, added that "thanks to a number of highly successful anti-theft initiatives, Winnipeg has long lost the tag as the auto theft capital of Canada. Over the last decade, auto thefts in Winnipeg have declined by nearly 85%, he said. "However, there's still work to be done if we want to achieve further reductions in the auto theft numbers."

Source: <http://www.canadianunderwriter.ca/news/three-quarters-of-recent-car-thefts-in-manitoba-involved-the-use-of-keys-manitoba-public-insurance/1003840185/?er=NA>

Truth in Advertising? Alleged Auto Thief Arrested in 'I Do Dumb Things' T-Shirt

By M. Alex Johnson, NBC News, 11 October 2015

An Oregon man is awaiting a grand jury investigation after he was arrested on auto theft charges while wearing a T-shirt reading, "Warning: I Do Dumb Things."

Roshawn Josiah Garrett, 23, whose last known address was in Portland, fled in a stolen car Wednesday night in the Portland suburb of Gladstone, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said.

After a high-speed chase, he ditched the car and fled on foot in the High Rocks Park area, where a police dog named Nero sniffed him out hiding in a bush, it said. Garrett was charged with two counts of attempting to elude law enforcement, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. A grand jury will review his case, the sheriff's office said.

In a photo made available by the sheriff's office, Garrett was wearing the black T-shirt — which court records indicate was probably accurate. Oregon corrections records show that Garrett — sometimes under aliases including Bishop Demke — has a long history of arrests and at least one conviction dating to 2011 on similar vehicle charges.



Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/truth-advertising-alleged-auto-thief-arrested-i-do-dumb-things-n442546>

IN THE NEWS

USA: Police arrest 19, seek three in luxury car theft ring that targeted N.J. and N.Y.

By Nicholas Pugliese, Staff Writer, The Record, October 28, 2015

TOTOWA — Nineteen men were arrested this week and three others were being sought as fugitives in connection with a carjacking and trafficking ring that targeted luxury cars, primarily in suburban neighborhoods along the Route 17 corridor in New Jersey and New York, for sale around the country and in West Africa, authorities said Wednesday.

Approximately 90 cars worth a total value of more than \$4 million were recovered over the course of a 16-month investigation led by the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice with the assistance of more than a dozen other agencies, said John Hoffman, the acting state attorney general.

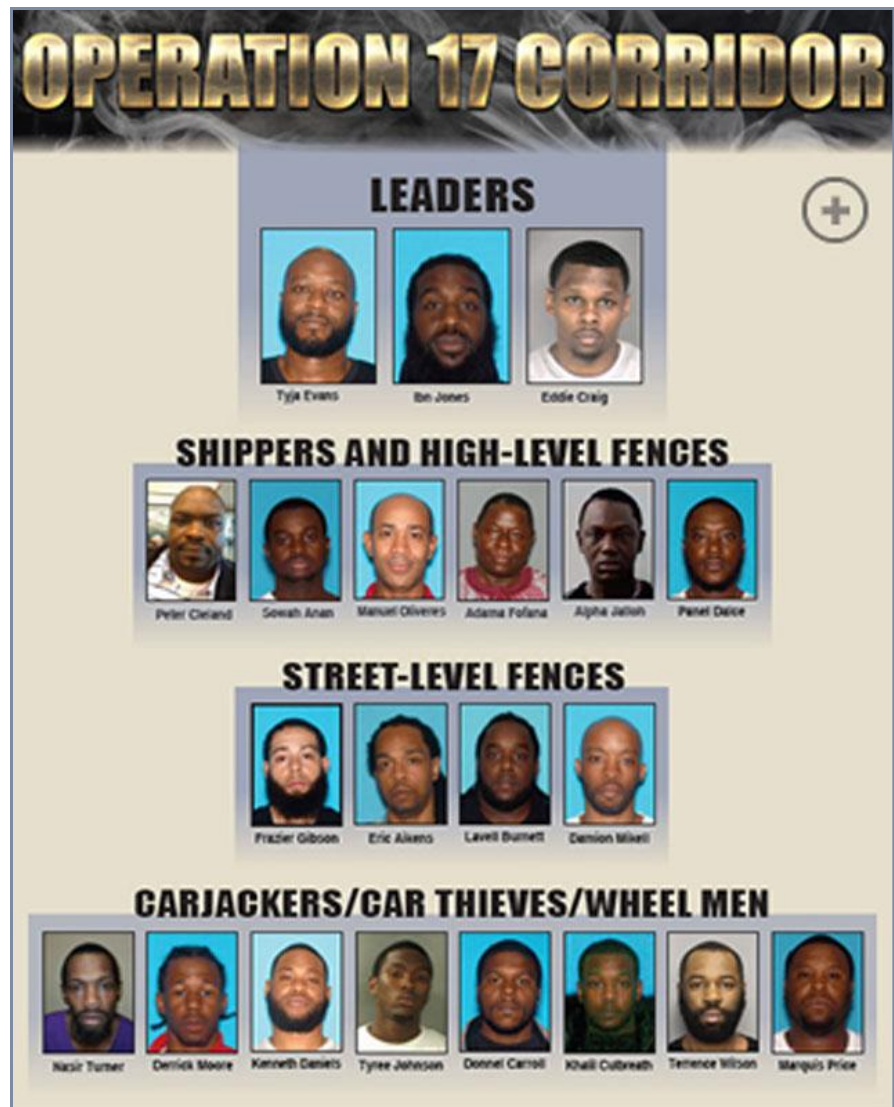
The 22 defendants, all of whom are men, were charged with first-degree racketeering and first-degree money laundering, as well as lesser charges related to receiving stolen property and fencing, Hoffman said. Most were arrested at or near their homes.

The three alleged leaders of the ring — identified as Tyja Evans, 39, of Watchung; Ibn Jones, 37, of Newark; and Eddie Craig, 36, of Beverly — also were charged with the second-degree crime of leading an auto theft trafficking network.

Hoffman said the men used a variety of methods to obtain not only the luxury cars, which included various Bentley, Porsche, Maserati, Mercedes Benz, Land Rover and BMW models, but also the electronic keys, or key fobs, that are crucial to their resale value.

"The investigation into this sophisticated stolen car ring highlights how auto theft has changed dramatically with the new technology that's used in modern vehicles," Hoffman said during a press conference at the state police barracks in Totowa on Wednesday.

"By definition, the modern car thief needs to commit a carjacking or steal a car using a method that gets him the key. Many times, unfortunately and dangerously, that means armed confrontation with the driver or a strong-arm robbery."



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IN THE NEWS

Police arrest 19, seek three in luxury car theft ring that targeted N.J. and N.Y. (continued)

Hoffman described one incident in October in which three carjackers arrived at a popular Italian restaurant on Route 10 in Hanover, pointed a gun at a valet and demanded the keys to a 2015 Mercedes S550 and a 2015 Bentley Continental GT, the latter of which was valued at \$204,000.

The valet handed over the keys and the three men fled in the vehicles, Hoffman said.

In an August incident, a man walking to a 2014 BMW 650i that was parked in front of his Montclair home was confronted by a carjacker who arrived in a Mercedes that had been stolen in Saddle Brook earlier that day. The carjacker gestured as though he had a gun in his waistband as he demanded the keys from the owner, who turned them over and then ran away.

"Fortunately, we have not had anyone shot or murdered during a carjacking in this case," Hoffman said. "But we need only recall the murder at The Mall in Short Hills in December of 2013 to comprehend how quickly things can turn deadly when carjackers carry out this type of armed ambush in the manner that they did so."

In that incident, Dustin Friedland, 30, a lawyer from Hoboken, was shot dead as he approached his Land Rover in the upper level of the mall's parking deck after an evening of Christmas shopping.

In the majority of the incidents that were investigated, however, less violent methods were used to steal the cars, Hoffman said.

Some were taken from gas stations, convenience stores, carwashes and airports where drivers had left them unattended with the engine running.

Others were taken from driveways where they sat unlocked with the key fob in the glove box.

Nineteen of the roughly 90 luxury vehicles recovered in the investigation had been rented from car rental agencies using fraudulent documents and were never returned.

Hoffman said that such vehicles could sell for two or three times their U.S. market value in West Africa, where they were often shipped through various New Jersey and New York ports.

"It's easy to see what motivated these car thieves given the illicit profits that were made on each of the luxury cars, from a payoff of \$4,000 to \$8,000 for thieves and lower-level fences to potential payoffs of upward of six figures to those at the top of this criminal organization," he said.

A first-degree racketeering charge carries a sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison, including a period of parole ineligibility equal to 85 percent of the sentence imposed, and a fine of up to \$200,000. A first-degree money laundering charge also carries a sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison, including less stringent parole ineligibility requirements, and a fine of up to \$500,000.

"The defendants we have arrested have been lodged in jail with bails ranging from \$100,000 to \$1 million and we will prosecute to the absolute, positive, fullest extent of the law," Hoffman said.

Wednesday's announcement came less than two years after authorities announced that they had recovered about 160 cars worth a total of more than \$8 million that were stolen by another carjacking ring based out of Essex County.

"Carjackings in that region are down nearly two-thirds compared to 2013," Hoffman said, adding that he hoped crime rates would similarly drop in Rockland County and the nine New Jersey counties, including Bergen, where the more recent ring operated.

Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/police-arrest-19-seek-three-in-luxury-car-theft-ring-that-targeted-n-j-and-n-y-1.1442689>

IN THE NEWS

Thefts of construction and agricultural machines in Sweden

Torbjorn Serrander, Larmtjänst AB

Thefts of machines have risen during the last years. Sweden is a quite small country and number of construction machine is normally about 300 every year. We have seen that agricultural tractors have risen the last year.

Especially targeted models are tractors manufactured by John Deere. During the entire year of 2014 we had only 9 John Deere tractors stolen, in 2015 we have 32, in September alone there were 12 thefts.

Normally we see thefts in pairs (2 and 2) and the reason would most probably be that you fill the lorry and trailer. We think that all stolen are transported out of Sweden to other European countries.

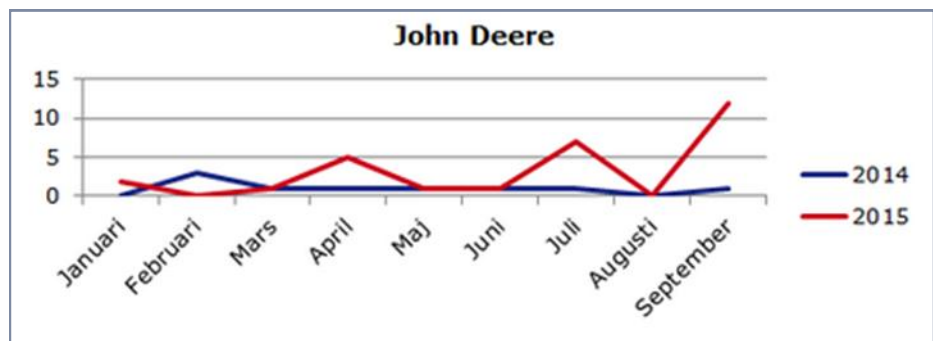
During the weekend of 24-25 October 2015 criminals tried to steal several at a local dealer but were disturbed, so we believe thefts will continue.

Police investigation is ongoing.

Actions are taken in order to prevent future thefts in general.



One of the stolen John Deere from western part of Sweden 17 October 2015



Number of stolen John Deere in Sweden monthly

17 Lithuanians detained during international operation against car theft

The Hague, The Netherlands, 21 October 2015

An organised crime network originating from Lithuania and specialised in the theft of vehicles from Germany has been dismantled this week by the Lithuanian police, who worked closely with German law enforcement agencies and were supported by Europol and Eurojust.

Operation Kasimir resulted in 17 arrests, and a number of European arrest warrants have been issued. Searches were conducted simultaneously in 100 locations in both Lithuania and Germany, resulting in the seizure of car ignition equipment, audio and GPS systems, computers, SIM cards and weapons. All in all, over 900 police officers from both countries were involved in this large-scale operation.

Lithuanian authorities launched an international investigation a year ago after receiving information that Lithuanian citizens had been carrying out luxurious cars and equipment thefts in Germany and then selling these in Lithuania. The proceeds of this criminal organisation over the past year are estimated to be in the region of EUR 5 million.

Europol supported the investigation by facilitating information exchange and deploying experts and a mobile office on-the-spot in Lithuania

The Source: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/17-lithuanians-detained-during-international-operation-against-car-theft>

IN THE NEWS

USA: Thieves may be using tow trucks in Mid-City auto thefts

Bill Capo / WWLTV, Eyewitness News, October 9, 2015

NEW ORLEANS - One month ago Taylor Reinhard went for a bike ride while his F-250 pick-up was locked up in the driveway. It was stolen by the time he returned. "I'm rather upset. It is actually my father's truck. He loaned it to me to restore our home." He realized the thieves had towed the truck away. "It was most likely a roll back or a tow truck to steal it, because there was no evidence of any other tampering," Said Reinhard. "I realized that there was a set of wider truck tire tracks."

At this week's Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association meeting, police warned of a spike in vehicle thefts in Mid City. "There was one this time that they was telling us about the possibility of people with tow trucks going around and stealing cars, which was news to us," said Faubourg St. John Association President Steve Mardon.

"Unfortunately, it has exploded," added Reinhard. "Mine was one of the first in a string now that's climbing into the double digits just in the past few weeks."

"We always have occasional car thefts here and there," said Mardon. "It's kind of an ongoing thing, but in the last couple of months there has been an uptick in the number that have occurred in our neighborhood."

Eyewitness News contacted New Orleans police, but they tell me all the officers are either tied up or off duty. In their words, 'unfortunately that leaves no one available to discuss these auto theft investigations.' But they did email some tips: Call police if you see a tow truck in your area with out explanation. If possible get the name and license plate number on the truck. If you have security cameras, review the footage, and alert police if there is any suspicious activity. If you don't have cameras, consider investing in them. And be alert. "The main thing obviously is just make sure you lock it at all times," concluded Mardon

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/crime/2015/10/09/thieves-may-using-tow-trucks-mid-city-auto-thefts/73677116/>

Crime prevention design in a vehicle registration system - a case study from Australia

Rick Brown, Australian Institute of Criminology, Crime Science (2015) 4:25 , DOI 10.1186/s40163-015-0038-

This paper examines the crime prevention measures embedded in the Australian vehicle registration system. It builds upon a body of existing literature that has shown how changes to systems can generate positive crime reduction impacts. The crime prevention measures that have been introduced in Australia since the late 1990's have included proof of identity checks, checks of available databases, identity inspections for inter-state vehicles and close scrutiny of repairable written-off vehicles resubmitted for registration. These changes would appear to have reduced the number of opportunities available to re-register a stolen vehicle, which may have had an impact on profit-motivated vehicle theft. However, there remain a number of ways in which a profit can be generated from vehicle theft. Within the registration system, there would still appear to be methods of circumventing existing controls. More importantly, there would appear to have been a shift in modus operandi towards dismantling a vehicle for its parts and selling the remainder for scrap. These channels of disposal have grown in recent years, thanks in part to weak regulation of these sectors. This may have concentrated disposal methods for stolen vehicles into the vehicle dismantling and wrecking sectors, which may ultimately aid crime control measures aimed at further reducing profit-motivated vehicle theft.

To read the full article: <http://www.crimesciencejournal.com/content/pdf/s40163-015-0038-1.pdf>

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IN THE NEWS

Investigators meet in Guernsey to discuss international cooperation on asset recovery

9 October 2015

On 8-9 October 2015, Europol – in its function as the permanent secretariat of CARIN (the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-agency Network) – is coordinating the annual CARIN meeting.

This year's CARIN event is hosted by the current CARIN Presidency of Guernsey. Guernsey is a Crown Dependency of the United Kingdom, a long-standing and active member of CARIN, a member of the Steering Committee for over five years, and a jurisdiction that meets the highest international standards in fighting financial crime and cross-border cooperation.



CARIN is a network of judicial and law enforcement expert practitioners in the field of asset identification, seizure and confiscation. There are currently 54 countries and jurisdictions and nine international organisations that are members of the network. All EU countries are represented in CARIN, together with non-EU jurisdictions such as the United States of America, South Africa, Australia, Canada, Russia and Switzerland, as well as Guernsey. Europol, Eurojust, OLAF, the UNODC, and the International Criminal Court are also CARIN Members. CARIN is now recognised globally as an effective tool to fight international crime.

There are two focuses for the 150+ CARIN experts, who have gathered together in Guernsey with the combined aim to increase the effectiveness of asset recovery as an important tool to fight crime:

- Progressing asset recovery using joint investigation teams (JITs) and parallel investigations
- The practical aspects of investigating 'beneficial ownership' issues for proposed asset identification, freezing, seizure and confiscation.

Europol's Criminal Asset Bureau is currently active in promoting the identification and confiscation of criminal proceeds as an integral part of mainstream policing in the EU. Holding the secretariat of CARIN remains high on the list of Europol priorities, utilising the experts within this network to ensure that all ongoing investigations supported by Europol have an asset identification component.

In the first six months of 2015 the CARIN secretariat has supported 80 asset recovery cases in total. Half of these cases involved cooperation with regional asset recovery networks in Asia Pacific, Africa and Latin America. The main role for Europol is to facilitate timely cooperation between the investigators and prosecutors which is essential for the successful identification and freezing of criminal proceeds on a global level.

Source: https://www.europol.europa.eu/latest_news/investigators-meet-guernsey-discuss-international-cooperation-asset-recovery

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IN THE NEWS

Grand auto theft: How police pursue car crooks online

André Jahnke, November 01, 2015

PASSAU, Germany (dpa) – Juergen Zoels spends some of his day at the office surfing the internet, browsing motoring websites for cars, parts and other accessories, but Zoels is not goofing off.

The 47-year-old is a cop. To fight rampant auto theft in Germany, he trawls the web in search of criminals who have dismantled stolen cars to sell them for parts on the internet.

“Cars continue to be stolen in Germany as they always have been. But instead of being resold, many are now dismantled and sold for parts on online auction websites,” says police inspector Zoels.

According to Germany’s BKA federal police, over 18,500 stolen vehicles were not recovered last year. That was a slight decrease on recent years, and a noteworthy trend is that around 70 per cent of these vehicles are German brands such as Volkswagen, Audi, Mercedes and BMW.

The BKA believes that the thieves have adapted to the strong market demand for second-hand parts.

The criminals are extremely professional and have a comprehensive logistics operation in place to market the stolen car parts.

Car-theft claims cost insurance companies in the region of 260 million euros a year, according to the German Insurance Association (GDV).

Zoels estimates that around half of all cars stolen in Germany are never recovered. If they are found, the vehicles have often already been dismantled.

“(Compared to reselling a car intact) the profit can be three times as high if a car is dismantled and sold for parts,” he explains.

The officer has found over 1,300 cannibalised cars since taking up his position in 2009, even though he only spends around five per cent of his work day on internet research.

It might not be as thrilling as computer games like Grand Auto Theft, but he enjoys every gotcha.

“On many occasions I have discovered five stolen cars within an hour of surfing the internet,” he says.

Zoels’ greatest success to date was the arrest of an Austrian car dealer who had sold hundreds of stolen cars worth a total of 10 million euros.

The man initially fled to the Philippines before eventually being extradited to face justice.

The insurance companies have little interest in getting back any of the stolen vehicles that been recovered, so they are usually sold at auction with 20 per cent of the revenue going back to the police.

Every conceivable motor accessory or part can be sourced on the internet.

“I have even seen a set of leather-upholstered seats for sale,” says Zoels.



Police inspector Juergen Zoels in his office at Passau, Germany. The 47-year-old is a cop. To fight rampant auto theft in Germany, he trawls the web in search of criminals who have dismantled stolen cars to sell them for parts on the internet. – dpa

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IN THE NEWS

Grand auto theft: How police pursue car crooks online (continued)

Asked his secret for distinguishing a legit sale from a stolen merchandise offer, he says, "The cheaper the deal, the more likely that the property has been stolen."

Zoels enters the search term "BMW e90" on eBay and receives 15,900 results.

"I search for car parts that are highly sought after and look closely at the details of the seller," he explains.

"Thanks to my experience in this area, I can quickly tell if the part has come from a stolen vehicle."

Zoels refuses to reveal too much about his methods, as he says thieves read newspapers and might read this story. They are always looking for new tricks. But he does shed some light on his methodology.

"For example, the alarm bells start to ring if a private seller puts 10 cars (or parts from them) up for sale on the internet," he says.

Even when the serial number has been scratched off a motor, there are other ways to link it back to the original stolen car and the local police are then informed.

As an online criminal investigator, Zoels can obtain direct access to a seller's details on eBay and gets further support from the auction website if needed.

"Every attempt to sell stolen property on eBay damages our marketplace and the reputation of all the honest buyers and sellers using our site," comments an eBay spokesperson.

"If there is suspected criminality involved, then eBay will work closely with the relevant law enforcement authorities, who can very easily obtain the necessary information within the scope of data protection rules."

In certain circumstances under German law, a buyer of stolen property on the internet can also face criminal charges.

"I usually contact the buyer and ask for their cooperation," says Zoels.

"Most people are happy to help when the police ask. They are also victims, since they lose their money and the item they bought."

Source: <http://borneobulletin.com.bn/grand-auto-theft-how-police-pursue-car-crooks-online/>



The automotive sat-nav device Police inspector Juergen Zoels and his force recovered from thieves. – dpa



Police inspector Zoels points to the type of online auction site that is his daily beat. "Cars continue to be stolen in Germany as they always have been. But instead of being resold, many are now dismantled and sold for parts on online auction websites," says Zoels. – dpa

IN THE NEWS

USA: NICB Releases 2014 Heavy Equipment Theft Report

Thefts Increase Just Over 1 percent from 2013

DES PLAINES, Ill., Oct. 1, 2015 — The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) today released a report on heavy equipment thefts in 2014. This report, co-produced with the National Equipment Register (NER), examines heavy equipment theft data submitted by law enforcement to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and profiles that data according to theft state, theft city, theft month, equipment manufacturer, equipment style (type) and year of manufacture. The report also examines heavy equipment recoveries in 2014 based on those same criteria.

In 2014, a total of 11,625 heavy equipment thefts were reported to law enforcement—an increase of 1.2 percent from the 11,486 reported in 2013.

Texas ranked number one in 2014 with 1,650 reported thefts. In second place was North Carolina with 918 thefts followed by Florida in third with 915 thefts. In fourth place was South Carolina with 660 thefts and Georgia is fifth with 647. The top five cities with the most thefts were Houston, Texas (201); Miami, Fla. (105); San Antonio, Texas (83); Oklahoma City, Okla. (83); and Las Vegas, Nev. (73).

See the full report here. https://www.nicb.org/File%20Library/Public%20Affairs/NICB-NER2014-HE_FINAL.pdf

The three most stolen heavy equipment items in 2014 were:

- Mowers (riding or garden tractor: 5,051)
- Loaders (skid steer, wheeled: 1,907)
- Tractors (wheeled or tracked: 1,475)

Heavy equipment manufactured by John Deere was the number one theft target in 2014 followed in order by Kubota Tractor Corp., Bobcat, Caterpillar and Toro. As for recoveries, only 23 percent of heavy equipment stolen in 2014 was found, making it a costly crime for insurance companies, equipment owners and rental agencies.

“Having the support and cooperation of the manufacturers is critical to the efforts to combat this kind of theft,” said NICB President and CEO Joe Wehrle. “In an effort to increase the recovery rate, we encourage the manufacturers to share information and work with us to prevent theft and recover stolen equipment.”

NICB urges equipment owners to incorporate theft prevention strategies into their business practices and recommends the following theft prevention tips:

- Install hidden fuel shut-off systems.
- Remove fuses and circuit breakers when equipment is unattended.
- Render equipment immobile or difficult to move after hours or on weekends by clustering it in a “wagon circle.” Place more easily transported items, such as generators and compressors, in the middle of the circle surrounded by larger pieces of equipment.
- Maintain a photo archive and a specific list of the PIN and component part serial numbers of each piece of heavy equipment in a central location. Stamp or engrave equipment parts with identifying marks, numbers or corporate logos.
- Use hydro locks to fix articulated equipment in a curved position, preventing it from traveling in a straight line.
- Use sleeve locks to fix backhoe pads in an extended position, keeping wheels off the ground.

Source: <https://www.nicb.org/newsroom/news-releases/2014-heavy-equipment-theft-report>

IN THE NEWS

USA: LoJack Corporation Releases Annual Construction Equipment Theft & Recovery Report

Report Finds Thieves Are Targeting Rental and Construction Businesses; Millions in Commercial Assets Equipped with the LoJack® System Recovered in 2014

CANTON, Mass., Oct. 6, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --LoJack Corporation (NASDAQ: LOJN) is announcing the release of data and findings from the Company's annual Construction Equipment Theft and Recovery in the United States study. LoJack's report, and accompanying infographic, reveal industry trends specific to construction equipment and machinery equipped with the LoJack® Stolen Vehicle Recovery System.

In the United States, many rental companies and equipment owners may be unaware of the high risk of theft that is associated with owning and operating construction equipment. LoJack's 2014 study revealed the following:

- **Cost of theft:** In 2014, more than \$7,735,458 worth of construction equipment assets were stolen and recovered. Replacing those assets, if lost, would have cost their owners more than \$13.1 million.*
- **Top states for equipment theft:** California continues to top the list of states with the highest rate of equipment theft. Texas and Florida rank second and third, respectively, likely due to a close proximity to major shipping ports and the high volume of ongoing construction projects throughout the year.
- **Most popular equipment types:** Tools such as backhoe loaders and skid steers are the most common pieces of equipment stolen and recovered, accounting for 60 percent of all LoJack System-equipped construction equipment recoveries.
- **New equipment models are popular targets:** Newer equipment models continue to be stolen more often than older equipment. With higher resale value, new equipment can prove to be a lucrative target for thieves. Fifty-four percent of equipment stolen in 2014 was less than five years old.
- **Common months for theft:** The danger from construction thieves remains relatively consistent throughout the year, with an uptick in activity from November through March, when more equipment is idle due to lower construction activity during colder months.

"Construction equipment remains a key target for practiced thieves as it remains difficult to secure and high in value," said Courtney DeMilio, National Vice President of Commercial and Fleet. "Replacing stolen construction equipment comes at a significant cost that goes beyond the simple dollar value of the equipment. Oftentimes, theft has a much greater, negative impact on a business – loss in job productivity, the inability to complete a job, a diminished professional reputation – all while the owner is spending a substantial amount of time and money to replace the equipment. As criminals continue to target high-value construction equipment, protecting these tools is something that, unfortunately, must remain a high priority for all construction equipment owners."

Additional notable findings from the study of stolen and recovered commercial vehicles equipped with a LoJack device in 2014 include:

States with the highest occurrence of equipment theft:

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| 1. California | 6. (Tie) Arizona, Colorado |
| 2. Texas | 7. Maryland |
| 3. Florida | 8. New York |
| 4. Georgia | 9. North Carolina |
| 5. Oklahoma | 10. (Tie) Washington, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Michigan |

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USA: LoJack Corporation Releases Annual Construction Equipment Theft & Recovery Report (continued)

Most popular types of stolen and recovered commercial equipment installed with a LoJack device in 2014:

1. Backhoe Loaders / Skip Loaders / Wheel Loaders: 35%
2. Skid Steers: 25%
3. Towables (Air Compressors, Generators, Welders, Light Towers): 20%
4. Excavators/Mini Excavators: 9%
5. Other: 7%
6. Forklifts: 4%

The top five equipment brands most stolen and recovered in 2014:

1. Bobcat: 24%
2. John Deere: 20%
3. Caterpillar: 8%
4. Case: 8%
5. Takeuchi: 6%

The LoJack System can be installed at the original equipment manufacturer or end user levels and helps combat equipment theft across 29 states in the U.S. and in parts of Ontario and Quebec. Since 2000, more than \$156,850,535* worth of stolen assets and equipment has been recovered due to the LoJack System. For additional details, visit LoJack's Commercial Theft Blog.

About the "2014 LoJack Corporation Study on Construction Equipment Theft". From January through December 2014, LoJack tracked theft reports in states where equipment theft was reported and where construction equipment outfitted with LoJack System led police to recover the stolen assets.

*2014 LoJack proprietary theft and recovery data with value of and replacement value of assets determined from information obtained from EquipmentWatch.com, MachineryTrader.com and/or National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).

Source: <http://www.autotheftblog.com/2015/10/06/press-release-lojack-corporation-releases-annual-construction-equipment-theft-recovery-report/>



IN THE NEWS

UK: Revealed - The 100 car models at risk of being stolen due to security 'flaw'

By Emma McKinney, Birmingham Mail, 8 October 2015

University of Birmingham scientist is finally allowed to publish research after two-year legal battle with Volkswagen

A scientist from Birmingham has won a two-year legal battle to finally publish research that reveals a major security flaw that could leave scores of car models at risk of being stolen.

Volkswagen had used its lawyers to keep under wraps the research of University of Birmingham computer scientist Flavio Garcia and his colleagues Baris Ege and Roel Verdult from Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

They discovered more than 100 models of cars produced by 26 car manufacturers are at risk of theft by hackers who could crack codes to produce fake keys - thanks to flaws in a device designed to prevent vehicles from being stolen.

Among the makes of car at risk are Audi, Honda, Skoda, Citroen, Fiat and Volvo - as well as top of the range sports cars produced by Porsche and Ferrari.

Make	Models
Alfa Romeo	147, 156, GT
Audi	A1, A2, A3, A4 (2000), A6, A8, Allroad, Cabrio, Coupé, Q7, S2, S3, S4, S6, S8, TT (2000)
Buick	Regal
Cadillac	CTS-V, SRX
Chevrolet	Aveo, Kalos, Matiz, Nubira, Spark, Evanda, Tacuma
Citroën	Jumper (2008), Relay
Daewoo	Kalos, Lanos, Leganza, Matiz, Nubira, Tacuma
DAF	CF, LF, XF
Ferrari	California, 612 Scaglietti
Fiat	Albea, Doblò, Idea, Mille, Multipla, Palio, Punto (2002), Seicento, Siena, Stilo, Ducato (2004)
Holden	Barina, Frontera
Honda	Accord, Civic, CR-V, FR-V, HR-V, Insight, Jazz (2002), Legend, Logo, S2000, Shuttle, Stream
Isuzu	Rodeo
Iveco	Eurocargo, Daily
Kia	Carnival, Clarus, Pride, Shuma, Sportage
Lancia	Lybra, Musa, Thesis, Y
Maserati	Quattroporte
Opel	Frontera
Pontiac	G3
Porsche	911, 968, Boxster
Seat	Altea, Córdoba, Ibiza, Leon, Toledo
Skoda	Fabia (2011), Felicia, Octavia, Roomster, Super, Yeti
Ssangyong	Korando, Musso, Rexton
Tagaz	Road Partner
Volkswagen	Amarok, Beetle, Bora, Caddy, Crafter, Cross Golf, Dasher, Eos, Fox, Gol, Golf (2006, 2008), Individual, Jetta, Multivan, New Beetle, Parati, Polo, Quantum, Rabbit, Saveiro, Santana, Scirocco (2011), Touran, Tiguan, Voyage, Passat (1998, 2005), Transporter
Volvo	C30, S40 (2005), S60, S80, V50, V70, XC70, XC90, XC94

After a lengthy legal wrangle, which saw Volkswagen suing both the universities and researchers, Volkswagen has now agreed to the publication of the paper after the researchers agreed to omit a single line from their report - a pivotal detail which could allow a nontechnical person to work out the hack.

In the past, thieves could hot-wire a car to get it to start. But now, there are computer chips inside the key fob and car ignition switch aimed at making car theft more difficult.

A car only starts if the chips are near each other and send just the right code. However, the researchers claimed a flaw lies in a chip called a Megamos Crypto transponder - widely used in the car manufacturing industry.

The transponder "talks" to the key fob wirelessly to check its identity - and if it can't find the correct code, it immobilises the engine.

In theory there are billions of possible combinations for the code, making it all but impossible to happen upon the right one by chance.

But the hackers discovered that by listening in to the wireless communication between the car and

the transponder just twice, they could narrow the number of possible combinations down to just 200,000.

Then an automated 'cracking' programme could try each one of those 200,000 codes - allowing it to find the right combination in just half an hour.

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And once the right combination has been found, it would be child's play for the hackers to make a fake key that will be recognised by the car as the real deal. It is feared a hacker could potentially become a valet driver and steal a fleet of cars - or steal a rental vehicle long after returning it.

Mr Garcia said: "It's a bit like if your password was 'password'. We want to emphasise that it is important for the automotive industry to migrate from weak proprietary ciphers like this to community-reviewed ciphers and use it according to the guidelines."

Mr Garcia and his fellow researchers presented their findings in August at a prestigious conference in Washington.

They said they gave the Swiss firm EM Microelectronic, which produces the Megamos Crypto transponder, nine months to fix the problem in late 2012 before they planned on going public with their discovery. The firm was unavailable for comment.

A Volkswagen spokesman said the hack takes "considerable, complex effort that's unlikely to be used - except by tech-savvy, organized crime syndicates".

He added: "We have an interest in protecting the security of our products and customers. In this connection, Volkswagen does not make available information that might enable unauthorised individuals to gain access to its vehicles. In all aspects of vehicle security, be this mechanical or electronic, Volkswagen goes to great lengths to ensure the security and integrity of its products against external malicious attack."

Source: <http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/revealed-100-car-models-risk-10214218>

Australia: Putting the brakes on car thieves

by Santic, Mandi, in: Police life : the Victoria Police magazine. Spring p. 16-17 2015

Summary:

With a growing domestic and international demand for vehicle spare parts and scrap metal, Vehicle Crime Squad (VCS) detectives focus on reducing and preventing profit-motivated vehicle theft. The Victoria Police State Anti-Gangs Division's VCS investigates organised crime-related vehicle thefts, including re-birthing, where a vehicle is given a new identity and re-sold. The article details the work and achievements of the VCS.

To read the full article see pages 16-17 of the following link: http://issuu.com/police-life/docs/5705_vpo_police-life_spring15_cd_fa_



IN THE NEWS

New Zealand: \$165,000 Jaguar XFR gone in 60 seconds: How brazen thief stole luxury model from caryard

Morgan Tait, Police Reporter, NZ Herald, October 22, 2015

After strolling casually on to a luxury car yard in broad daylight, a man is believed to have used a device to override keyless car technology and steal a \$165,000 Jaguar in 60 seconds.

Police are investigating the theft of the silver Jaguar XFR from Beacham Independent Jaguar and Range Rover dealership in Penrose, Auckland, on Monday afternoon. CCTV footage shows a man who the car retailers believe is behind the high-tech heist walking on to the car lot at 2.55pm with his hand in his pocket, before somehow unlocking the car and driving off.



"It's like Gone in 60 Seconds and it was actually 60 seconds. He walked up and a minute later the car had gone," said manager Andrew Beacham, referencing the car-heist action film.

Mr Beacham said the car was locked and the dealership still had its keys. "The car was locked and we can confirm that because the CCTV shows it with its wing mirrors folded. He's walked up to the car and has got in, and driven away."

The man was not known to the dealership, and his ability to override the robust security systems had left staff baffled.

"This guy is a professional, it's sophisticated. It's something that has been organised. It's not your everyday car theft. We never heard anything and only realised an hour later ... that the car was missing. The CCTV shows him speeding off down Great South Rd in broad daylight."

Thieves "won't be able to offload vehicle"

A car theft expert said the stolen vehicle will likely be "too hot" for the thieves to use.

Waitemata Police car crime expert Detective Sergeant Callum McNeil said it was not the first time luxury, late model European cars had been targeted by thieves. "Generally they have broken in and stolen the keys from the dealers, but the technology is now available. We have seen it in the UK and even in Australia and now we are starting to get it here where offenders have access to the technology."

However, due to New Zealand's size it was hard for the stolen vehicles - that stand out on the roads - to be moved.

"New Zealand is such a small country they are not going to be able to offload that vehicle here, it's going to be too hot. It's not like they can rebirth it, and by that I mean give it a new identity. They are not going to be able to strip it for parts because it's just too new."

Mr McNeil said the other high-end cars stolen were all recovered. "As far as I am aware, there is no problem with luxury European cars disappearing forever. I think [the Jaguar] will be recovered at some stage. It will probably be stored for a while, maybe be used for further crime."

Keyless cars "most vulnerable"

Keyless car technology works when a device containing a chip - usually a small disc - is encrypted with a unique code syncing it to a vehicle. It only needs to be near the car to unlock it, and inside the vehicle to start the engine.

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Each device is encrypted to one specific vehicle and connects only to that car using a radio frequency.

Queensland University of Technology Computer Science and Information Security senior lecturer Dr Ernest Foo said keyless cars were most vulnerable to theft after they left the factory and before they were in an owner's hands.

"What we are finding is that hackers are trying to access or pick the supply chain because it is easier before a particular system has been connected. Before someone owns it and while it is still in the factory settings - that is the weak point."

Dr Foo said he was not able to comment on the specifics of the Auckland case, but it was likely the thief used a factory key rather than a scanning device that would have to be programmed to the specific code of the system it was hacking.

There were reports of similar thefts in Europe and the US last year, but Dr Foo had not heard of such incidents in Australasia.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11533005

Source: <http://www.wwlvtv.com/story/news/crime/2015/10/09/thieves-may-using-tow-trucks-mid-city-auto-thefts/73677116/>

USA: Car thief shows up at police station for second car theft in third stolen car

October 9, 2015

Sometimes a criminal comes along that's so brazen and bold that it almost seems as though they are trying to get caught. Either that or they are just so flagrantly stupid that it seems like bravery. You can decide which type of criminal Carnell Eugene Butler of St. Petersburg, Florida is. Let's start from the beginning.

On Thursday, police recovered a stolen Infiniti that had been abandoned nearby their station. In it, they found some court documents with Butler's name on them regarding another stolen car case from June. Police then contacted Butler to retrieve the documents and, being the good citizen he is, he arranged to pick them up.



Butler then drove down to the police station, where he was apprehended for the theft of the Infiniti. Police also found the keys to a Hyundai Sonata in his pocket while searching him. Acting on a hunch, they sought out Butler's transportation for the day and, you guessed it, it too was stolen.

Butler was already on probation for the June theft, and is now being charged for the other two vehicles it appears he couldn't help but snatch. He is also facing burglary charges for robbing a home in a nearby neighborhood.

You would think the guy would have just taken a taxi or an Uber to get to the police station. After all, showing up to pick up paperwork for a previous car theft in a stolen car is pretty much just asking to get jailed again. Heck, at least he could get a bike if he can't afford the bus fare.

Oh he did have a bike at home? And it was also stolen? Maybe Butler can stick with walking next time, assuming his kicks aren't jacked too.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/car-thief-shows-up-at-police-station-for-second-car-theft-third-stolen-car>

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Audi - the getaway car of choice for teen gangsters

Cameron Houston, Chris Vedelago, The Age, October 25, 2015

Melbourne teenagers are probably not the target market for German car manufacturer, Audi, but the luxury vehicles are being stolen by young gangs and used to commit serious crimes, including armed robberies and drive-by shootings.

Despite claims by the manufacturer that their cars are equipped with "the most advanced immobilising systems available", the number of Audis stolen in Victoria increased by more than 300 per cent between 2013 and 2014.



In 2013, 90 Audis were stolen, with 12 not recovered. Last year, 348 were taken, with 127 never seen again, according to official police figures released by the Crimes Statistics Agency. On one night alone in 2014, 11 Audis were stolen in suburbs including Middle Park, Carlton and Heidelberg.

Audis have been targeted by several teen gangs from Melbourne's north-western fringe, because of a design glitch that has since been dealt with by Audi Australia.

The prestige cars included a "valet key" that was usually stored in the service book kept in the glove box. The key could start the engine, but was intended to be only used in an emergency. Audi Australia was so concerned it issued a warning to all owners in August 2014, and confirmed the problem was most serious in Victoria.

"Storing a spare key anywhere in your vehicle is a security risk because anyone who accesses the cabin can use it to start the engine. There may also be insurance implications if your vehicle is stolen and it was discovered that a spare key was inside at the time," Audi warned its customers.

Detective Superintendent Peter De Santo said the luxury car manufacturer had done the "right thing" and told Fairfax Media in June that thefts had begun to drop in 2015.

According to the National Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, just 37 Audis were stolen in the first three months of 2015.

But criminal gangs continue to use stolen Audis as getaway cars, often stealing keys while committing burglaries. In other cases, high-performance sports cars have been car-jacked, including a \$150,000 Porsche that was recently stolen at gunpoint in Fitzroy North.

In June, five teenage boys were arrested in a stolen Audi SUV in Melbourne's CBD, after a dramatic police pursuit from Melbourne's northern suburbs. The car's occupants were suspects in a series of armed robberies in the city's north-west, with one of the boys just 14 years old.

While some Audis are used to commit crimes, others are re-birthed by organised crime gangs and end up interstate or overseas. The gangs recruit cells of teenagers to steal the cars and use a sophisticated management structure so that each group operates independently. This means that if some of the teenagers are arrested, other gangs can step up to take their place.

The stolen cars are taken to specially equipped factories in Melbourne's north and dismantled by unqualified mechanics using purpose-bought equipment. Many of the stolen vehicles are shipped to Kuwait, Dubai or south-east Asia.

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/audi-the-getaway-car-of-choice-for-teen-gangsters-20151025-gkhzej.html#ixzz3piqjkzTl>

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Police uncover car rebirthing operation, \$1 million in stolen vehicles

Stephanie Gardiner, Sydney Morning Herald, October 5, 2015

On a stretch of road scattered with market gardens, road works and semi-rural properties there was a dirty yard strewn with sawn-up cars, engines, and stripped trucks.

Police uncovered an alleged car rebirthing operation, finding 25 stolen cars and other vehicles worth more than \$1 million, in the yard on Bringelly Road, Leppington, in Sydney's south-west, during a raid on Thursday morning.

"It was like a maze," Detective Superintendent Ward Hanson, commander of Camden police, said. "We discovered 25 vehicles, or either end - the chassis or engine - and three trucks and a prime mover."

Detectives arrested a 48-year-old man as he got off an international flight at Sydney Airport on Monday, and charged him with several offences, including possession of a firearm.

Police, detectives from the State Crime Command's property crime squad and Roads and Maritime officers also allegedly found other stolen property including a tablet device and a bicycle.

Police arrest a 48-year-old man as he gets off a plane at Sydney Airport over an alleged car rebirthing operation

Police arrest a 48-year-old man as he gets off a plane at Sydney Airport over an alleged car rebirthing operation Photo: NSW Police

Superintendent Hanson said the stolen vehicles were from all over Sydney and many had been paid out by insurance companies. The alleged illegal business had been trading as a wreckers' yard, he said.

Superintendent Hanson was not able to estimate how much money the car rebirthing operation could make. "Disposing of vehicles and stolen goods is a currency," Detective Hanson said.

Car rebirthing generally involves receiving a stolen car, then replacing its parts to re-sell the vehicle, or using stolen parts in other cars.

The man, from Horningsea Park, was charged with 22 counts of recklessly dealing with proceeds of crime, possessing an unauthorised pistol, and possessing an unauthorised firearm.



The site of the alleged car rebirthing operation in Leppington.



Sawn-up cars at the site of the alleged car rebirthing operation in Leppington. Photos: NSW Police

Source: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/police-allegedly-uncover-car-rebirthing-operation-1-million-in-stolen-cars-20151005-gk1kd8.html>

IN THE NEWS

UK: Thatcham pledges to help drive research into Cyber security for connected cars

Thatcham, October 2015

Establishing standards to promote consumer confidence around vehicle cyber security is high on the agenda for Thatcham Research, as the British insurers' research centre turns attentions to combatting future car crime as the newest members of the Cyber Security Consortium for Connected Vehicles (CCV).

Connected vehicle technology provides the basis for many emerging driver assistance and comfort systems yet it's this convergence between automotive and computer technology that could also provide opportunity for cyber attackers. However, according to Thatcham's Chief Technology Officer Andrew Miller, the key to keeping thieves at bay is in a joined up approach to creating robust standards.

The logo for Thatcham Research, with 'Thatcham' in orange and 'Research' in black, stacked vertically.

"There are a wide range of stakeholders with an obvious interest in this area from the likes of Google and Apple who are increasingly moving into the automotive space to the more traditional vehicle manufacturers. With this mix of interested parties it's critical to quickly establish a set of robust security standards and protocols around cyber security that everyone can agree and work to and which will avoid the kind of fragmented approach that hackers could exploit."

According to government statistics, the scale of cyber-crime is already thought to cost the UK economy over £27 billion per year, whilst the idea of a third party being able to 'hack' in and take over a vehicle's controls is a terrifying prospect.

"No connected computer system can be 100% guaranteed, and as technological development in the automotive industry continues at pace so that security threat potentially increases," added Miller. "However, Thatcham have demonstrated previously how a collaborative approach can help the authorities stay one step ahead of the criminals."

Thatcham's vehicle security credentials are well established, with the centre already responsible for evaluating security levels on all new vehicles destined for UK roads, both as a basis for insurance grouping and as a consumer guide to vehicle security standards.

Since Thatcham established its specialist security team in the mid-90s cases of vehicle theft have fallen to less than 100,000 per year, down from over 600,000, whilst insurers are saving an estimated £300m in claims costs per year compared to the figure at its height.

Now as part of the Cyber Security Consortium for Connected Vehicles Thatcham will provide their experience in the development of new standards around Cyber Security, as well as in their influence on vehicle and product manufacturers to establish a coordinated approach to future security solutions.

"Thatcham having been instrumental in driving down traditional forms of vehicle crime, so it's imperative that we're now at the table taking a leading role in developing and coordinating future preventative measures on behalf of our members."

Thatcham have emerged as a key player in the journey towards the fully connected, driverless car. The research centre is at the forefront of evaluating and promoting a wide range of semi-autonomous vehicle technologies and driver assistance systems, many of which rely on increasing vehicle connectivity.

As part of the Cyber Security Consortium for Connected Vehicles, Thatcham will look to represent insurers and their policy holders in joining forces with the 5 other group members; Thales eSecurity, Plextek Consulting, Intercede, Qonex and Horiba MIRA.

Source: <http://www.thatcham.org/news-and-events/news-and-press-releases-reader/items/thatcham-expertise-to-drive-standards-in-cyber-security>

IN THE NEWS

Another Reason Not To Steal Cars: Key Fobs Now Store A Ton Of Data

By Marc Weber Tobias, Forbes Tech, Sep 24, 2015

During the past twenty years the locks and security systems for cars have undergone an incredible transformation from simple mechanical keys to sophisticated keyless entry systems that have often been difficult to compromise. Expensive high-end vehicles such as Mercedes, Audi, BMW, and Volvo have invested millions of dollars to make sure that thieves could not steal their cars by compromising the locking systems, because auto theft is an incredibly lucrative business. Few consumers think about the security of their key fobs, wireless access, and smartphone applications that communicate with your vehicle and a host of related internet-connected options that are now available. Even fewer consumers are aware of the information that is stored in their electronic keys, some of which is quite detailed.

I just spent a day at the most sophisticated private forensic laboratory in Europe, located in Mayen, a small city in Southern Germany. Manfred Goth is a certified police forensic expert who runs the lab. They work for many of the large insurance companies in Europe, conducting forensic examinations on crimes that involve the analysis of locks, safes, cars, and buildings in civil and criminal cases of murder, arson, burglary, auto theft and other potential crimes. Last year alone, the lab saved one insurance company about twenty million Euro on claims, including vehicle theft, that were fraudulent. They also consult with police agencies on the covert entry and bypass of security systems and are part of the [Lockmasters Group](#) that is based in Bergheim, Germany. Lockmasters specializes in the development and training of all forms of covert entry tools for government agencies and has expertise in all locking systems and how they are compromised.

Even though I work with lock manufacturers in testing the security of their hardware, I rarely pay attention to cars. My vehicle has keyless entry, but I never considered seriously the security vulnerabilities inherent in these systems, or any possible privacy issues because my professional focus is on high security locks. Even more to the point, it never occurred to me that vehicle data could be stored in my key fob which might be used by insurance companies and the police for investigations and prosecutions. That all changed when I visited the Goth laboratory and Lockmaster's office.

Manfred was working on a car theft case involving a BMW which, I was told, stores more information on their keys than any other car company. I was shown a decoder that is produced by [Abrites](#), a company in Sofia, Bulgaria. This group of highly-skilled software engineers specialize in developing electronic decoding and bypass systems for most of the vehicles in the world that employ key fobs and keyless entry. They make tools for locksmiths and some highly restricted versions for government agencies. The immobilizer systems, keys, locks, and central computers in the modern car can all be hacked to enter vehicles, plant bugs or tracking devices, clone keys, decode keys, read out critical data, or steal the car. Not only are government agencies and locksmiths using these systems, so are car thieves.

Manfred Goth plugged the BMW key fob into the Abrites decoder and almost instantly, it read out a significant amount of data, including the Vehicle Identification Number, mileage, fuel level, and last time driven. Newer keys are also storing GPS data.

So how is this all relevant? It turns out that many insurance claims are filed for stolen cars, and a lot of those are false. In Europe, the insurance carriers require the owner to produce their car keys for examination upon making a report. Virtually no one understands that the data contained in their keys can be used against them in a criminal prosecution for attempted insurance fraud, or a denial of claim. Case in point: the owner files a police report that his car was stolen three days ago. He turned over his keys to prove that they were not left in the vehicle or given to the thieves. What the driver did not know was that the memory in the key logs the last time the car was driven and the ending mileage. In this particular case, the information on the keys showed that the car had been driven the day before, which meant it had to be a false claim.

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IN THE NEWS

Another Reason Not To Steal Cars: Key Fobs Now Store A Ton Of Data (continued)

I went to Lockmaster headquarters in Begheim, Germany for a further demonstration of key decoding and how to intercept critical information between key fob and car to steal the vehicle. [Watch my interview](#) with Enrico Wendt, the Operations Manager of the company, as he shows how to decode a BMW key fob. In my next article, you can watch Sascha Wendt, Technical Manager, as he shows how easy it is to drive away in a new Audi.

While the primary purpose for storing data on keys is ostensibly for maintenance functions, there is no question that law enforcement and insurers are providing input to the auto manufactures and that more and more information will be stored in key fobs, just like on smartphones.

Keys for vehicles are only part of the security issues that are constantly under attack by covert entry specialists, law enforcement agencies, criminals, and hackers. I was shown how expensive cars can be stolen by high-tech thieves with a portable device that is also made in Bulgaria. And if that was not enough, I was briefed on how a key fob for one of the most secure high-end vehicles manufactured in Germany can be easily replicated through the infrared port in the ignition and plugged into a laptop, compliments of hackers in Poland.

Car manufacturers are now paying attention to defects in the designs of their wireless entry systems and a very clever solution by a Swiss inventor who I interviewed in Zurich. Stay tuned.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/marcwebertobias/2015/09/24/another-reason-not-to-steal-cars-key-fobs-now-store-a-ton-of-data/>

USA: Nevada County District Attorney wins grant to fight auto insurance fraud

Nevada County District Attorney Cliff Newell has announced the California State Insurance Commissioner awarded his office a \$31,000 grant to help investigate and prosecute auto theft and auto insurance fraud.

The district attorney's office will be able to assign a dedicated investigator and a part-time deputy district attorney for enhanced investigation and prosecution of auto theft and fraud cases.

"This grant will help us expand our consumer protection investigations and prosecutions," Newell said in a news release. "Economic crimes are rapidly increasing throughout the state and we will be proactive protecting our citizens."

The district attorney said he will work closely with the California Department of Insurance to identify cases that will have the most deterrent effect and those that significantly impact the community.

According to the news release, in the last three years there were 45 suspected fraud cases reported to the Insurance Commission that were not investigated due to a lack of resources.

The grant will allow these referrals to be investigated locally and help protect Nevada County consumers.

The addition of this position enhances the district attorney's investigative capabilities and scope. The District Attorney Investigations Bureau has three full-time criminal investigators and specialized investigators for worker compensation fraud, welfare fraud and now, auto insurance fraud.

Source: <http://www.theunion.com/news/18351356-113/nevada-county-district-attorney-wins-grant-to-fight>

IN THE NEWS

NICB: Downward Trend in Motorcycle Thefts Continues

2014 thefts drop six percent from 2013

DES PLAINES, Ill., Oct. 28, 2015 — The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) today released a report on motorcycle thefts in the United States for 2014. A total of 42,856 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2014 compared with 45,367 reported stolen in 2013—a decrease of six percent.

This is welcome news for motorcycle owners since the drop comes at a time when overall motorcycle sales in 2014 increased by four percent over their 2013 total.

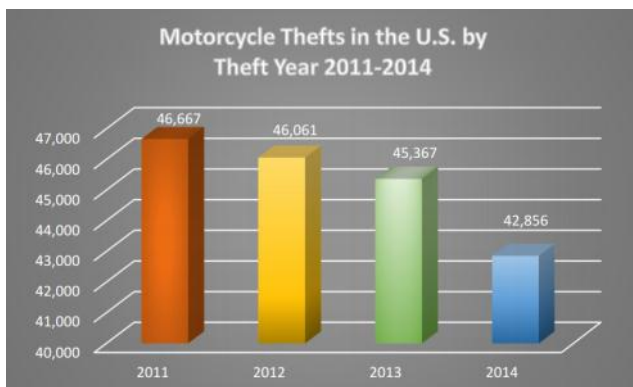
The top 10 states with the most reported motorcycles thefts in 2014 were California (6,355), Florida (3,981), Texas (3,274), South Carolina (2,146), North Carolina (2,117), New York (1,544), Indiana (1,508), Nevada (1,488), Georgia (1,455) and Maryland (1,127).

The top 10 cities for motorcycle thefts in 2014 were Las Vegas (1,163), New York (1,034), San Diego (650), Miami (541), San Francisco (516), San Antonio (447), Houston (439), Indianapolis (422), Los Angeles (397) and Albuquerque, N.M. (390).

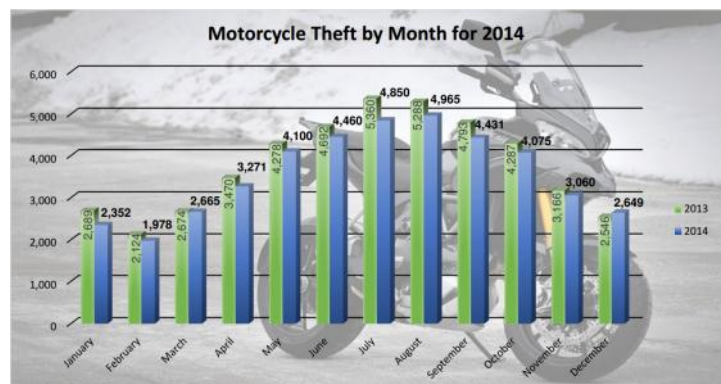
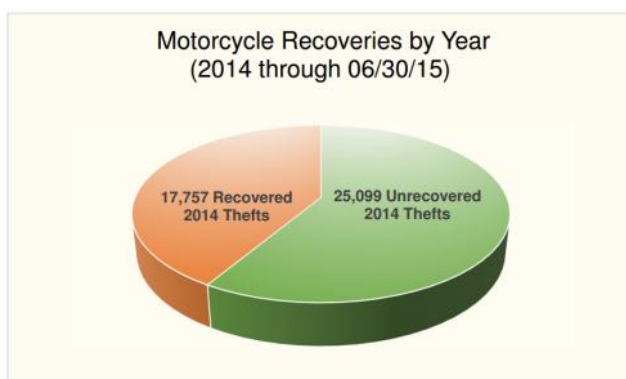
The top 10 most stolen motorcycles in 2014 by manufacturer were American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (8,045), Yamaha Motor Corporation (6,728), American Suzuki Motor Corporation (5,987), Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (4,497), Harley Davidson, Inc. (4,146), Taotao Group Co. Ltd (1,730), Astronautical Bashan (535), Jonway Group Co., Ltd. (503), KTM Sportmotorcycle AG (489) and Genuine Cycle (449).

The most motorcycle thefts occurred in August (4,965) and the fewest in February (1,978) reflecting a weather-influenced pattern that is consistent with previous years.

The complete report is available from: <https://www.nicb.org/File%20Library/Public%20Affairs/2014-Motorcycle-ForeCAST-Report-Public.pdf>



2014 Theft Rank	Make	2013 Thefts	2014 Thefts	Percent Change 2013-2014
1	American Honda Motor Co., Inc.	8,557	8,045	-6%
2	Yamaha Motor Corporation	7,038	6,728	-4%
3	American Suzuki Motor Corporation	6,378	5,987	-6%
4	Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.	4,736	4,497	-5%
5	Harley Davidson, Inc.	3,907	4,146	6%
6	Taotao Group Co. Ltd	1,829	1,730	-5%
7	Astronautical Bashan	481	535	11%
8	Jonway Group Co., Ltd.	329	503	53%
9	KTM Sportmotorcycle AG	466	489	5%
10	Genuine Cycle	314	449	43%
11	Kymco U.S.A., Inc	415	447	8%
12	Ducati Motor Holding	349	426	22%
13	Vespa International	332	364	10%
14	Zhongneng Motorcycle Co., Ltd.	231	312	35%
15	Triumph Motorcycle Ltd.	223	312	23%



IN THE NEWS

California Highway Patrol seeks to eliminate identity theft in vehicle purchases with proposed new thumbprint requirement

by Melanie Joo and Kelly Laffey, Thompson Coburn LLP, 2 November 2015

Every year, millions of dollars are lost by finance companies and dealerships due to fraud and identity theft related crimes.

Even worse, due to the lack of accurate personal information on an identity theft suspect, identifying and convicting such criminals is nearly impossible.



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is seeking to significantly decrease identity theft arising out of vehicle sales by proposing a legislative bill requiring all licensed vehicle dealers to obtain a customer thumbprint prior to any vehicle sale.

The rationale behind the proposed bill is to deter would-be criminals from purchasing a vehicle in the first place by requiring personal information. An additional benefit for law enforcement is the identification and tracking of a criminal will be made much easier with the thumbprint on record.

How it works

If approved, all licensed dealers will be required to obtain a thumbprint of the purchaser of the vehicle at the time of sale. The thumbprint will be maintained for the life of the sales contract and thereafter destroyed or deleted.

A digital copy of the thumbprint will be maintained with the deal file or a third party service provider with a secure database and is not accessible to the public or law enforcement without probable cause or a search warrant.

Once a dealer is notified that it is a victim of fraud, law enforcement will then have requisite probable cause to inspect, copy or seize the print for investigation.

Will it work?

The thumb printing policies of a large southern California dealer group are a good example of how thumb printing aids in the prevention of identity theft. Of the many dealerships owned and operated by the dealer group, 17 locations have instituted a customer thumbprint policy. According to dealership executives, they know of just five customers in six years that refused to give a thumbprint and left the dealership without purchasing a vehicle. Of those five, three later returned to the dealership to purchase a vehicle and left a thumbprint at the time of purchase.

In addition to requiring a thumbprint, the dealer group also provides a fraud training program for its employees, which includes the proper procedures for obtaining thumbprints. In the six-year lifespan of customer thumbprint policies at this dealer group, vehicle losses due to fraud or identity theft have been nearly non-existent.

Status of the proposed bill

Todd Wolf, Vehicle Theft Investigator with the California Highway Patrol, authored this proposed California legislative bill. The bill is in the approval stages at the CHP and a co-sponsor for the bill is currently pending. T

he bill is also supported by The California New Car Dealers Association, Taskforce for Regional Auto-theft Prevention and Western States Auto Theft Investigators Association.

Source: <http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/california-highway-patrol-seeks-to-42529/>

IN THE NEWS

Canada: Off-road vehicle registration mandatory on Nov. 1

By Contributed - Clearwater Times, Oct 16, 2015

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

VICTORIA – Off-road vehicle registration and safety provisions are mandatory on Crown land effective Nov. 1, 2015, following passage of regulations in support of the Off-Road Vehicle Act.

"Off-road vehicle registration will help combat vehicle theft and promote responsible use of ORVs," said Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. "The new safety standards will help keep ORV users safe in B.C.'s backcountry."

The new regulations will promote safe and responsible use of B.C.'s backcountry, and include provisions on number plate placement, rules for child operators and safety equipment requirements. Operating standards include:

- Helmets: Helmets must be worn when operating an off-road vehicle (ORV). For standards of acceptable helmets see section 22 of the Off-Road Vehicle Regulation at www.bclaws.ca (Off-Road Vehicle Act).
- Seat belts: If a manufacturer has installed seat belts, then the seat belt must be worn during the operation of that vehicle.
- Lights: ORVs must use lights during low visibility conditions when riding on Crown land 30 minutes after sunset or 30 minutes before sunrise. If lights are not installed by the manufacturer, temporary lights can be attached to the ORV. For details on light standards see section 24 of the Off-Road Vehicle Regulation.
- Children: Children must be supervised when riding on Crown land and be riding an appropriate sized ORV as recommended by the manufacturer. For details, see sections 16-18 of the Off-Road Vehicle Regulation.

The off-road vehicle registration is integrated within the pre-existing structure of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's (ICBC) motor vehicle registry. This will reduce implementation costs and allows off road vehicle owners to register at any of the 900+ ICBC insurance brokers in the province.

The regulations also fulfil the Province's commitment to create a sticker option for those ORVs which are unable to house metal plates.

Owners who already secured an ORV number plate during voluntary registration can, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015, bring their registration and metal plate to any ICBC broker and exchange their metal plate for a sticker for no charge. After Dec. 31, 2015, an \$18 fee will apply to exchange a metal plate for a sticker or vice versa.

As well, snowmobile owners who have already registered their vehicles under the Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act will be eligible for refund, up until Nov. 16, 2015, when they register under the ORV Act.

The refund will be for the amount they had already paid – this will be \$5 for transfers and \$10 for registration.

Voluntary registration has been in place since Nov. 17, 2014, and since then over 35,000 users have registered. As of Nov. 1, 2015, registration will be mandatory. The combined cost of the number plate and registration fee remains \$48.

For more detailed information on the new ORV regulations there is a detailed FAQ at: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv/>

To continue reading: http://www.clearwatertimes.com/breaking_news/333287621.html

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 IAATI will also post course announcements on our website and in APB during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: iaati.org The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

2016 Conferences and Training Seminars

National Insurance Crime Bureau	Continuous	on line training web site, click on: courses	www.NICBTraining.org
Interpol Asian Vehicle Theft Symposium	Feb.16th – 18th	Bangkok, Thailand,	John O'Byrne j.obyrne@ozemail.com.au
California Hwy. Patrol 40 hour Vehicle Theft class	Feb. 29th – Mar. 4th	West Sacramento, California	Officer Bettini jbettini@chp.ca.gov
International Assoc. of Marine Invest. Annual Seminar	March13th – 16th	Knoxville, Tennessee	http://iamimarine.org/iami/
California Hwy. Patrol 40 hour Vehicle Theft class	April 11th – 15th	Los Angeles, California	Officer Bettini jbettini@chp.ca.gov
Colorado Auto Theft Investigators	April 18th – 21st	Grand Junction, Colorado	Bill Johnson william@arvada.org
Australasian Branch Annual Training Seminar	April 18th – 20th	Melbourne, Australia	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaatiaus.org
NICB Training Academy	May 2nd – 5th	St. Louis, Missouri	Melitta Kewitz mkewitz@nicb.org
North Central Regional Chapter	May 2nd – 5th	Des Moines, Iowa	Cheryl Zofkie czofkie@nicb.org
North East Regional Chapter	May 9th – 12th	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Trevor Archibald archibaldt@ottawapolice.ca
National Odometer & Title Fraud Enforcement Association	May 15th – 19th	Park City, Utah	Holly Mertz Holly.Mertz@iowa.gov
United Kingdom Branch	June 8th – 9th	Hollywell Park, Loughborough Leicestershire, UK	Ian Platt platt.ian@btinternet.com
64th Annual IAATI International & South East Chapter Seminar	Aug. 7th – 12th	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	Rusty Russell DRussell@nicb.org
Miami Dade Auto Theft Symposium	Oct. 3rd – 7th	Miami, Florida, USA Modimole, Limpopo	Rosa Holtz rholtz@mdpd.com
South African Branch Seminar	Oct. 26th – 28th	Weesgerus Police Resort Modimole, Limpopo	Daan Nel dnel@tracker.co.za