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Hope all your bags are packed....We are only a short few weeks from the kickoff and we have a lot of things planned. Great training, great networking, and lots to do and see.

Please check out some information on what to know and/or do before you come to Scotland on [Page 5](#).

Have a great success story? Know a member that has been given an award or promoted? Please share that with us and we will add it to the next newsletter.

Email nmcganty@seiaati.org

Tools for Your Toolbox has been updated with some useful things such as Car Rental Security Contacts and PSA's.

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For 2019 IAATI conference Information and updates, [click here!](#)

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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Asian Branch
iaati.org/ab

Australasian Branch
iaatiaus.org

European Branch
eb-iaati.org

Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org

Southern African Branch
iaatisab.co.za

United Kingdom Branch
iaati.org.uk/

Chapters (North America/Canada)

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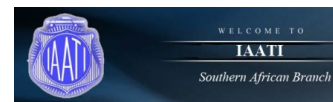
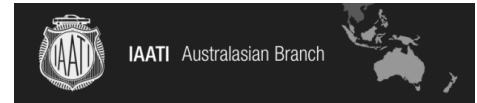
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South Central Regional Chapter
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South East Regional Chapter
seiaati.org

Western Regional Chapter
wrciaati.org

COMING SOON



MEMBER NEWS

Just a reminder!!!

2019 dues are NOW due

Go to the website and renew today!!



WEBSITE UPDATE:

For photos and PowerPoint presentations from the IAATI conference in Pittsburgh, please log into www.iaati.org and go to the resources page.

E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

In order to provide relevant and fresh news related to vehicle theft and related crimes, the focus will be to provide more issues, more often, with the latest stories that you need to see, all at your fingertips. IAATI training seminar information, Branch/Chapter News and updates, and committee reports are all posted on the website. Auto Theft Today will have a section included with links to all of these areas on the website that you can easily access for the latest information. Below is a chart of the menus on the website to provide an overview of the wealth of information available once you log in. Please take a few minutes to visit www.iaati.org and check it out!

ABOUT IAATI	MEMBERSHIP	EVENTS	NEWS	RESOURCES	AWARDS	CERTIFICATIONS
President's Message	Application Form	IAATI Training Events	Submit a News Story	Training Resources		Certification Process
Association History	Renew Online	Non-IAATI Training Events	North & South America	Publications		Basic Certification
Branches and Chapters	Search Members	Past Events	Europe & the UK	Photo Galleries		Advanced Certification
International Board Members	Member List		Asia, Africa, & Australasia	Forum		Master Certification
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Documentation						

Networking, sharing information and keeping up to date with the latest trends, contacts and news in the world of vehicle theft are instrumental in the always demanding world that we as investigators live in, so the majority of each issue will contain summaries of the latest incidents, arrests, and related information with links to the full story. The links can also be copied and pasted into an email to share with others.

There will also be a section that links to the "Submit a News Story" function on the website. Collectively, we can all reap greater benefits from every-one sharing just one story, one contact or one idea. Please submit yours either through the website or in an email to enews@iaati.org.

Conference Updates



67th IAATI International Vehicle Crime Conference Glasgow, Scotland 15th – 20th September 2019



“VEHICLE CRIME AND THE CYBER FUTURE”

Conference Chairman: IAATI 3rd VP Brad Anderson (acr1brad@comcast.net)
On site Coordinator IAATI UK: John O’Byrne (jobyrne@iaati.org)
On site Coordinator IAATI EU: Vince Wise (vince.wise@datatag.co.uk)



- ◆ 5 Day Auto Theft Awareness Sessions
- ◆ 3 Day Auto Theft Expo
- ◆ Civic Reception
- ◆ Scottish Night
- ◆ Kilt Hire
- ◆ WHOVA App



Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAATI2019>

Companion Registration at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAATIPartner>

Conference Updates

Things to know or do before you come to the conference:

Register: [Click Here](#)



Companion Registration: [Click Here](#)

Polo Shirt Orders: [Click Here](#)

Live Schedule: [Click Here](#)

Print a copy or get the WHOVA APP for most up to date schedule

Delegate Discounts: [Click Here](#)

Partner's Guide: [Click Here](#)

Download WHOVA APP on your Smart Phone



Proposed Amendments to IAATI Constitution

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Affiliate Membership

Any representative of any company, organization, business or philanthropic endeavor known or believed to be beneficial to the best interests and objectives of the Association, and who contributes an annual sum of not less than of an Active membership fee, and is not less than eighteen years of age is eligible for membership an Affiliate member. Membership shall be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board. Affiliate members shall have the privileges of an Active Member, and can hold the office of President or Vice President as long as the below parameters are met:

1. The Affiliate member must be a current Director or Associate Director and have been engaged in the Association for 5 years. Engaged is described as attending conferences, participating in board meetings, chairing committees and showing value to the association.
2. There can only be one Affiliate member in the chairs (4th Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President) at a time. The Affiliate member must either be outgoing President or the immediate Past President before the nominating committee will consider another Affiliate member as 4th Vice President.

Article 2

Section 5. Application for Membership

Applications for Active or Affiliate Membership shall be made to the Executive Director, with recommendations by a current member in good standing, to include life members and past presidents.

ADD the Following:

Any person accepting membership in IAATI agrees to abide by the Association's rules, policies and Code of Ethics. Members found to be in breach of the Code of Ethics may be subject to disciplinary measures.

Anny question please contact:

John V. Abounader
Executive Director
IAATI

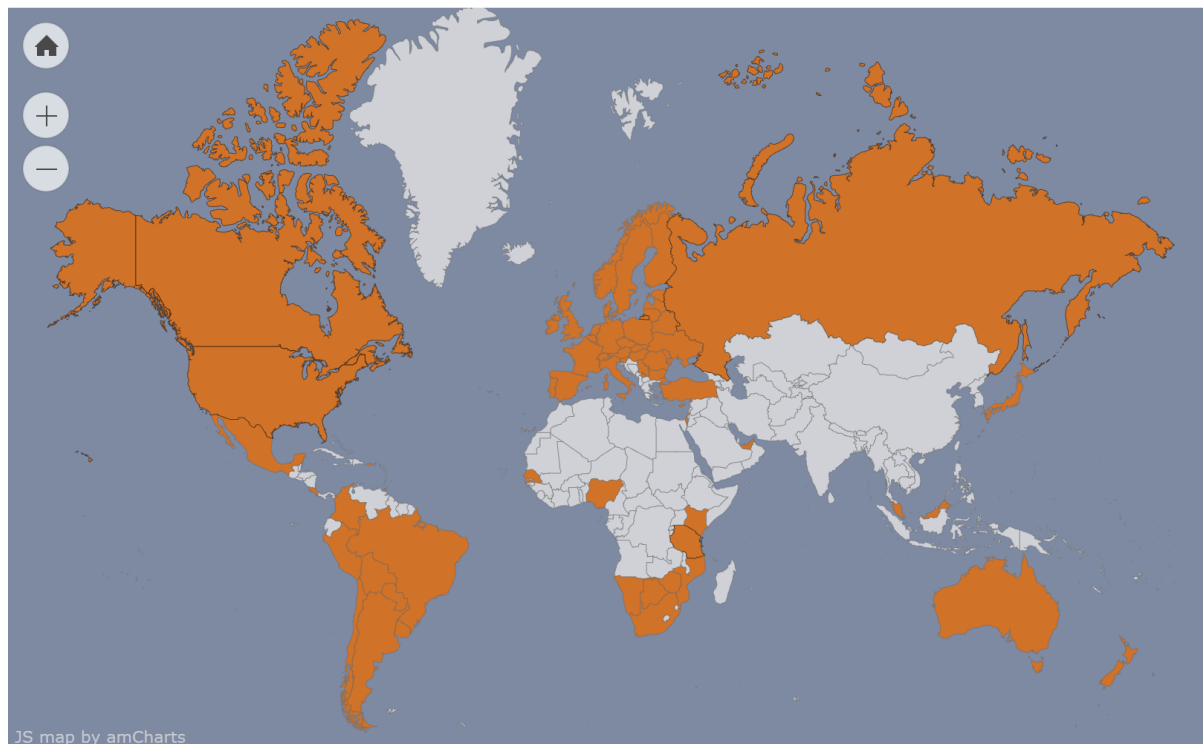
Where in the World? By Paul Thomas

Did you know that IAATI has members in Trinidad and Tobago? Well we do, we have two members based there - Martin and Robert.

Have you ever needed a contact in Belarus, Kenya or Malaysia? Yes, we also have members there as well.

In fact we have over 3,100 members in 66 countries throughout the world.

While IAATI is currently working to expand our membership base throughout Asia, you can see from the following map that we have members in most parts of the world. These are people you can turn to for assistance with your investigations.



To find details of an IAATI member in another country simply:

Go to our website www.iaati.org

1. Click the *Account* button in the header of the home page and log in.
2. Once you have logged in, click the *Search* button in the header.
3. An orange coloured panel will open where you can either search the entire site or search for members.
4. To search for members click the blue *Member Search* button.
The best way to search is to then click the '*+ Further options*' link. This will enable you to filter your search by a large number of data items including 'Home country'.

Alternatively, you can access this search feature from the Membership page of the website. Simply select 'Search members' from the submenu on the right side of the Membership page. Remember, as this tool is only available to financial members, you can only search for members once you have logged into your account.

As a quick guide to where we have members you can also visit the new interactive membership map on our website.

<https://www.iaati.org/membership>

IAATI UPDATES

Chapter / Branch Information - Branch and chapter information is located on the website.

For general information and obtain contact information for a branch or chapter, please [click here](#). Information about IAATI chapters and branches can be found on the website: ABOUT IAATI/BRANCHES AND CHAPTERS. For individual chapter and branch news, please visit that website or go to page 2 and click on a logo to be directed to that branch or chapter website.

Committee Information / News / Reports - Committee information is located on the website.

For general committee information, members and their contact information, please [click here](#) or from the website, click ABOUT IAATI. To access periodic committee reports, please [click here](#). Committee reports are located on the website: ABOUT IAATI/DOCUMENTATION.

Training Seminar / Event Information - Training information is always being added to the website.

For information on all IAATI training events as well as training offered by others, please [click here](#). Members are able to view information regarding the various training opportunities available and register online when able.

Board Members / Information - Please [click here](#) to view information on the IAATI website regarding current board members.

Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released end of December. If you have any articles, photographs, member news, or anything else to include in the next issue, please [click here to submit a story](#) or send an email to enews@iaati.org. In order to have your information included in the next edition, please submit or email everything by the 10th of each month.

Board Members and Committee Members wanted!

Each year during the annual IAATI conference, members elect a new board of directors. New committee members are selected as well. Now is the time to do your part and submit your intent to serve on the IAATI board or one of the committees. It is as simple as sending an email to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President JD Hough at jdhough@iaati.org.

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

- Your name and number of years you have been an IAATI member along with membership number;
- Your profession and current employer;
- Your reasons for wanting to get more involved;
- The number of IAATI seminars you have attended over the past years;
- What ideas you have that might benefit IAATI;
- Your experience/work within your local IAATI chapter/branch.



IACP's Vehicle Crimes Committee has been busy for the last few years!

The committee continually works on multiple issues regarding vehicle related crimes. Currently work groups are focusing on rental vehicle thefts, emerging technology issues and creating a vehicle crimes toolkit for smaller agencies.

[Click here](#) to see what resources are available for your agency!



Awards & Recognition

If you know of any IAATI Member that has received any recognition please let us know so we can share the news. Email enews@iaati.org.



Awards Nominations

With a busy work life we rarely take time out to sit back and review our work or that of others. We rush to finish one job and then move straight on to the next. However it is important that we all occasionally take a moment and assess ours and our colleagues work, and then acknowledge those examples of outstanding achievement.

While all Chapters and Branches have their own local awards the International Board also manages a total of eight awards including:

- Raymond H. Dreher Memorial Award
- The IAATI Award of Merit
- IAATI President's Award
- IAATI Directors Award
- The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award
- IAATI Heavy Equipment Award
- IAATI Component Parts Markings Award
- NICB Award of Excellence

Nominations for all Awards close on 1st May each year, but you don't need to wait until then. Why not use some free time over the Christmas holidays to nominate someone and send it in.

Details on the criteria for each award and how to nominate can be found on the Awards Page of the website at <https://www.iaati.org/awards>

You Chapters also have awards available. Please reach out or look at their websites and see what is available and the due dates as they will all be different. It is important to recognize all the dedicated hard workers out there. Please take the few minutes and nominate these important people.

Success Story

Cooperation between Shelter Insurance's Special Investigations Unit and The Robison Group Investigative Solutions leads to a success story.

A claim was filed with Shelter Insurance for the theft of a Toyota Corolla in Arkansas in July 2017. The claim was assigned to The Robison Group Investigative Solutions for field investigation related to the theft. The Claims Department learned the vehicle had recently been titled and registered in California. With this new title Shelter was unable to obtain a salvage title.

The local California police auto-theft task force was unsuccessful confirming the vehicle's presence at the registration address during drive-by spot checks of the residence.

A license plate reader search revealed several matches at various locations, and most recently, a Home Depot parking lot and a housing complex. A May 2018 match showed the vehicle parked on the street in what appeared to be a new or expanding housing development with ongoing construction. It was not clear if the vehicle was parked at a residence or in the construction area.

The investigator reviewed Google Maps satellite and street view for the location. In doing so, a late model, dark colored Toyota sedan was seen parked in a driveway directly across from where the match was recorded. The street view of the license plate was blurred, but the date of the street view photograph was labeled May; the same month the license plate reader recorded the vehicle at that address.

More database research found records that showed the residence was recently purchased by a family whose prior addresses also corresponded with the earlier license plate reader matches found in other areas. Later, a license plate registration inquiry confirmed the homeowner and vehicle owner were the same.

Our field investigator went to this address in California and observed the vehicle. Local law enforcement was contacted, but they disclosed the vehicle was not currently listed as stolen via NCIC. We contacted law enforcement in Arkansas who immediately re-entered the vehicle into NCIC as active and stolen. Before the police in California arrived, the vehicle departed the residence and our investigator followed. Our investigator communicated with police in real time updating the vehicle's movements and location. The police eventually stopped the vehicle and impounded it.

Our investigator was able to determine the vehicle was sold at a lien sale in Arkansas and then resold via the website OfferUp to the current registrant.

Shelter Insurance appealed to the State of California DMV requesting they withdraw the incorrectly issued title and registration thus rendering it null and void. Once this administrative part of the process is complete, the vehicle will be sold via an auto auction with the proceeds being properly directed to Shelter Insurance and the claim will be closed.

This is an example of cooperation and investigative partnership between an insurance company's claims department, Special Investigations Unit and an investigation firm working together for a successful outcome.

Casey Cordy, FCLA has been investigating insurance fraud for 10 years. She can be reached at ccordy@therobisongroup.com or www.therobisongroup.com.

Training Opportunities

2019 & 2020 Auto Theft Training Seminars

Submitted by Past Pres. Denny Roske

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 me at: iaatidenny@aol.com IAATI will also post course announcements on our web site & the IAATI e-news during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: iaati.org The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

TRAINING LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT INFO.
National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) on line training web site, click on: courses	Continuous	www.NICBTraining.org
National Cargo Theft Summit Louisville, Kentucky	Oct. 3rd & 4th	Melissa Sullivan MSullivan@nicb.org
South Central Regional Chapter Waco, Texas	Oct. 6th – 11th	Michelle Snyder M3Editor@outlook.com
Western Chapter & Southern Western States Auto Theft Inv. San Diego, California	Oct. 14th – 18th	Mick O’Neill moneill@HAGERTY.com
South African Branch Weesgerus Modimolle, Limpopo	Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st	Adrie Blignaut adrie@zonke-unicode.co.za
European Branch Ljubljana, Slovenia	Nov. 6th – 8th	Vince Wise vince.wise@datatag.co.uk
2020		
Australasian Branch Seminar Melbourne, Australia	April 20th – 22nd	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaati.org
North East Regional Chapter Middletown, Rhode Island	June 1st – 4th	Kim Hormann KHormann@PlymouthRock.com
South East Regional Chapter Savannah, GA	June 7th – 11th	Julio Valcarcel Julio.valcarcel@seiaati.org
2020 International Seminar & North Central Chapter Chicago, Illinois	August 2nd – 7th	Barb Rambo brambo@nicb.org
South Central Regional Chapter San Marcos, Texas	Oct. 13th – 18th	Michelle Snyder M3Editor@outlook.com

Future International Seminars

2021 69th Seminar: Denver, Colorado, USA

Training Opportunities continued

Enter to Win: A Free registration to the 2020 Australasian Branch Training Seminar

We would like to encourage our fellow IAATI members to join us at our 2020 Training Seminar. So to help entice you down under, the Australasian Branch of IAATI is offering **one member from each** of IAATI's Branches and Chapters a free registration to our 2020 Annual Training Seminar in Melbourne, 20-22 April, 2020 (Note: the date is yet to be confirmed).

Why? To encourage greater interaction and exchange of IAATI members from around the world. We know Australia and New Zealand are a long way from the rest of the world, but we would love to have you visit us and develop networks and contacts with your fellow IAATI members 'down under'.

What's the catch? While we are offering free seminar registrations, you will be required to cover all your other costs including travel and accommodation. Sorry, but it will be worth it! Why not consider bringing the family and having a holiday in Australia. You can visit our great beaches, our modern cities, the natural beauty of the Australian outback or take in some of our unique flora and fauna.

When & Where: The Seminar is being held in Melbourne, in the State of Victoria. Most international airlines fly directly into Melbourne so there is no internal flights required. The Seminar venue is currently being finalised.

How to apply: Please send a short email stating your name, IAATI membership number, and contact details to the Australasian Branch President, Mr. Mark Pollard, via: mpollard@iaati.org
Nominations close 11th October, 2019 and winners will be advised by the 30 October 2019.



The Fine Print:

1. The Australasian Branch is offering up to nine (9) free seminar registrations to current IAATI members from outside the Australasian Branch to attend their 2020 Annual Training Seminar in Melbourne. One free registration will be offered to a member from each of the following IAATI Branches - Asian, European, Latin American, Southern African, United Kingdom, and each of the North American IAATI Chapters - NERC, NCRC, SCRC, SERC, and the WRC.
2. If multiple nominations are received from a branch or chapter then the Australasian Branch will consult with your local branch or chapter president to determine who will receive the offer.
3. The offer only covers the cost of the seminar registration fee, i.e. training classes, delegate's pack, lunches during the seminar, the Networking reception and seminar dinner. Recipients of the offer are required to cover all other costs including, but not limited to, transportation costs, accommodation, visas (if required), other meals not included in the seminar, travel insurance, tickets for partners to the seminar dinner and reception, etc.
4. This offer only applies to current financial IAATI members who have applied and have received confirmation from the Australasian Branch that they have been selected to receive a free registration.
5. Please only apply if you are reasonably certain you will be able to attend and take up the offer if selected.

Training Opportunities continued



SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit

Join us for the 5th annual Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit hosted by Travelers Insurance and CargoNet. The Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit provides important opportunities for law enforcement, insurance, and private industry personnel to gain insight into local and national cargo theft and transportation issues.

The Summit offers training and networking opportunities to provide a collaborative effort to detect and deter theft and identify trends in the transportation industry.

Registration: We will be sending out the invitation for this complementary no charge training opportunity in June. The invitation will include the detailed schedule and links to register for the event and book a hotel room.



Join us!

November 5-6, 2019

Double Tree By Hilton
924 West Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016

Tuesday, the 5th:
Classes 8:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday Evening Networking
Reception

Wednesday, the 6th:
8:00am to 12:00pm

Details to follow on POST and
CE credits accreditation

Resolutions



International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
Auto Theft Prevention Authorities Committee



Resolution for Watch Your Car Program

- Whereas: The ATPA Committee recognizes the Watch Your Car Program was adopted under the United States Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act of 1994, and subsequently published in the Federal Register on August 6, 1996.¹
- Whereas: The Watch Your Car Program is a national voluntary effort that encourages owners of motor vehicles to display a light reflective decal or sticker on the rear window of their vehicle to alert police that their vehicle is not normally driven between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- Whereas: Since adoption under the United States Code, versions of the national program have been adopted by some states, local jurisdictions and auto theft prevention programs.²
- Whereas: The ATPA Committee received a report from the Intelligence Analysts Workgroup which provided background, rationale, case study, challenges, and recommendations.
- Therefore: Based on consultation with representatives from the ATPA Committee, the Watch Your Car Program would be recommended for IAATI to support an existing or new programmatic implementation under the following conditions:
1. The programmatic owner would perform a jurisdictional legal analysis which demonstrates applicability for implementing or continuing the Watch Your Car program, including consideration on elements of the program not creating intrusive police activity which would infringe on personal rights of citizens,
 2. The programmatic owner has on-going impact analysis of the Watch Your Car Program which identifies and manages the number of registrants enrolled in the program, awareness, and training to law enforcement, and ability to dis-enroll registrants that either no longer poses the previously enrolled vehicle or desire to no longer participate,
 3. The programmatic owner performs an annual administrative analysis on the performance and effectiveness of Watch Your Car Program, which may include the number of active registrants, number of dis-enrolled registrants, number of vehicles which were identified as being stolen at the time of the police stop, etc.
- Adopted: This resolution is adopted by the IAATI ATPA Committee on the 9th day of May 2019.

¹ Federal Register, Volume 61, No. 152, Pages 40725-40727, 42 U.S.C. 14171 Part 29 Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act Regulations

² Examples of Watch Your Car Programs include: Combat Auto Theft or C.A.T. program began as an experiment in New York in the mid-1980's and was brought to additional cities in California in 1992 (Connelly, June 30, 1992); California and Minnesota call it the Help Eliminate Auto Theft or H.E.A.T. program (Riverside, California Police Department, May 8, 2017; Duluth, Minnesota Police Department, 2018); Illinois has the Beat Auto Theft or B.A.T. program (United States Department of Justice, February 1998).

NMVTIS

What is NMVTIS you ask?



According to the website, The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is, among other things, a tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in investigating, deterring, and preventing vehicle-related crimes.

Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about [NMVTIS and its Benefits to Law Enforcement](#).

IN THE NEWS...

40 Arrested in Spain and France for International Vehicle Theft and Trafficking. *August 8, 2019,* <https://www.europol.europa.eu> reports that this case involved 40 individuals and that 118 stolen vehicles were recovered.

RV worth more than \$275K stolen in Hampton *August 14, 2019,* <https://www.wavy.com> reports that the RV was parked outside a convention center for a show and that the keys were left in it.

Metro Police: 67 percent of stolen vehicles had keys inside; six guns stolen. *August 28, 2019,* <https://fox17.com> releases information related to vehicles thefts from August 18th to 24th.

Shocking used car scam could be secretly costing you thousands in the UK-How to avoid it. *August 17, 2019,* <https://www.express.co.uk> reports that a used car scam involved with clocking and mileage fraud is costing people thousands.

U.S.: Fraud made ex-NIADA leader millions. *August 19 8, 2019,* <https://www.autonews.com> reports that the former president has been accused of defrauding 4 banks, credit unions, and GM by using fake vehicle sales and fraudulent loan applications to pocket millions.

Tools for your Toolbox

Here you will find publications that could be used as a tool for the trade. If you have anything you would like to share here please email it to enews@iaati.org.

- [VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS: A FORCE MULTIPLIER](#)
- [TSA Rental Truck Brochure](#)
- [NHTSA "Preventing Auto Theft" Video](#) (Please use and share)
- [NHTSA "Protecting Your Vehicle from Theft" social graphics](#) (Please use and share)
- [Car Rental Security Contacts](#)