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**Greetings!**

A special thanks to all who were part of the 6th Annual "The Crooks are Getting Smarter...Are You?" seminar held September 27, 2012.

With more than 200 attendees, and dozens of volunteers the seminar was a tremendous success. We look forward to seeing you next year.

As always, ICJE strives to be a resource to assist law enforcement and the private sector in the many areas that make up the criminal justice system.

Thank you for all you do,

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

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**"Not Yet Issued" \$100 Bills Stolen**

From the AP: "Federal authorities are warning merchants to be on the lookout for

stolen \$100 bills that aren't supposed to go into circulation until next year. The bills were stolen from an airplane that landed in Philadelphia from Dallas Thursday morning October 12, 2012. The plane had been transporting money from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility in Dallas."

Example of the type of stolen bills:



Should you encounter any of the stolen bills, or need further detailed information, contact US Secret Service Agent Jeff Hyre in the Philadelphia field office.

## Attempted Abductions Database - Law Enforcement Only

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has been collecting information on attempted abductions since the 1990's. Today, this program employs a team of analysts who proactively track and collect attempted abduction data and information across the United States.

Assistance provided by Attempted Abduction Analysts

- Track attempted abductions & kidnappings, as well as related "suspicious activity or events"
- Distribute a weekly report to law enforcement summarizing the attempted abduction incidents confirmed in the previous 7 days
- Identify and analyze regional trends and patterns among cases using the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children databases, external data sources, and geographic-information databases
- Provide law enforcement assistance by linking together attempted abductions that have occurred within a certain mile radius, including any suspect and vehicle information
- Compare past crimes and cold cases for similarities in an effort to develop links to suspects

- Prepare and disseminate special bulletins, when necessary, to alert the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children staff and law enforcement of any emerging abduction patterns
- Develop data driven tips and strategies to assist the public and communities in preventing child abductions

**To report an incident or request assistance, please contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Attempted Abduction Team at [attempts@ncmec.org](mailto:attempts@ncmec.org).**

These services are available to investigating law enforcement ONLY.

## Fraud and Opportunities That Knock

In a recent interview, "Crazy Eddie" provided tremendous insight into the mind of criminals, especially white collar criminals. One quote from a recent interview he provided addressed the deterrent value of the potential of jail time.

*"People commit crimes simply because they could and the opportunity exists. Most criminals do not consider the consequences of their acts as far as jail time is concerned. There's an old saying that prisons are filled with criminals who never planned on being there.... Opportunity is what makes us commit the crime...if no internal controls, if no oversight, if there's nobody watching over us... "*

While this is just one felon giving his opinion, it clearly reflects an interesting proposition for those in both the private and public sector. Crime prevention is all about reducing the opportunities. The prospect of jail time is but a fleeting thought, and does not serve as a deterrent.

Jail becomes not a deterrent, but a price to be paid.

As Location, Location, Location is to real estate, Prevention, Prevention, Prevention is to criminal justice.

Find more at: [A Fraudster's Perspective](#)

## Cyberheists 'A Helluva Wake-up Call' to Small Biz

The \$180,000 robbery took the building security and maintenance system installer Primary Systems Inc. by complete surprise. More than two-dozen people helped to steal funds from the company's coffers in an overnight heist on May 2012, but none of the perpetrators were ever caught on video. Rather, a single virus-laden email that an employee clicked on let the attackers open a digital backdoor, exposing security weaknesses that unfortunately persist between many banks and their corporate customers.

For details: [Cyberheist](#)

## If You're Going to Search...Search!

From Bruce Schneier comes this story about airport searches:

"That search was absolutely useless." I said. "And just shows how much of all of this is security theatre. You guys are just feeling up passengers for no good effect, which means that you get all the downsides of a search -- such as annoyed travellers who feel like they have had their privacy violated -- without any of the benefits. I could have hidden half a dozen items on my person that you wouldn't have had a snowball's chance in a supernova of finding. That's what I meant."

"Sir, are you hiding something?" he said, and as he did, I saw three other security guys coming our way. Oh dear

"Of course not." I said. "But if I had wanted to, I could have."

"Why do you have such a problem with being searched?" another security guy said, presumably the first guy's supervisor.

"Look, I have absolutely no problem with being searched. But if you're going to do it, do it properly -- the plane is no safer at all after this gentleman half-heartedly stroked me for a couple of seconds" I said.

"How do you mean?" the supervisor asked.

"He was stroking me as if he was trying to get me to sleep with him, not as if he was trying to find anything on me." I said. "I've been searched many, many times, and in this case, I could have hidden things in my socks, taped to my thigh, taped to the small of my back, the insides of my upper arms, under my testicles or anywhere on my buttocks."

"Why have you been searched so many times?" the supervisor asked sharply.

"I'm a police officer. I help train other police officers. When we search someone, we assume that the person who searches us may have a knife or something else they can use to harm us, so we search properly. And yes, this means that you have to take a firm grip of somebody's groin, yes, this means that you search even the parts that are less comfortable to have searched, and yes, this means that you're probably going to incur a couple of sexual harassment accusations along the way."

I nodded at the security guard who had searched me. "This fellow here did by far the most useless search I have ever been subjected to, and if I wanted to, I could have smuggled half a dozen knives onto the flight. I don't have a problem with being searched at all -- in fact, if you guys think it's necessary, I'd be the first to admit that I look a little bit suspicious before I've had my first cup of coffee in the morning -- but if you're going to stroke me gently in front of hundreds of people, you'd better buy me a drink first, is all I am saying."

The security supervisor was standing there, frozen at my rant.

For more on the story: [Schneier on Airport Searches](#)

## APTA

### **APTA Annual Meeting and Training**

The 2012 training and annual meeting date is set for December 11, 2012, at AUM in Montgomery. The training and meeting are free to APTA members and a complementary lunch will be provided. This promises to be our best seminar yet, so please plan to attend. Those attending the training will receive 6 APOST CEUs.

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