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Jerome Ford

"We Want Bama"

As many of you may know, I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who lived in Selma while in the FBI. Since then, I have been on the Board of ICJE for more than 20 years, my daughter graduated from the University of Alabama and my son from Ohio State. My daughter is all things Alabama, now living in Tennessee with her University of Alabama license plate and every other home decor item with UA connected to it.

Houndstooth everywhere.

My son graduated from Ohio State in 2015, but never became a fan of the Buckeyes! *(He is a diehard UC Bearcat from birth but received a scholarship that took him to Ohio State kicking and screaming. He wore his Cincinnati Bearcat apparel while attending classes at Ohio State throughout his college career. :)*



Brian Robinson, Jr.

Over the past six months the Cincinnati Bearcats enjoyed an awesome season, in no small part due to the tremendous efforts of running back Jerome Ford.

The cheers after every win led to some "**We Want Bama**" chants. The chant grew louder and stronger as the wins piled up.

And Bama they got! And a healthy dose of Brian Robinson, Jr.!

Happy New Year and Roll Tide!

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"I Believe That Mitch is Great"

I can't believe I didn't come upon this video sooner. Officer Mitch Brouillette of the Brentwood California Police Department was surprised with a fantastic show of thanks from the students at Heritage High School, where he was assigned as the School Resource Officer.

Although the video was shot in 2016, its significance and underlying messages are even more profound as we go into 2022. It's worth all of us viewing, as I believe the commitment he shows to his job and his students, is in the heart of each and every law enforcement officer that enters the job as a calling.

While there are many other similar videos (but you can't find them on the national MSM), this one really captures the true spirit of the majority of law enforcement officers.

I believe there is a Mitch in everyone!



"My cousin was murdered a few weeks ago..."

After the murder of his cousin, Will Anderson, a Townhall guest columnist recently wrote an opinion piece on the increasing amount of



violent crime in many black communities across America. In it, he reveals insights from a generation past. You may find it a thought-provoking article about culture and violence.

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Make Life Better



Just a few weeks ago, Henry Ruggs III ended the life of a young woman in an auto accident and turned down a road with an uncertain destination for his life. While he is considered innocent until proven guilty in the criminal case, there is no doubt that the events are a terrible tragedy for all.

Nick Saban, in addressing the tragedy talked to his team about choices, and about being "there" for others said:

*"So, what I asked our players today was, **are you being a good friend when you don't tell one of your teammates or one of your friends what you should tell them so that they can do the right thing and create value for themselves because you're afraid to tell them because you're afraid of what they might think of you for saying whatever said.**"*

As I read the quote by Nick Saban, it took me back to an ESPN segment about the death of former Alabama running back Altee Tenpenny. Another young man who had so much potential but made poor choices that led to a road of tragedy.

Kenyan Drake, who was interviewed as part of a 4-minute ESPN video of Tenpenny's life said "...that was my friend, I knew I should have kept in a lot more contact than I did..."

As this New Year dawns, take a moment to think about someone who might need a word of encouragement, or the honest guidance to get them back on the right path.

You might just "Make a Better Life" for you and them.

ESPN Video: "Fly High Altee"



Staying Safe in an Unsafe World - Part 3



Staying Safe in an Unsafe World

The Triple-A Plan: Action – Hardening the Target

Security experts tell us that crooks hit targets of opportunity much more frequently than preplanned crimes. Another way to put it is that they concentrate on soft targets rather than hard targets. Unless they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, most crooks are not mentally challenged: they will most likely pick the easy rather than the problematic victim and the easy rather than the challenging target. So how do we harden your home against intrusion?

First, let's look at some statistics. From 2003 to 2007, there were 3.7 million burglaries per year in the U.S. Twenty-eight percent of these were home invasions (burglaries where a household member was home). The most likely victim was a single female with children.* Obviously, a burglary is bad enough, but a home invasion often involves injury and even death, so the key here is to keep the bad folks out. How do you do this?

An old radio commercial advertising the Barbizon School of Modeling said, "You too can be a model... or just look like one." The idea here is to make your home into a castle or just make it look like a castle. Either way, most common burglars looking for an easy score will likely leave you alone. The first thing a homeowner should do is simply walk around the outside of the home and look for ways a burglar can get in. Are your doors and windows always locked? Are shrubs and other obstacles trimmed so that your house is visible from the street? Burglars normally prefer dark, secluded areas with limited street visibility, so you may need to do a little yard work.

In a "Staying Safe" seminar, I suggested that having a visible dog food bowl on your front porch may dissuade a person from breaking in. I didn't really think it was a great idea, just a suggestion, but the seminar participants really liked the idea, so it may work for you as well.

If your home has a burglar alarm-protected sign out front and the identical home next door has no sign, most burglars will hit the home with no sign. Of course, it is better to have a burglar alarm and video cameras protecting your home, but if you can't afford those, just having signs may provide some protection. Signs are cheap and may be bought at Amazon and other online retailers.

Although most alarms are supplied with yard signs and window stickers, the security experts frequently advise using a different company's signs. This is because the majority of alarms sold today are wireless and, if a person knows the manufacturer of the alarm, it might be possible for that person to override the alarm frequency, thereby defeating the alarm.

Besides alarm and video signs, people often place signs in their yards to deter unwanted guests, like "Trespassers will be Shot," and "Protected by Smith & Wesson." It's probably not a good idea to have these signs as it advertises that you have guns, and possibly other expensive items that may be wanted by a burglar.

I used to think that having an American flag outside your home was a deterrent to an attack, but lately, that doesn't seem to be the case, with a growing percentage of U.S. residents expressing disdain for the flag. The same thing can be said about vehicles as well. Having a sticker, plate, or sign on your car showing you are a Christian, a gun carrier, or a political supporter may result in an unpleasant encounter in today's environment. Low profile is definitely the best approach to avoid being a victim.

What about driveway alarms? They are usually passive infrared-based and will provide an alert up to a half-mile away. The drawback is cost, with the better alarms costing \$100 or more, depending on the number of detectors you add. The one I use is a Dakota Alert DCMA-4000, and it was purchased at Amazon. One advantage is that it is set to alert with both vehicles and people, so it alerts when the mail or packages are delivered.

Finally, if you plan to be out of town, make sure your garbage can is rolled in, your newspapers are picked up, your mail is halted, and your lawn is cut. These are "red flag" items that telegraph an easy score to the bad guys.

Summary: Protecting your home begins with reviewing the outside from a burglar's perspective. Next, you should add an alarm and video sign whether or not you have an alarm system. Consider a passive infrared alarm to notify you of approaching vehicles and people, and finally, make sure there are no "red flag" items left outside.

*<https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/ascii/vdhb.txt>

Next month we will offer suggestions for alarms, cameras, and locks to harden your target home.

For comments or suggestions, please get in touch with us at training@icje.org.

Thanks, and stay vigilant. Bob Thetford, ICJE, Inc.



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Security Stickers and Signage

Winter Weather Dives South

With many folks in Alabama feeling the impact of winter this week, "Staying Safe" includes preparing for the rare winter blasts.

The graphics below are from various insurance company and includes some common-sense tips that we sometimes overlook.

On a personal note, a Texas relative turned off her water supply to the house and opened all the inside faucets when sub-freezing temperatures hit last year, confident that no pipes would burst.

She forgot about the fire sprinkler system, which has pipes running through the attic, and is on a separate water line into the house. The lines froze and the water ran continuously until someone finally remembered that the sprinkler system was on a totally different water main.



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Protecting your property

AGAINST THE WINTER WEATHER

Step 1



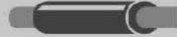
Make sure your loft is well-insulated.



Step 2



Lag pipes to protect them from the cold.



Step 3



Clean out guttering, to reduce ice buildup and the risk of gutter overflow.

Step 4



Make sure your tenants inform you about any dripping taps.



Step 5



Ask tenants to open the loft door and cupboards to let warm air in.



Step 6



Ensure all windows are well-sealed to prevent water damage.



Step 7



Make sure your boiler is serviced regularly.

Step 8



Make sure your tenants know where the stopcock is in case a pipe does burst.



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Training Grant Awarded - ICJE and AUM

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) on Thursday announced that Gov. Kay Ivey had awarded \$300,000 in grants to be utilized for job training programs for law enforcement and former inmates.

According to ADECA, two grants totaling \$200,000 will be used to assist the law enforcement community enhance their skills in combating crime. An additional grant totaling \$100,000 will be used to provide job opportunities for former inmates in an effort to reduce recidivism.

The grants, which will be administered by ADECA, were made available by funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Governor Ivey stated: "I am pleased to award these grants for all of these programs."

Auburn University Montgomery will utilize a \$100,000 grant to manage a statewide crime prevention training program for local, county, and state law enforcement officers and related personnel.

An additional \$100,000 grant will be used by Jacksonville State University for the continuation of training opportunities provided to local law enforcement in the basics of forensic sciences and evidence gathering.

Watch for updates as we post training and education opportunities for 2022! on the ICJE website and via AUM.

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