

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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*ORGANIZED RETAIL / CARGO
THEFT INVESTIGATIONS*

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- 10 YRS CARGO CATS PROGRAM
- 3 YRS CTIP UNIT/MAJOR CRIMES INV'S

CARGO THEFT INTERDICTION PROGRAM

- ESTABLISHED IN 1995
- COMBAT CARGO THEFT STATEWIDE
- OBJECTIVES:
 - **RELATIONSHIP WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY**
 - ASSIST ALLIED AGENCIES
 - INCREASE ARRESTS, PROSECUTION AND CONVICTIONS OF THIEVES & RECEIVERS
 - RECOVER STOLEN CARGO/VEHICLES
 - ESTABLISH STATEWIDE DATA BASE

REGIONAL CTIP TEAMS

- Southern Division - Los Angeles/San Pedro
(310) 513-7800 SOCTIP@CHP.CA.GOV
- Inland Division - Inland Empire
(909) 481-4611
- Border Division - San Diego area
(858) 864-7025
- Golden Gate Division - San Francisco area
(510) 622-4628

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Local Police and Sheriffs Departments
- FBI, Interstate Theft Task Forces
- Regional cargo theft teams located nationwide.
- National Insurance Crime Bureau
- Local and national industry associations
- Company security investigators

WHAT IS CARGO THEFT?

- Cargo theft is the theft of a commodity that is being commercially transported by rail, truck, ship or air.

WHO'S DOING IT?

- Are they “gangs” or organized theft crews?
- Cargo/retail theft is, in essence, Organized Crime. While not generally committed by the proverbial Mafia families it is committed by organized theft crews.



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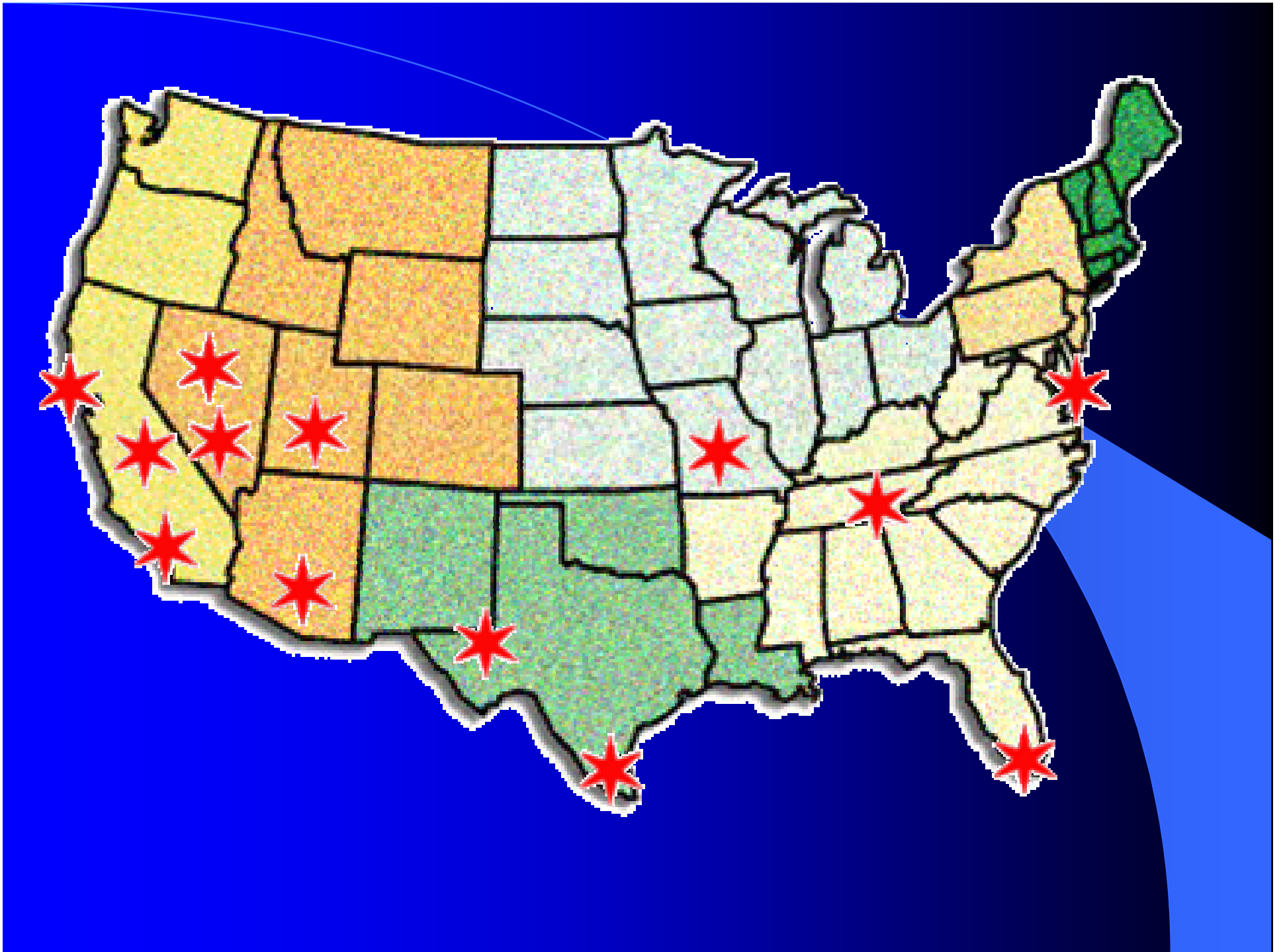
Turns out I had stolen a whole truck-load of fluorescent orange jumpsuits.

They let me keep this one & the rest were entered as evidence.



HOT ZONES

- New Jersey
- New York
- Florida
- Memphis
- Atlanta
- Carolinas
- Houston
- El Paso
- Phoenix
- Salt Lake City
- Reno / Sparks
- Las Vegas
- Washington
- California



State of California



WHY ?

- Harbors
 - LA/LONG BEACH PORT BUSIEST IN NATION; 10 MILLION CARGO CONTAINERS HANDLED
- Airports
- International Border
- Rail system
- Commercial Business'
- Distribution Centers
- High profit
- Low risk of arrest
- Minimal prosecution
- 75-100 full-time officers working cargo crime in U.S.







PROBLEM

- POOR REPORTING
 - LAW ENFORCEMENT / PRIVATE INDUSTRY
 - NO MANDATORY REPORTING
- PROSECUTION
 - AGGRESSIVE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
 - BAIL ENHANCEMENTS
- LIMITED RESOURCES
 - FISCAL & PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS

Problem Summary

- Cargo theft costs California \$2 million + per day; \$15 billion + nationally.
- Cost of high tech theft \$5-10 billion yearly.
- Cargo thieves becoming more violent and more sophisticated.
- Losses are not just \$\$, but include jobs and lives.

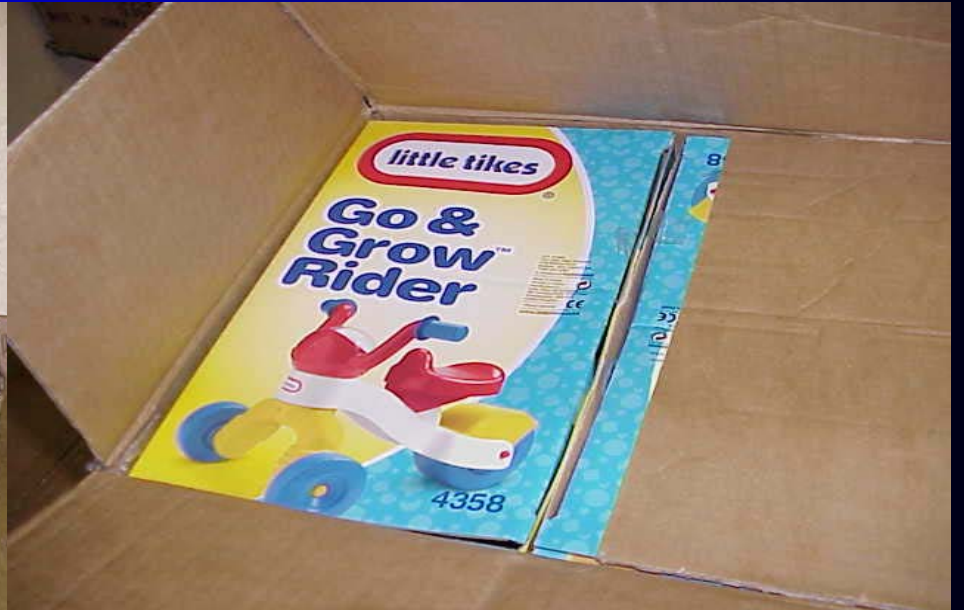
SOLUTION

- REGIONAL APPROACH
 - 4 CTIP TEAMS
- INCREASE TRAINING
 - OFFICERS - RESPONDING OFFICERS
 - PRIVATE INDUSTRY
- IMPROVED REPORTING
 - THEFT REPORTS
 - LOSS REPORTS BY EMAIL OR INTERNET

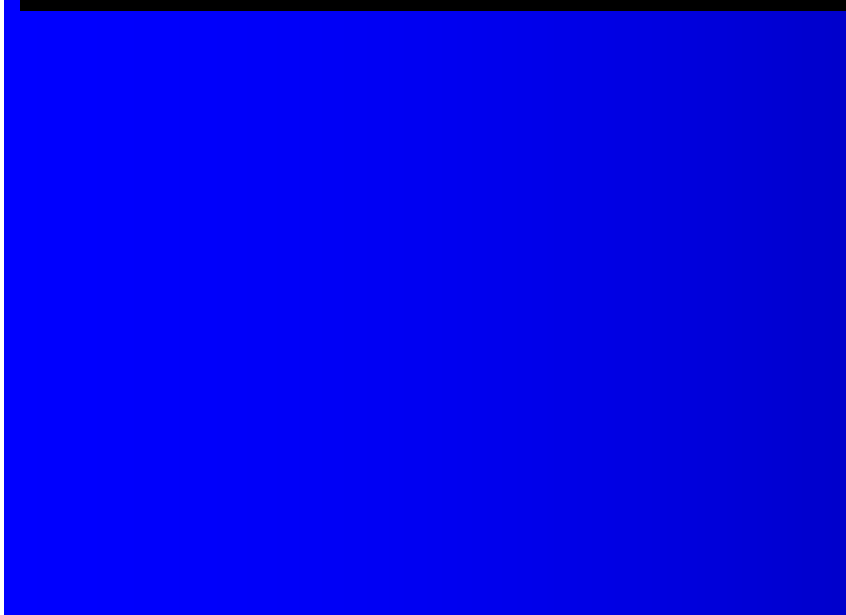
WHAT'S BEING STOLEN?

EVERYTHING !!

- ELECTRONICS
- TOYS
- TIRES
- CLOTHING
- SOFT DRINKS
- CHEMICALS
- TOILETRIES
- SHOES
- ALCOHOL
- LUMBER
- FURNITURE
- COSMETICS
- SEAFOOD
- TEXTILES





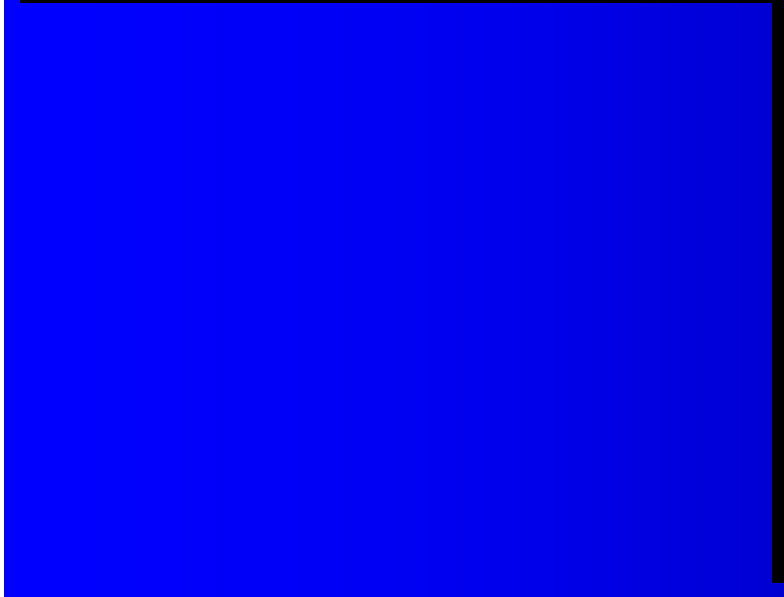
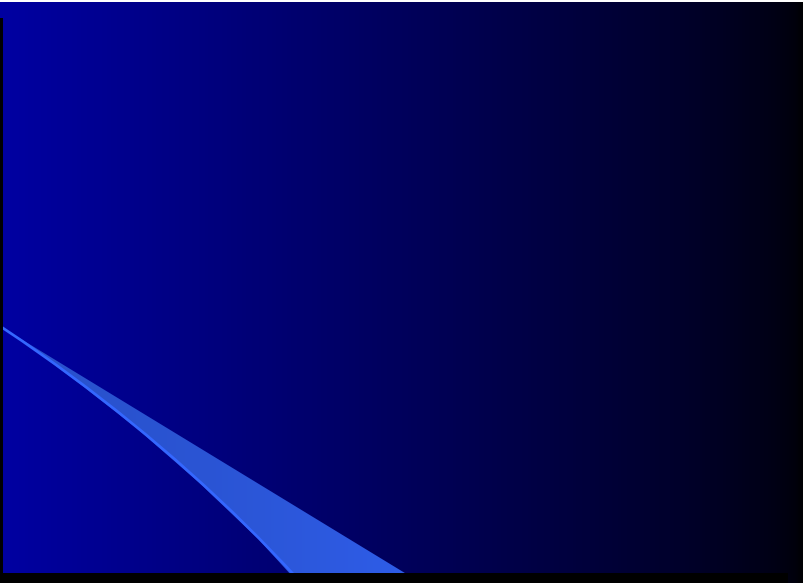


STORE HOURS

MON. 10:00^{am} TO 6:00^{pm}
TUES. 10:00^{am} TO 6:00^{pm}
WED. 10:00^{am} TO 6:00^{pm}
THUR. 10:00^{am} TO 6:00^{pm}
FRI. 10:00^{am} TO 6:00^{pm}
SAT. Closed TO Closed
SUN. Closed TO Closed

THANK YOU

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NO REGRESAMOS DINERO
NO CAMBIAMOS

Please
NO FOOD, DRINK
or SMOKING

Por Favor
NO COMIDA
NO BEBIDA O FUMAR

SORRY,
CASH ONLY

LO SIENTO
EFFECTIVO SOLAMENTE

NO REFUNDS
NO EXCHANGES
NO REGRESAMOS DINERO
NO CAMBIAMOS









NOT FOR SALE
IN THE U.S.A.









HOW IS CARGO BEING STOLEN?

- Thefts can be broken down into two basic categories:
 - ARMED ROBBERY
 - BURGLARY



CD-ROM drives taken in LA
armed hijacking



Frozen shrimp stolen in Los Angeles -
recovered in San Bernardino.

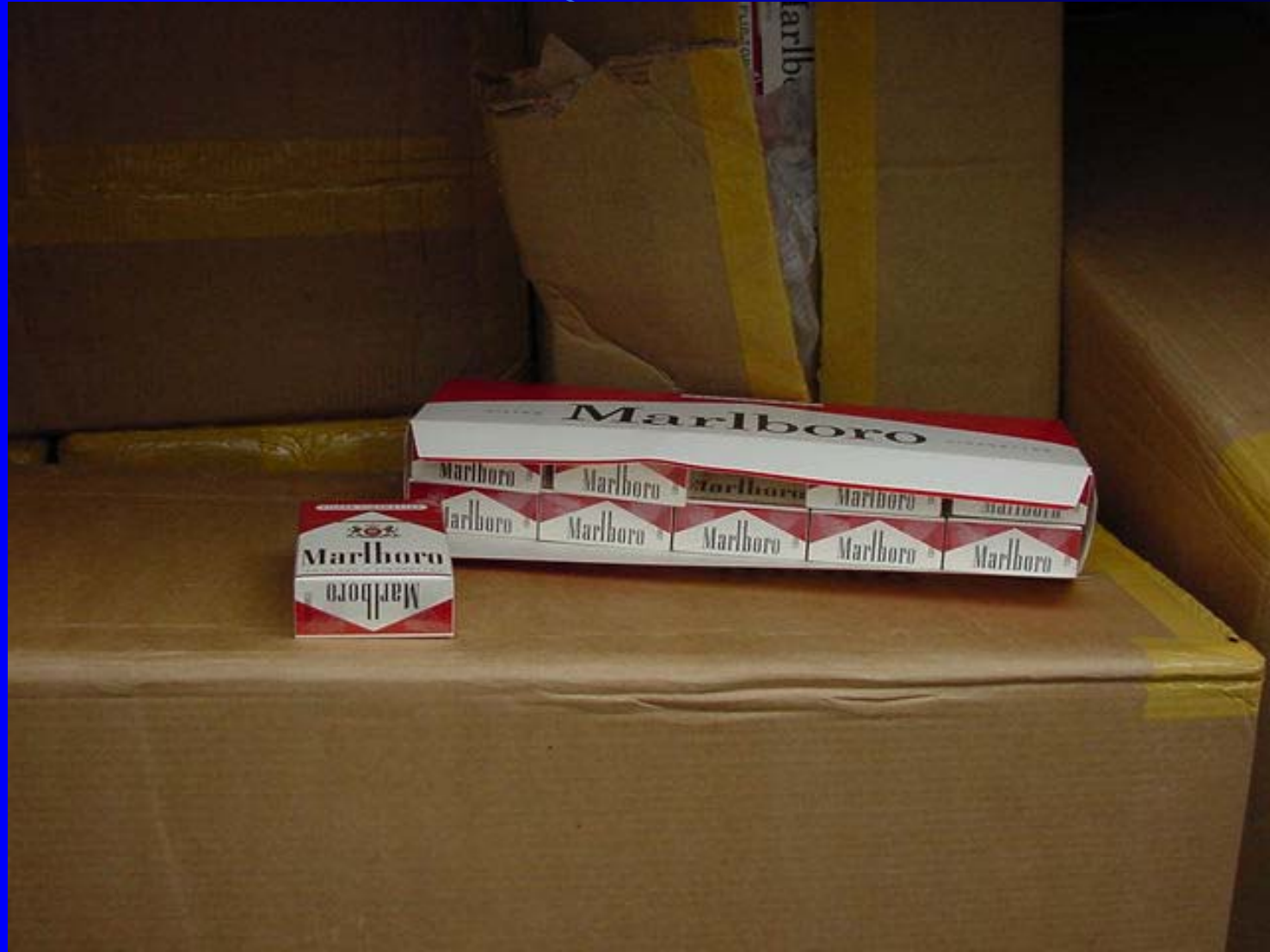
\$500,000 VALUE





ADDITIONAL TRENDS

- Grab and runs
- Multiple trailer thefts
- Driver Give Ups
- Employee Involvement
- Counterfeit Paperwork
- Theft of company information/Bust outs
- Rental trucks/vans

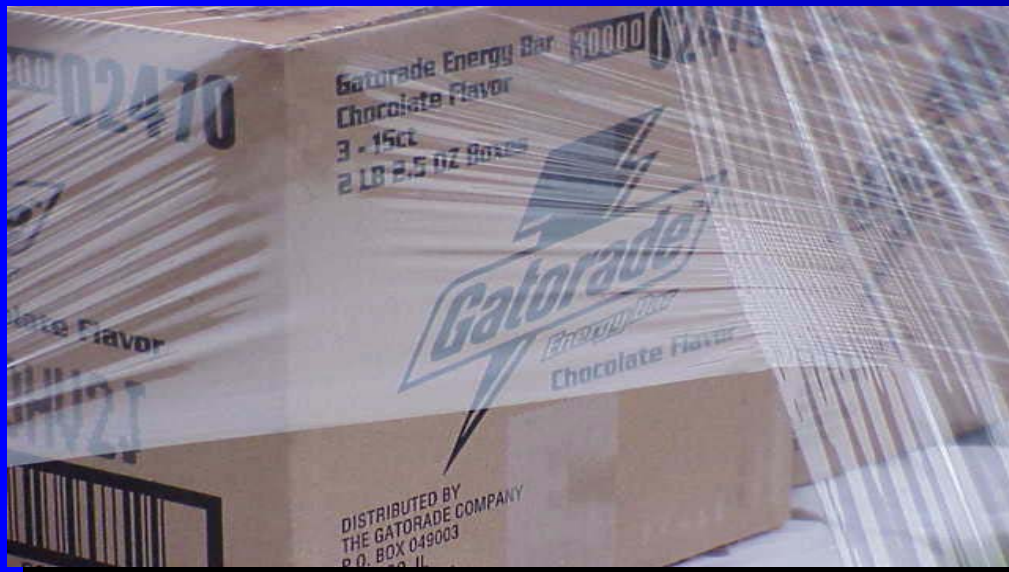


PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH CARGO / RETAIL THEFT INVESTIGATIONS

- No mandatory reporting statute
- How is theft classified.
 - Auto Theft, Burglary, Robbery, High-Tech ?
- Timely reporting by the victim.
 - Victim may report theft 3-5 days after theft.
- Positive I.D. of cargo
- Lack of Police report.

WAREHOUSING

Where do thieves keep all the goods ?















THE WAREHOUSE: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Does property match warehouse ?
- Shipping labels removed from boxes ?
- Company hours?
- Color of shrink wrap ?
- Trans loading in unusual locations
- Trailers being off loaded into bobtail trucks
- Evidence of other cargoes?

FROM:
Reebok International Ltd
1895 J.W. Foster Boulevard
Canton, MA 02021

TO: Champs
3810 S. US Hwy 77
Junction City, KS 66441

SHIP TO POSTAL CODE:

(420) 66441



Carrier:

MAERSK-LOGISTICS

Vndr Sty: 59486
Size: 11
Color: NA

PO#: 5060818-15

SKU: 02-04271-6-04 110

SSCC-18

(00) 0 0690174 006723826 9



CHAMPS

SANTE FE SPRINGS, CA
REEBOK PO# 478631
CUST.PO# 5060818-15
DEPT# 02/SKU#02-04271-6-04/STOCK#
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CLASSIC/ M'S/BLACK/CARBON
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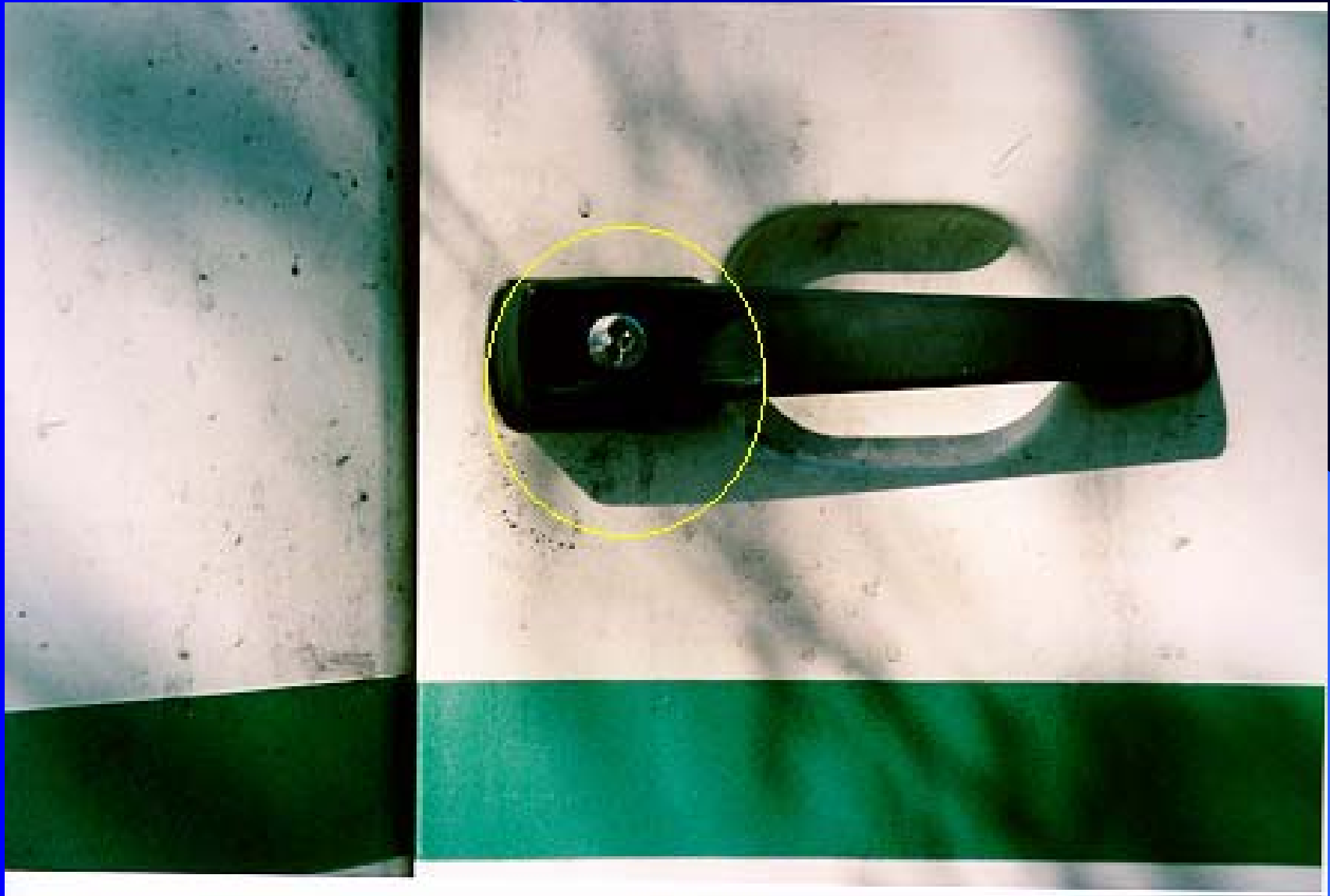














VEHICLE/CARGO THEFT REPORTS

- Stolen report for all vehicles
 - Owner applied numbers (OAN) for the tractor and trailer.
 - Any unusual markings, such as roof numbers.
- Grand theft report for cargo
 - Bill of lading for the cargo
- Statement from the driver/reporting party.
 - He/she may be out of state the next day

INVESTIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Watch stolen vehicles and cargo to locate warehouse operation. How long ?
- Identify, arrest, prosecute thieves at highest level of group.
- Track and document as many players in the theft “ring” as possible, especially receivers.

INVESTIGATIVE METHODS

- CRI
- REWARD MONEY
- TIPS:
 - Law enforcement
 - Insurance companies
 - Company security
 - Private Investigators
 - Concerned citizens
- SURVEILLANCE
- CONTROLLED DELIVERY
- GPS
- U/C WAREHOUSE
- U/C OFFICER
- BAIT TRAILERS

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Should always be your first concern.
- Just because you're dealing with a "non-violent" crime doesn't mean you're dealing with non-violent criminals.
- Beware of "follow vehicles" and accomplices.
- A hardened criminal will not let your life impede their freedom.

“It’s just a property crime”







