

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

C.T.I.P. TASKFORCE



PRESENTER BACKGROUND

Sgt. Ken Huerta

- ✦ 25 Years, Port of Los Angeles Police
- ✦ Cargo Theft Interdiction Program
- ✦ Cargo Criminal Apprehension Team
- ✦ Criminal Investigations / Air Support
Observer
- ✦ Training Officer / Dive Team Operations
- ✦ Patrol Officer

C.T.I.P. Taskforce

- ✦ 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
(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

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- ✦ California Highway Patrol
 - ✦ Port of Los Angeles P.D.
 - ✦ Vernon P.D.
 - ✦ NICB
 - ✦ San Bernardino P.D.
 - ✦ I.C.E. (Customs)
 - ✦ US D.O.T.
 - ✦ Dept. of Insurance
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PROGRAM RESPONSE

✦ REGIONAL APPROACH

- 4 CTIP TEAMS

✦ INCREASE TRAINING

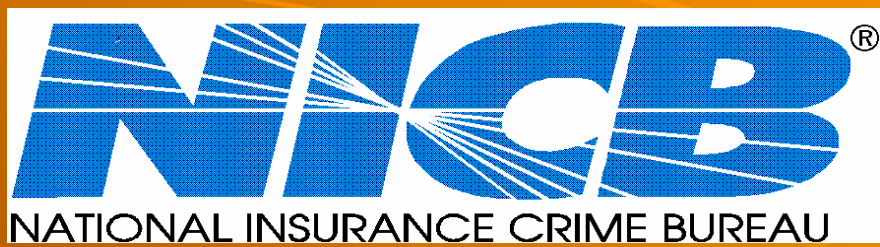
- DETECTIVES & RESPONDING OFFICERS
- PRIVATE INDUSTRY

✦ IMPROVE REPORTING

- THEFT REPORTS
- LOSS REPORTS BY EMAIL OR INTERNET

CARGO THEFT DATABASE

- + C.T.I.P. internet site:
www.chp.ca.gov/html/ctip.html
- + Timely exchange of information between private industry and law enforcement.
- + Tracking cargo thefts / recoveries.
- + Repository of information available to allied law enforcement agencies.
- + Internet / email reporting
- + Link analysis.



Intelligence Manager

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World

- Headquarters
- Expert
- Product Library
- Case Detail
- CT-Report
- CT-Business
- CT-Commodity
- CT-IDNumber
- CT-Location
- CT-Person
- CT-Vehicle

Cargo Theft Report

Record ID: CTCT00001024
Record Created by: WICKBEM
Date created: 05/30/2003

* Date Reported: 07/01/2002

* Date of Theft: 07/03/2002 Time of Theft: 21:00:00 * Theft Location: Rest Area off of I-5 * Theft City: Tacoma * Theft State: WA

* Victim / Trucking Company: ACME Corporation / ACME Trucking * Contact: First: Wile MI: E * Last: Coyote * Contact Phone: (206) 555-1234 Ext:

Victim Address: Grand Canyon Victim City: Victim State: AZ Zip:

* Investigating Law Enforcement Agency: Looney Toones PD NIOB/ORI Number:

* Case Number: Test1234 * Investigator: First: Buster MI: * Last: Bunny Investigator Phone: () - - Ext:

Insurance Company: Ins. Contact: First: MI: Last: Ins. Contact Phone: () - - Ext:

* Cargo / Product Stolen:

	Quantity	Value
TEST TEST TEST 10 Cases ACME Rocket Propelled Roller Skates		
300 Pounds ACME Bird Seed		
10 Cases ACME Ball Bearings		
1 ACME 20 ft Industrial Strength Rubber Band		
1 ACME 5 ft Industrial Strength Magnet		

Man Narrative Recovery

Databases | Entities | Cases

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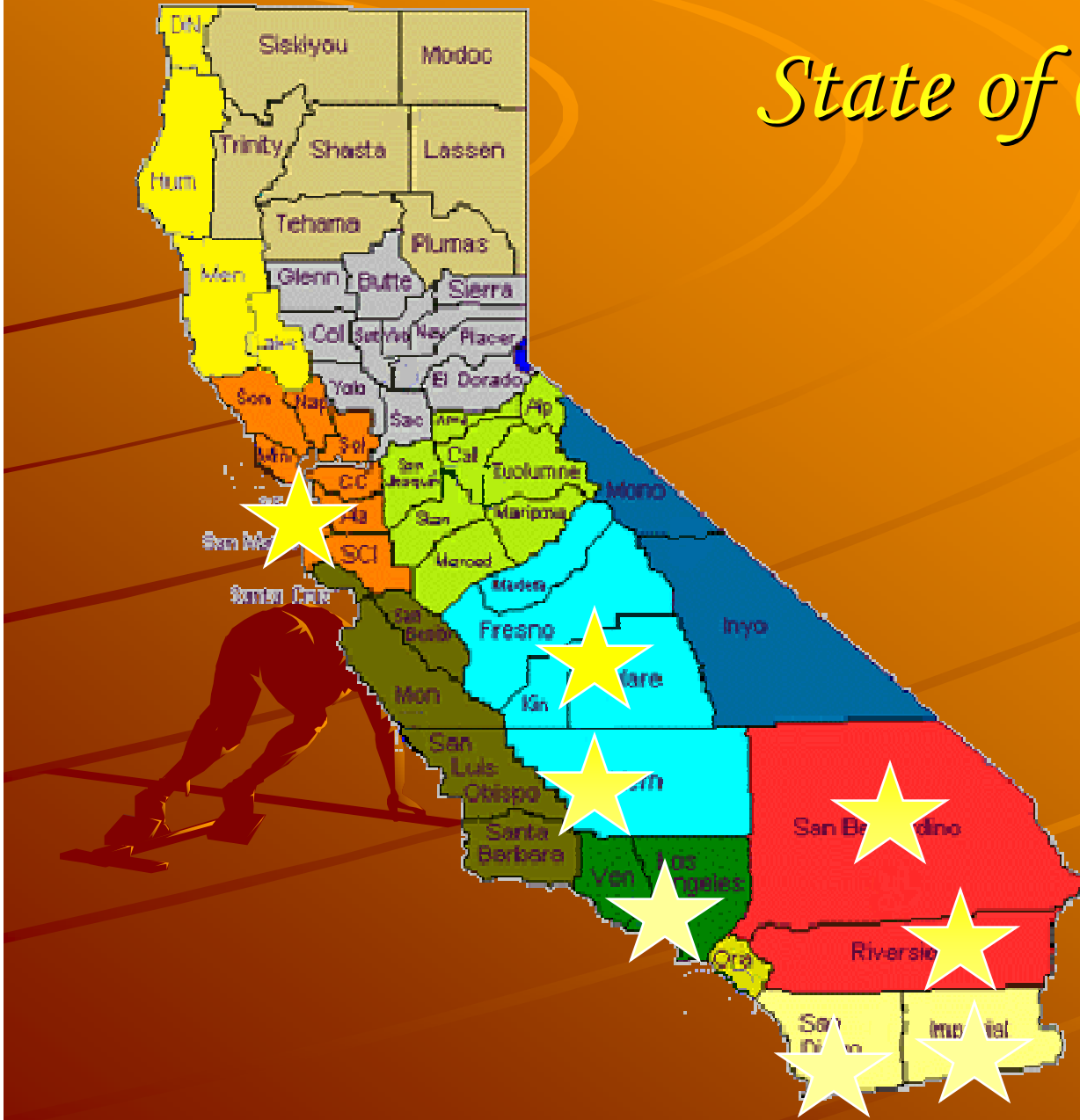


HIGH THEFT AREAS

- + Texas - 38
 - El Paso
 - Houston
- + Arizona - 10
 - Phoenix
- + Utah - 6
 - Salt Lake City
- + Nevada - 25
 - Reno / Sparks
 - Las Vegas
- + California - 660



State of California



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Cargo theft costs California \$1 million + per day.

\$15 billion + nationally.

Cost of high tech theft \$5-10 billion yearly.

Losses are not just \$\$, but include jobs and lives.



WEST COAST TRENDS

- Multiple warehouses
- Western U.S. Thefts
- Multiple trailer thefts
- Violence against drivers
- Employee Involvement
- Counterfeit Paperwork
- Rental trucks/vans

WHY?

✦ Harbors

- PORTS OF LA & LONG BEACH BUSIEST IN NATION; 10 MILLION CONTAINERS HANDLED

✦ Airports

✦ International Border

✦ Rail system

✦ Distribution Centers

✦ Commercial Business'

✦ High profit

✦ Low risk of arrest

✦ Minimal prosecution

✦ 75-100 full-time officers working cargo crime in U.S.





Miscellaneous drug paraphernalia
found in cab of stolen tractor
(driver involved theft)

Contributing Factors

✦ POOR REPORTING

- ✦ LAW ENFORCEMENT / PRIVATE INDUSTRY
- ✦ MANDATORY REPORTING
- ✦ SPECIFIC CARGO THEFT STATUTE

✦ PROSECUTION

- ✦ AGGRESSIVE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
- ✦ BAIL ENHANCEMENTS

✦ LIMITED RESOURCES

- ✦ FISCAL & PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS
- ✦ CTIP FUNDING

“It’s just a property crime”



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

GRAND THEFT CARGO

- ◆ 487h(a) California Penal Code:
every person who steals, takes, or carries away cargo of another when the cargo exceeds specified values, is guilty of grand theft.

487h further defines the term "cargo" as "any goods, wares, products, or manufactured merchandise that has been loaded into a trailer, rail car, or cargo container, awaiting or in transit."

WHAT TYPES OF CARGO ARE BEING STOLEN?

✦ ELECTRONICS

✦ TOYS

✦ TIRES

✦ CLOTHING

✦ SOFT DRINKS

✦ CHEMICALS

✦ TOILETRIES

✦ FOOD

✦ SHOES

✦ ALCOHOL

✦ LUMBER

✦ FURNITURE

✦ COSMETICS

✦ SEAFOOD

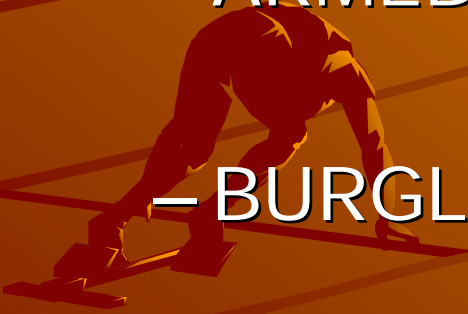
✦ TEXTILES


HOW IS CARGO BEING STOLEN?

✦ Thefts can be broken down into two basic categories:

– ARMED ROBBERY

– BURGLARY



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- ◆ Thefts most often occur during the hours of darkness and or during weekend.
 - ◆ Victim identification
 - ◆ Product identification
 - ◆ Cargo thieves becoming more violent and more sophisticated.
 - ◆ Losses are not just \$\$, but include jobs and lives.

BURGLARIES

- ✦ Truck yards

- ✦ Distribution centers

- ✦ Railroad yards

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WAREHOUSING









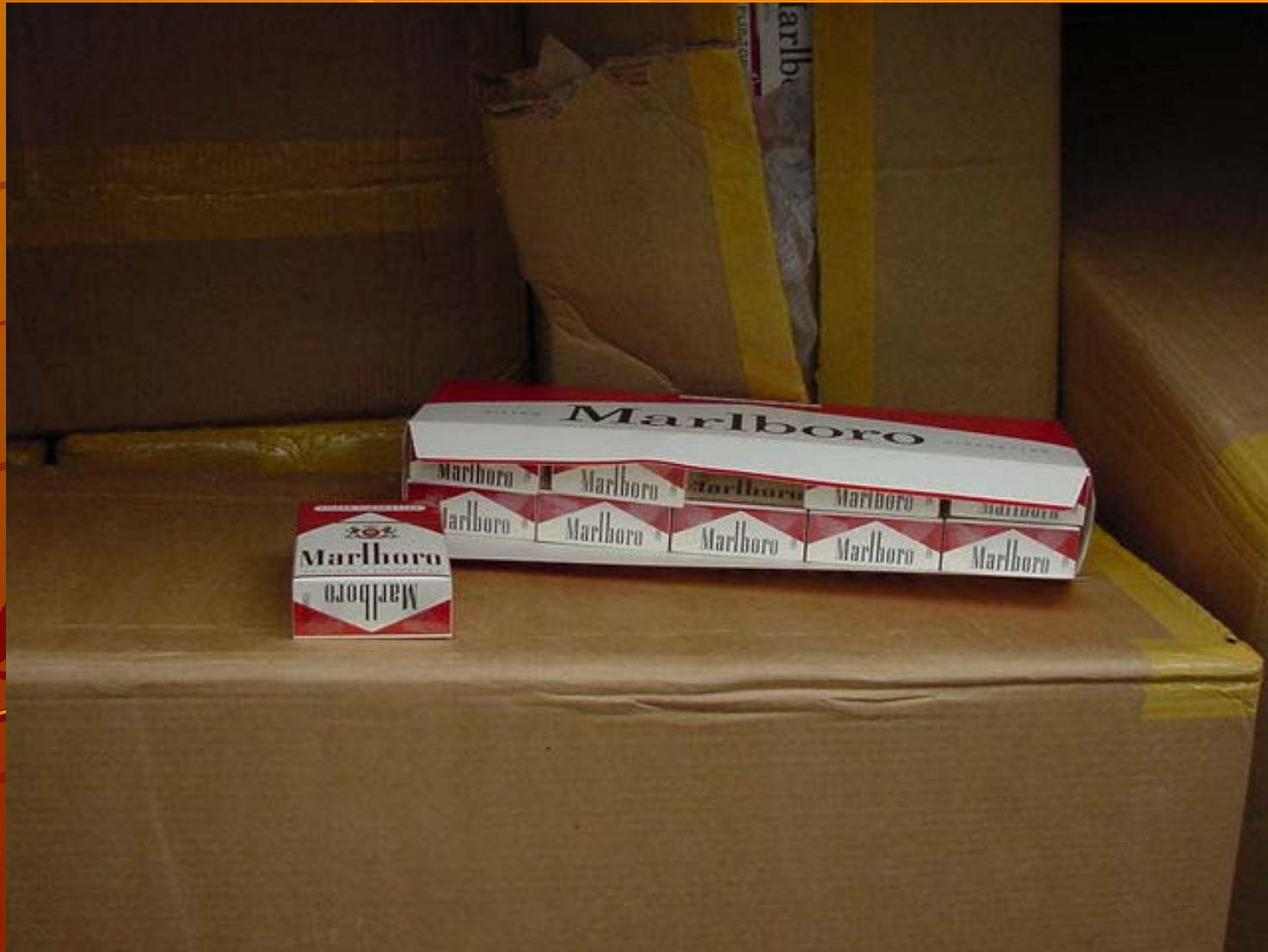


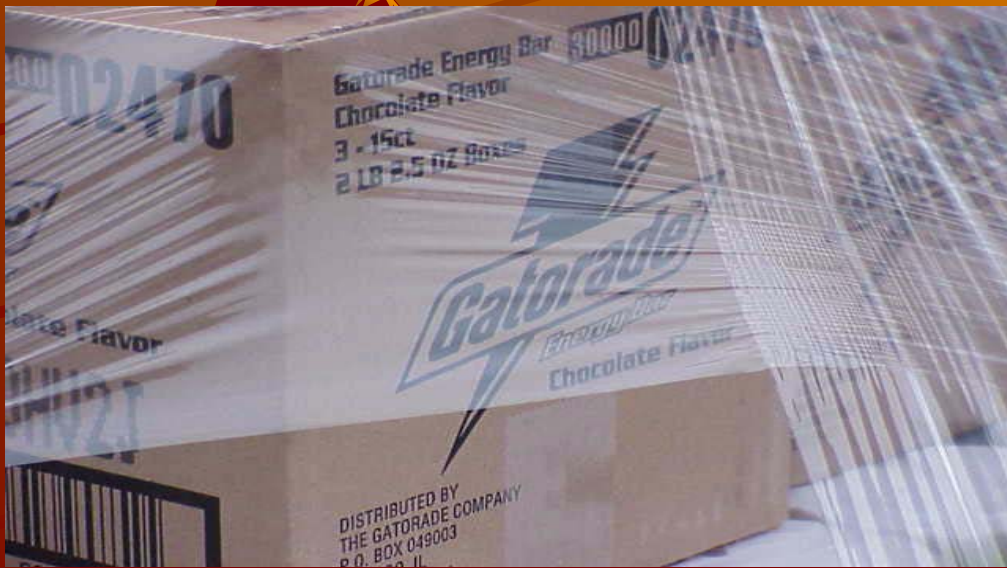
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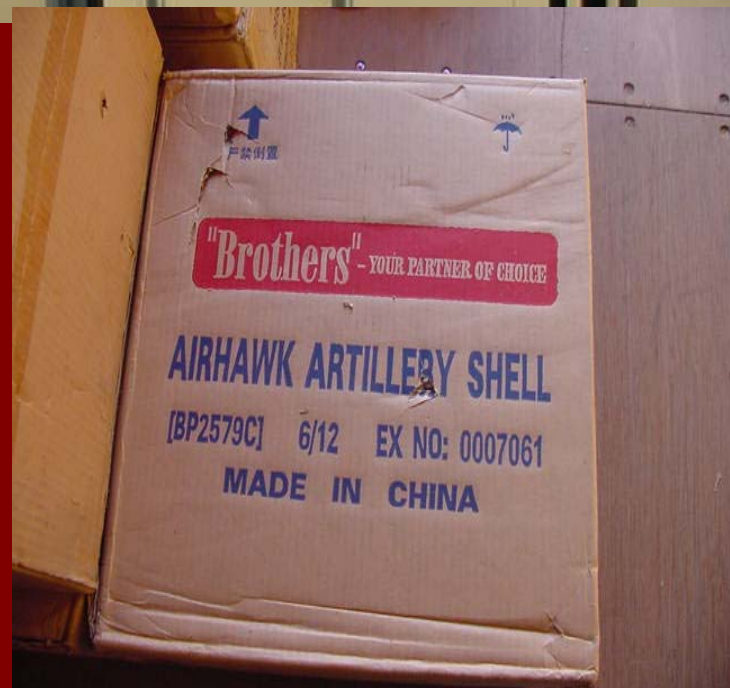






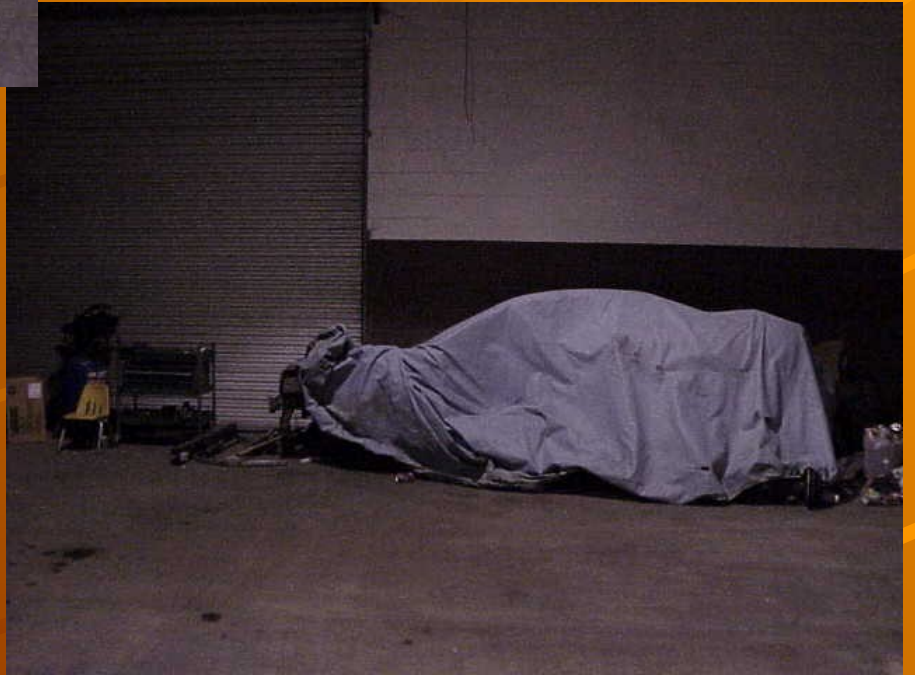












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Police Officer Starting Salary \$46,000-\$70,000

Excellent Benefits Package
401(k) with employer match
Medical and dental coverage
Paid vacation
Paid sick leave
Paid training
Paid uniforms, gear and other



Los Angeles, CA
Recruitment Office
300 N. Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Patrol Officer - 10000
Start Salary: \$46,000
Max Salary: \$70,000

Police Officer - 10000
Start Salary: \$46,000
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For More Information Call
(800) 954-0321

www.lapd.org

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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?



STYLE: 4000
COLOR: BLACK
SIZE: M
DIMENSION: 30" x 18" x 10"
QUANTITY: 24 PCS
CARTON: 1/1/10
MADE IN CHINA

M-6
L-8
XL-3
44-24 PCS
Vests

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DESIGN RESOURCES, INC.





ANDEM

OFFICE

10014-072

TO

142

ITEM	QTY	PART NO.
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1	2	020936
2	2	026827
3	2	026881
4	2	029778
5	2	030000

MANUFACTURER

ASST. MGR.

300-NW 91ST AVE

MIAMI, FL 33167

FLA, MA 312

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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10/10/97	10/10/97	10/10/97
10/10/97	10/10/97	10/10/97

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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



SANTE FE SPRINGS, CA
REEBOK PO# 478631
CUST.PO# 5060818-15
DEPT# 02/SKU#02-04271-6-04/STOCK#
CL CANNON
CLASSIC/ M'S/BLACK/CARBON
2-59486
12 PRS
CTN NO. 164 OF 233
MADE IN CHINA



WHO'S DOING IT?

✦ "Gangs"

✦ "Crews"

✦ "Organized Crime"



18th Street







10/27/2002 9:29:56 AM



4 RNA RECYING

10/27/2002 9:29:59 AM



4 RNA RECYING

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10/27/2002 9:30:30 AM



4 RNA RECYING

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3 PREP AREA



California Police Foil Miami Cargo Thieves



Rigoberto Fernandez 03/30/1967
5'10", 200 lbs FL DL F655-720-67-110-0
LKA: 15740 SW 153 Ct, Miami, FL
PAST: Discharging Firearm in Public,
Dealing in Stolen Property, Burglary,
Possession of Burglary Tools, Grand Theft,
Loitering, Possession of Firearm by Felon,
Vend Goods/Counterfeit Lab, Resist without
Violence, Probation Violation

CONVICTED This subject has been involved in past
TOMCATS Cargo Theft cases.



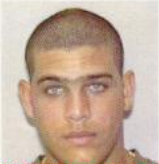
CONVICTED

Armando Fernandez 09/10/1982
5'09", 150 lbs
FL DL F655-000-82-330-0
LKA: 18806 SW 168 St, 15740
SW 153 Ct, 28701 SW 153 St,
Miami, FL
PAST: Marijuana Possession,
Alcohol/Possession Minor,
Carry Concealed Weapon,
Grand Theft, Possession of
False DL



CONVICTED

Ismely Suarez 03/10/1976
5'6" 150 lbs
FL DL S620-400-76-090-0
LKA: 15905 NW 40 Ct,
Opa Locka, FL
PAST: Boating Violation



CONVICTED

Santos, Raul Alain 04/21/1980
AKA: Raul Gonzalez
6', 220 lbs
FL DL S532-721-80-141-0
LKA: 430 E 51 St, Hialeah, FL
PAST: Littering/Dumping

This information is made available for investigative purposes. Please forward any additional information regarding these subjects to the TOMCATS Cargo Theft Task Force. Contact Sgt John Antillon of California Highway Patrol Cargo Theft Intervention Program (CTIP) at 909 481-4611.



California Police Foil Miami Cargo Thieves

On October 28, 2002, members of the Cargo Theft Intervention Program (CTIP) arrested seven subjects, all from the Miami area, in connection with a Commercial Burglary in Ontario, CA. The subjects were caught while fleeing Microtech, Inc, at 1950 S Vintage Street. Police had investigated an alarm call there earlier, but found nothing disturbed. The thieves had already stacked 23 pallets of flat-screen monitors valued in excess of \$1 million near the bay door when police intervened.



CONVICTED

Michel Fajardo 09/14/1970
5'6", 190 lbs
FL DL F263-540-70-334-0
Lka: 9837 w Okeechobee Rd, #603,
Hialeah, FL

PAST: Commercial Vehicle Marking
Violation

This subject has been involved in past
TOMCATS Cargo Theft cases.
(Refer to Flyer C02-044)



CONVICTED

Geovanni Gonzalez 02/14/1970
5'8", 229 lbs
FL DL G524-280-72-054-0
LKA: 8181 NW S River Dr #C304,
Medley, FL,
1055 W 33 St, Hialeah, FL

Past: Burglary, Grand Theft, Dealing in
Stolen Property

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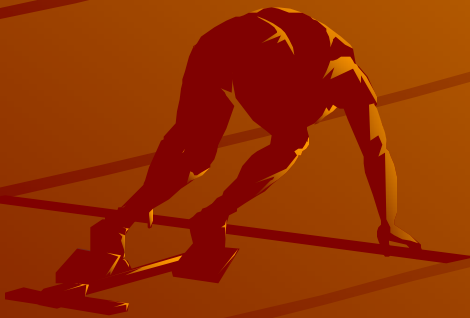


CONVICTED

Oscar Perez 07/17/1969
5'4", 150 lbs
FL DL F263-540-70-334-0
LKA: 15905 NW 40 Ct, Miami, F L
PAST: Commercial Vehicle Marking
Violation

This subject has been involved in past
TOMCATS Cargo Theft cases. (Refer to
TOMCATS Flyer C02-044)

*WHY ARE CARGO THEFT
INVESTIGATIONS DIFFERENT?*





✦ How is cargo theft classified.

– Auto Theft, Burglary, Robbery, High-Tech ?

✦ Timely reporting by the victim.

– Victim may report theft 3-5 days after theft.

✦ Poor on-scene documentation

– Tractor/trailer noted in report, but not the cargo.

– Incomplete vehicle/container/chassis information given to officer.



Frozen shrimp stolen in Los Angeles -
recovered in San Bernardino.
\$500,000 VALUE

OFFICER SAFETY

- ✦ Should always be your first concern!
- ✦ Just because you're investigating a "non-violent" crime doesn't mean you're dealing with non-violent criminals.
- ✦ Beware of "chase vehicles" while on traffic stops.
- ✦ A hardened criminal will not let your life impede their freedom.







TRAFFIC STOPS

- ✦ Hot on plate?
- ✦ Run VIN
- ✦ I.D. Driver
- ✦ Dispatch info.
- ✦ Record all vehicle info, i.e. chassis and container #
- ✦ I.D. load
- ✦ Bill of lading
- ✦ Punched ignitions
- ✦ Wing/lane change window broken
- ✦ Cut external wires
- ✦ GPS antenna wires cut
- ✦ Seal or lock cut
- ✦ Trailer hasp cut
- ✦ Driver cruising truck stops, lots
- ✦ Burglary tools

















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.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- ✦ Make a note of what you recover.
- ✦ Run the VIN
- ✦ What you find may be different than what the "victim" says happened.
 - Remember Driver Give Ups.
- ✦ Check for evidence of broken locks/seals, forced entry, other trailers broken into.
- ✦ Canvas the area. May lead to more vehicles, warehouses, bodies.

REPORTING A CARGO THEFT

- ◆ Immediately report theft to local State Police, Police or Sheriff's Department & provide as much information as possible about vehicle and cargo stolen.
- ◆ Specifics are important.
- ◆ Notify regional cargo theft units.