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Tightening down the Hatches

A Summary of Timely Articles of Special Interest to Businesses in
Protecting your Assets, and some lighter stories to bring humour into your day.

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Editorial

Hello Everyone:

For the last couple of weeks, like a lot of other retired policemen, I have been following intensively the horrible news about the senseless death of four members of the RCMP in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. There are many questions without answers at this time, about how this could happen in our society. Some of those questions will never be satisfactory answered.

It is unfortunate, but there are other individuals out there in communities across Canada, and within our city neighbourhoods that have the same evil disposition as this killer. They are human timebombs waiting for some incident or reason to drive them over the edge into outrageous behaviour.

In every community that I policed across Alberta during my career in the RCMP, there was always someone that I was warned to be careful about when dealing with them. The thing about policing is that you will eventually have to deal with them. Dealing with undesirable people is one of a policeman's purpose. The sad thing to me is that the present legal system does not have a realistic satisfactory mechanism to deal with those types of individuals, until they have built up a lengthy criminal record. As evident in this tragedy, the process does not always work.

My deepest sympathies to the family, friends and communities of the four fallen officers. Your sacrifice to make this a better world will always be remembered. To my many friends in the police community, keep up the good work. It seems that our role is to keep the lid on the garbage can that has become our society.

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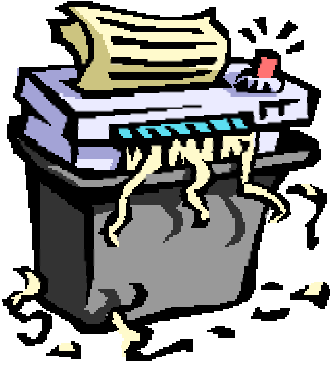
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THIS EDITION'S SECURITY TIPS

I received this tip from a fellow ex-policeman. If you hear of any similar tips, please let me know by email so I can share them with the readership, and help people to tighten down the hatches.

HOW TO STEAL YOUR CAR

Subject: Vin #'s and car thieves

Seems that car thieves have found yet another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all.

The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck and writes down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #.

I didn't believe this e-mail, so I called a friend at Chrysler Dodge and pretended I had lost my keys. They told me to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut me one on the spot, and I could order the keyless device if I wanted.

The Car Dealer's Parts Department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car.

He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle.

Upcoming Workshops and Speaking Engagements.

March 10th

Workshop on Guard Service Department.

No space available

March 18th

Designing a Security Program Workshop

Learn what it takes to make your company assets remain inside the company. Our 3 hour workshop will provide you with a blueprint to minimize your loss exposure. Cost \$100.00 per person. Next course at N. A. B. I. in St. Albert

April 21st

West Edmonton Business Association Luncheon

Presentation on Corporate Security. Contact WEBA for details to attend.

April 22nd

Armed Robbery Prevention/Personal security

Seminars for Private Company

April 29th

Working Alone – Harassment in Workplace Workshop

This 8 hour workshop will provide you with all the necessary information to make your employees safe and your company compliant with the law. Cost \$295.00 per person.

Next session at N.A.B.I. in St. Albert.

May 19th

Vegerville Chamber of Commerce

Presentation on Working Alone and Harassment legislation.

Contact me if you are interested in any of these sessions at dave@daverodwell.com.

It is that easy.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN Metal Label located on the dash board. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief. I slipped a 3 x 5 card over the VIN.

I urge you to forward this to your friends before some other car thief steals another car or truck.

Hmmm!! You would think the Dealerships would require verification first.

Here is a scam that has been around for awhile, but is still being perpetrated regularly.

BELL CANADA ALERT

Bell Canada advisory describes the following scam.

You will get a call from an individual identifying himself as telephone service technician who was conducting a test on your telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine (9); zero (0) & the pound sign (#) and then hang up.

By pushing 90#, you give the individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place long distance telephone calls and bills it to your phone number. This scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons.

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE!

Now for some Humor

I recently read this humorous piece and thought I would share this insight with you.

---Sign Me Up---

There will be no nursing home in my future.....
When I get old and feeble; I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 per day. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day. That leaves \$65 a day for:

1. Gratuities which will only be \$10 per day.
2. I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means breakfast in bed every day of the week).

3. Princess ships have as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night.

4. They have free toothpaste and razors, and free soap and shampoo.

5. They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.

6. I will get to meet new people every 7 or 14 days.

7. TV broken? Light bulb need changing? Need to have the mattress replaced? No Problem! They will fix everything and apologize for your inconvenience.

8. Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don't even have to ask for them.

9. If you fall in the nursing home and break a hip you are on Medicare. If you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

Now hold on for the best! Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or name where you want to go? Princess will have a ship ready to go. So don't look for me in a nursing home, just call shore to ship.

P.S. And don't forget, when you die, they just dump you over the side at no charge.

--- My Dear Watson ---

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip.

After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they lay down for the night and went to sleep.

Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?"

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo.

Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three.

Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

Why, what does it tell YOU?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke.

"Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent."

---Overheard at the Airport---

After a long, bumpy flight, the passengers were glad to finally land. They disembarked, and the flight attendants checked for items left behind.

In a seat pocket, one of them found a bag of home-made cookies with a note saying "Much love, Mom."

Quickly, I gave the bag to a gate agent in hopes it would be reunited with its owner.

In few minutes, this announcement came over the public-address system in the concourse:

"Would the passenger who lost his cookies on Flight 502, please return to the gate?"

---Golfing---

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners and the Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The instructor then announced, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!"

The room really got quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand.

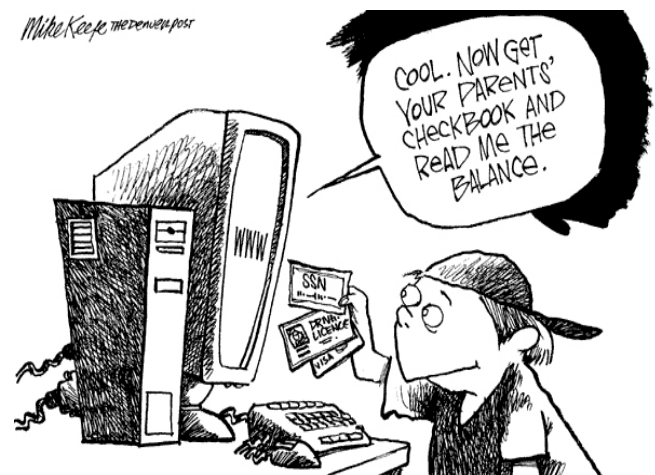
"Yes?" said the instructor.

"Is it all right if she carries the golf bag while we walk?"

---At the Airlines---

A man was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport security guard asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" The man replied "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" The security guard smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask."

Here is a great cartoon by Mike Keefe of the Denver Post. How true. Simply easy it is to get your vital information.



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Thanks Dave.