

Vehicle Theft Investigation

I. REGISTRATION

- A. Describe class goals
- B. Advise participants of safety during class and injury reporting
- C. Introduce Instructors

II. GENERAL & ALTERED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

- A. Vehicle Identification Number
 - 1. Vehicle Identification Number History - Past & Present
 - 2. Vehicle Identification Number Labels
 - 3. Vehicle Identification Number Decoding Resources
- B. Methods Of Identification
 - 1. Public VIN
 - 2. Vin Labels
 - 3. Confidential Identifiers
 - 4. Component Part Serial Numbers
- C. Locating Stolen Vehicles
 - 1. Initial Indicators
 - 2. Tampered Identification Numbers
 - 3. Replaced Identification Numbers
 - 4. Removed Identification Numbers
- D. Report writing
 - 1. Omit "Confidential Locations & Information"
- E. Resources Available
 - 1. State Task Force
 - 2. Manufacture Contacts
 - 3. Insurance Company
 - 4. Training Seminars

III. **VEHICLE THEFT LAWS**

A. Applicable State Penal Code

1. 487 d (1) P.C.
2. 499 b P.C.
3. 496 d (a) P.C.
4. 548 (a) P.C.

B. Applicable State Vehicle Code

1. 2805 C.V.C.
2. 10751 C.V.C.

3. 10801 C.V.C.
4. 10802 C.V.C.
5. 10803 C.V.C.
6. 10851 (a) C.V.C.

C. Applicable State Evidence Code

1. 1040

D. Search & Seizure

1. Warrant
2. Consent
3. Auto Searches

E. Defendant Statements

1. Showing Intent

IV. **VEHICLE THEFT M. O. 's**

A. Statistics

1. Stolen
2. Recovered
3. Outstanding
4. High Theft vehicles

B. Reasons For Vehicle Theft

1. Easy to steal
2. Easy to sell
3. Interchangeable

C. Trends In Vehicle Thefts

1. V.I.N. Switching
2. Cold Plated Vehicles
3. Chop Shop

- D. Methods Of Vehicle Theft
 - 1. Tools used to gain entry
 - 2. Tools used to steal vehicles
 - 3. Use of tow trucks and car carriers
 - 4. Locations where thefts occur
- E. In The Field Investigations
 - 1. Interview Techniques
- F. Scenario and Closing Discussion

V. **SUBPLATING AND V.I.N. SWITCHING**

- A. Explain Subplating
 - 1. Passenger Vehicle License Plate Sequential Issuance
 - 2. Commercial Vehicle License Plate Sequential Issuance
- B. DMV Codes
 - 1. On Registration Forms
 - 2. On Mobile Digital Terminals
- C. Subplating Scenario
 - 1. Break into groups and discuss scenario
- D. V.I.N. Plate Examination
 - 1. Examine Manufacturer VIN Plates
 - 2. Examine Counterfeit VIN Plates
 - 3. Discuss Security Features
- E. Video Depicting a Suspect VIN Switching a Vehicle
 - 1. Removing VIN's
 - 2. Replacing VIN's
 - 3. Changing Confidential VIN's

VI. **WATERCRAFT IDENTIFICATION**

- A. Hull Identification Numbers HIN
 - 1. History
 - 2. Format Variations
 - 3. Current Format
 - 4. HIN Breakdown
 - 5. Altered HIN's
- B. Locations For HIN's & Secondary HIN's

1. Boats
2. Personal Watercraft
- C. Vessel Component Identification
 1. Mercury Outdrive
 2. Volvo OMC Outdrive
 3. Gimble Numbers
 4. Inboard Engine Numbers
 5. Outboard Engine Numbers
- D. CF an Registration Numbers
 1. CF Number Breakdown
 2. Non-California Registration
- E. Special Construction Watercraft
 1. CFZ Numbers
- F. Applicable Laws Pertaining to Watercraft
 1. 9845 C.V.C.
 2. Other Vehicle Code Sections
- G. Trailer Identification
 1. Manufacturer Markings and Labels
 2. Special Construction Labels
 3. Secondary Locations

VII. **IDENTITY THEFT & FRAUD**

- A. How Does Identity Theft Begin
 1. Through Theft
 2. How Identity Thieves Use Your Personal Information
 3. Through Purchases
- B. Resources
 1. Credit Bureaus
 2. Social Security
 3. U. S. Postal Service
 4. Mail Box Drops
 5. Department Of Motor Vehicles
 6. Direct Marketers
 7. Banks & Lenders
- C. Applicable State & Federal Laws

VIII. BAIT CAR OPERATIONS

- A. Nomenclature of TRAP's (Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention) Vehicles
 - 1. Audio & Video Capabilities
 - 2. Ignition shut-off
 - 3. Controlled Environment
- B. Requirements Necessary for an Operation
 - 1. Operation Plan
 - 2. Local Statistics
 - 3. Reporting Procedures
- C. Video of Past Operations

IX. CARGO THEFT & COMMERCIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

- A. Applicable State Laws
 - 1. 487 h (a) P.C.
 - 2. 487 h (b) P.C.
- B. Cargo Crime Classification
 - 1. Larceny
 - 2. Grand Theft
 - 3. Burglary
 - 4. Robbery
- C. Cargo crime Impact
 - 1. Monetary Loss
 - 2. Delay in Supply Chain
 - 3. Passed-On Cost To Customers
 - 4. Devastating To Smaller Businesses & Independents
- D. Methods Of Thefts
 - 1. Hi-Jacking
 - 2. Driver Give-Ups
 - 3. Burglaries
 - 4. False Documentation
- E. Reporting & Tracking
 - 1. Enter Vehicles in S.V.S
 - 2. Enter Property in A.P.S.
 - 3. Make Immediate Notifications

F. Cargo Theft Investigations

1. Informants
2. Surveillance
3. Buy/Bust Operations
4. Undercover Operations
5. Search Warrants
6. Filing/Prosecutions

G. Vehicle Identification Numbers Pertaining To Cargo

1. Equipment I.D.
2. Tractors
3. Trailers
4. Containers
5. Chassis
6. Cargo Vans

H. Indicators of Theft

1. Broken Seal
2. Broken Door
3. Illegally Parked
4. Un-Attended

X. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

A. Problem Awareness

1. Statistics

B. Different Types of Equipment

1. Track-Type Tractors
2. Wheel-Type Tractors
3. Skidders
4. Graders
5. Compactors
6. Lift Trucks
7. Rippers
8. Backhoes

C. Different Manufacturers

D. Product Identification Number P.I.N.

1. P.I.N. History
2. P.I.N. Labels

3. P.I.N. Plates

E. Methods Of Identification

1. National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)

1. Crime Prevention Program (CPP)

2. National Equipment Registry (NER)

3. Stolen Vehicle System (SVS)

B. DMV Registration Requirements

C. Locating Stolen Equipment

1. Types of Transporters

2. Late hour Transporting

3. Initial Indicators

4. Tampered Product Identification Numbers

5. Replaced Product Identification Numbers

6. Removed Product Identification Numbers

D. Report writing

1. Omit "Confidential Locations & Information"

E. Resources Available

1. State Task Force

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I. MOTORCYCLE IDENTIFICATION

A. Vehicle Identification Number

1. Vehicle Identification Number History - Past & Present

2. Vehicle Identification Number Labels

3. Vehicle Identification Number Decoding Resources

B. Methods Of Identification

1. Frame VIN

2. Vin Labels

3. Engine Numbers

4. Confidential Identifiers

5. Component Part Serial Numbers

C. Locating Stolen Vehicles

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I. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

A. Individual Scenario Stations

1. The student will demonstrate his ability to apply his new acquired knowledge at each of the six stations
2. The instructor will pass or fail each of the assigned learning activities

I. WRITTEN TEST & COURSE EVALUATION
