

SHERIFF'S BUSINESS WATCH BULLETIN

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There were several **motors taken** from an outside lot in the area of 2000 S. 1100 W. It is unknown the specific date of theft because they were being stored but it is thought that someone used a forklift on site to assist in the removal of the motors. The motors taken were 2-283 motors, 3-327 motors and 1-1959 Pontiac 4 cylinder motor. So if you run across one, or someone trying to sell one please contact us!

The Sheriff's Office responded to 28 **Alarms** during the month of February, most of these were user error, please be careful with your alarms.

We had a **utility trailer stolen** from behind a business in an unfenced lot during the night time. Utility trailers are a nice target for thieves. Please make sure you secure them when not in use. This trailer is described as 14' black, Utah License 79328M, brand is Big Bubba and the year is 2001. If you run across it please contact us.

A motel in Marriott/Slaterville was **robbed** recently. The subject came into the business at 0307 hrs. The desk clerk was sleeping when the unknown male came in. The subject is described as 5'9", medium build, he was wearing a ski mask, white long sleeve shirt with black leather gloves. The subject did brandish a black compact handgun. If you are a business that operates late at night (or any time frame actually), please be very aware of subjects in your area and report any suspicious activity right away.

There recently was a fire in a storage unit that possibly was meth lab related. While this incident is still under investigation we would like to pass on some information about watching for **METH LABS**: Officers are always on the lookout for signs of illegal drug operations. You never know where one will be located, motel, quiet neighborhood, apartment building, the outdoors or even storage units. If you notice suspicious behavior on the part of people, or strange smells that may be a cooking operation, pay attention to what you are seeing, hearing and smelling, notice exactly what and where it is, get vehicle and personnel descriptions and give 911 a call.

Each pound of meth produced leaves behind five to six pounds of toxic waste. Meth cooks often pour left over chemicals and sludge down household drains, household plumbing, storm drains or directly onto the ground. Byproducts used to produce meth pose long-term hazards because they can persist in the soil and groundwater for years. Clean up costs are exorbitant, the average cost of a cleanup is about \$5,000 but some cost \$150,000 and this cost is paid by local, state, and federal governments. The reckless practices of the untrained people who manufacture meth in clandestine labs, results in explosions and fires that injure and kill not only the people and families involved, but also law enforcement officers or firefighters who respond. The potent chemicals used in the making of meth can enter the central nervous system by touch or breathing and can cause neural damage, affect kidneys, and burn or irritate the skin, eyes and nose.

For an investment of a few hundred dollars in over-the-counter medications and chemicals a subject can produce thousands of dollars worth of methamphetamine. The drug can be made in a makeshift "lab" that can fit into a suitcase. Some intelligence figures suggest that the average meth "cook" teaches ten other people how to make the drug each year.

Some of the most commonly used ingredients used are battery acid, lye, lantern fuel, hydrochloric acid, drain cleaner, red phosphorous, over-the-counter cold and asthma medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

The information above was retrieved from the Utah Attorney General's website.

Even though you are a business you may know someone that can benefit from the article below that was retrieved from the FBI website:

WORK-AT-HOME SCAMS

02/04/09—Consumers need to be vigilant when seeking employment online. The IC3 continues to receive numerous complaints from individuals who have fallen victim to work-at-home scams.

Victims are often hired to “process payments,” “transfer funds,” or “reship products.” These job scams involve the victims receiving and cashing fraudulent checks, transferring illegally obtained funds for the criminals, or receiving stolen merchandise and shipping it to the criminals.

Other victims sign up to be a “mystery shopper,” receiving fraudulent checks with instructions to cash the checks and wire the funds to “test” a company’s services. Victims are told they will be compensated with a portion of the merchandise or funds.

Work-at-home schemes attract otherwise innocent individuals, causing them to become part of criminal schemes without realizing they are engaging in illegal behavior.

Job scams often provide criminals the opportunity to commit identity theft when victims provide their personal information, sometimes even bank account information, to their potential “employer.” The criminal/employer can then use the victim’s information to open credit cards, post on-line auctions, register websites, etc., in the victim’s name to commit additional crimes.

We hope you found this bulletin informative!

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