

SHERIFF'S BUSINESS WATCH BULLETIN

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There is always more to the job of Law Enforcement than just making arrests.

Our officers responded to a call of a 20 year old mother in labor at home. When the officers arrived they found the baby girl was in a hurry to be born and was already half way there. Our officers assisted with after birth care until Emergency Medical Services arrived.

The DUI that wasn't. Our officers received a call of a DUI in Ogden Canyon. Upon stopping the vehicle they discovered the driver was having a new chewing tobacco experience gone bad. The driver swallowed the product and started to vomit, thus causing a unique driving pattern.

Now on a more serious note:

We had an unlocked construction trailer in the area of 3000 W Red Sand Rd. in West Haven that had tools stolen from it. The tools consisted of an Air Compressor and 3 - Finish Nailers.

There was an enclosed style construction trailer full of hand tools stolen from the area of 3500 W and 4225 S.

Construction trailers are great targets for easy theft, they can hook on and pull the trailer away to burglarize it or just take the tools right there at the scene. Most are in unlit areas with few neighbors.

Burglary at a local car wash in Washington Terrace. The suspect(s) ripped the vent off of the storage and maintenance room. It appeared the vent was possibly pulled off by using a vehicle. They took two change machines and cash.

Our officers responded to a Burglary in progress at a construction site in Hooper where they apprehended two males exiting the site with copper wire. They were chased and caught, along with female accomplice driving a van.

Alert from the FBI web site:

Prepared by the **Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)**

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FAKE MILITARY TWIST ON VEHICLE SALE SCAMS

The FBI continues to receive reports of individuals victimized while attempting to purchase vehicles via the Internet. Victims find attractively priced vehicles advertised at different Internet classified ad sites. Most of the scams include some type of third-party vehicle protection program to ensure a safe transaction. After receiving convincing e-mails from the phony vehicle protection program, the victims are directed to send either the full payment, or a percentage of the payment, to the third-party agent via a wire payment service. No vehicles are delivered to the victims.

In a new twist, scammers are posing as members of the United States military. The fictitious military personnel in the scam have either been sent to a foreign country to improve military relations, or they need to sell a vehicle quickly and cheaply because of their upcoming deployment to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Consumers are advised to do as much due diligence as possible before engaging in transactions to purchase vehicles advertised online. Consumers are also cautioned to be aware of the rules of or warnings posted by the Internet sites they visit. If someone is asking a consumer to break or avoid the rules of the Web site, it is possible that person is trying to scam you.

If you have fallen victim to this type of scam, please notify the IC3 by filing a complaint at www.IC3.gov.

While checking out the FBI.gov website I located a section that shows a webinar showing a parent what to look for to save their child from identify theft. We never think that our small child could be victims and many don't find out until they get older. Please check out this webinar at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/515989136>

You will have to input your e-mail address, name and mailing address. I did have to add a download to my computer in order to view the webinar but had no problems after that. My session played on my Windows media player and it lasted for approx. 30 minutes. At the end there is a pitch for a company called Debix Identify Protection For Kids but the webinar contained some good information to protect your childs identify.

Children's Credit Crisis, One Kid in Every Classroom an Identity Theft Victim.

Highlights from the research:

The first quantitative research on child identity theft discovered 5% of the children had one or more credit reports using their social security number (SSN). The study was conducted by Javelin Strategy and Research.

- Among those 5%, the children had on average \$12,779 in fraudulent or wrongly assigned debt.

- While the study found that children were more likely to find problems in their credit histories as they aged, an astonishing 12% of those with problems were age 5 and under.

- A handful of cases stand out as especially severe: one child had seven identities listed under his SSN, with several thousand dollars in medical bills, apartment rentals, and credit accounts in collections; another child's SSN was associated with over \$325,000 in debt.

- One in four victims in the study has bills or lines of credit in collections or foreclosure, while almost two-thirds of these children had fake or wrong names listed under their SSN.

- 42% of those children with erroneous credit reports only had credit files at one credit bureau, meaning their fraud could have gone unnoticed without checking all three.

- For 62% of the children in this study, an SSN was attached to a different identity and the child will not be able to use his or her SSN until the discrepancy is resolved.

We hope you found this bulletin informative!

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