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Improvised Weapons and Other Officer Safety Concerns



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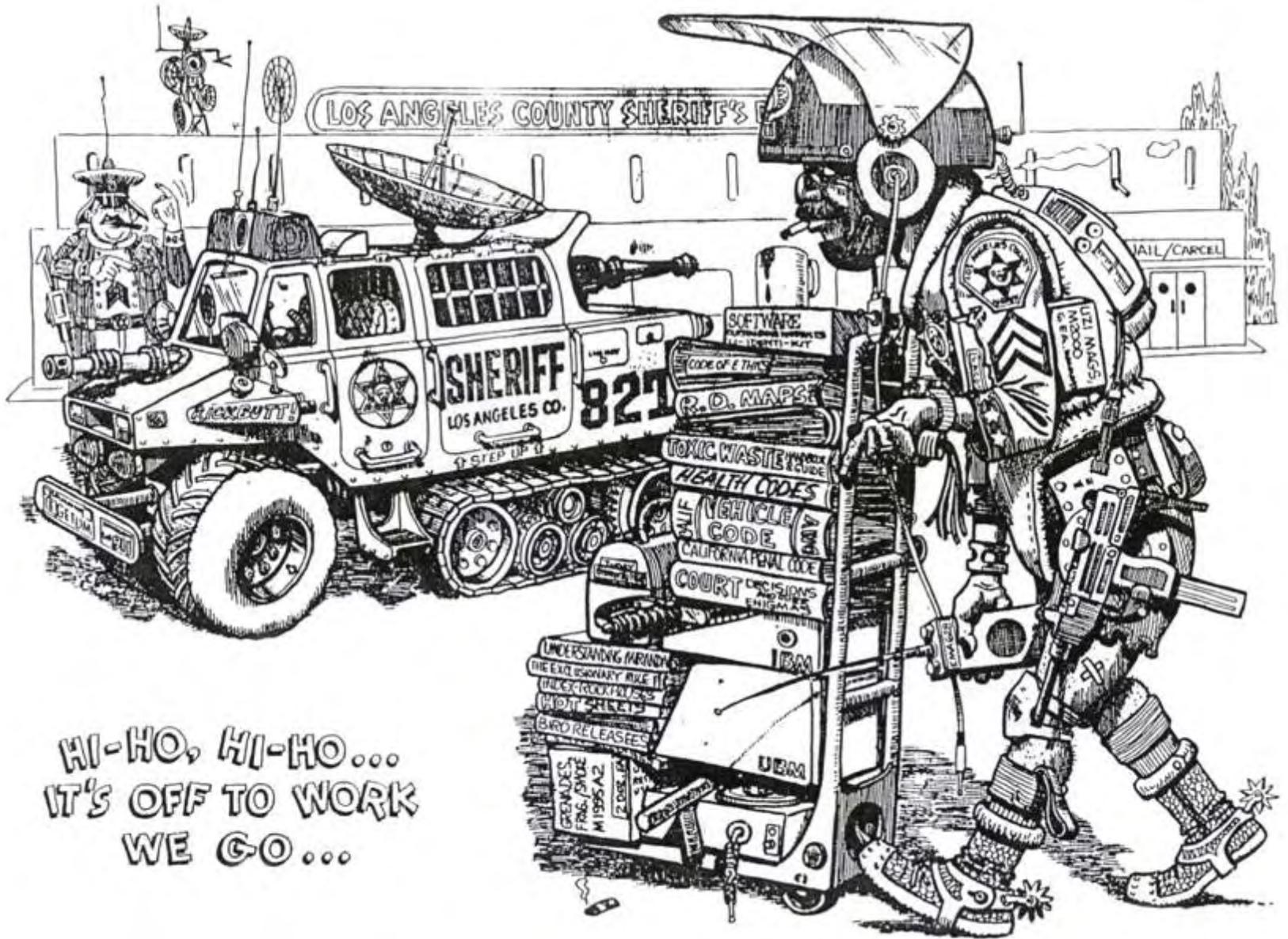
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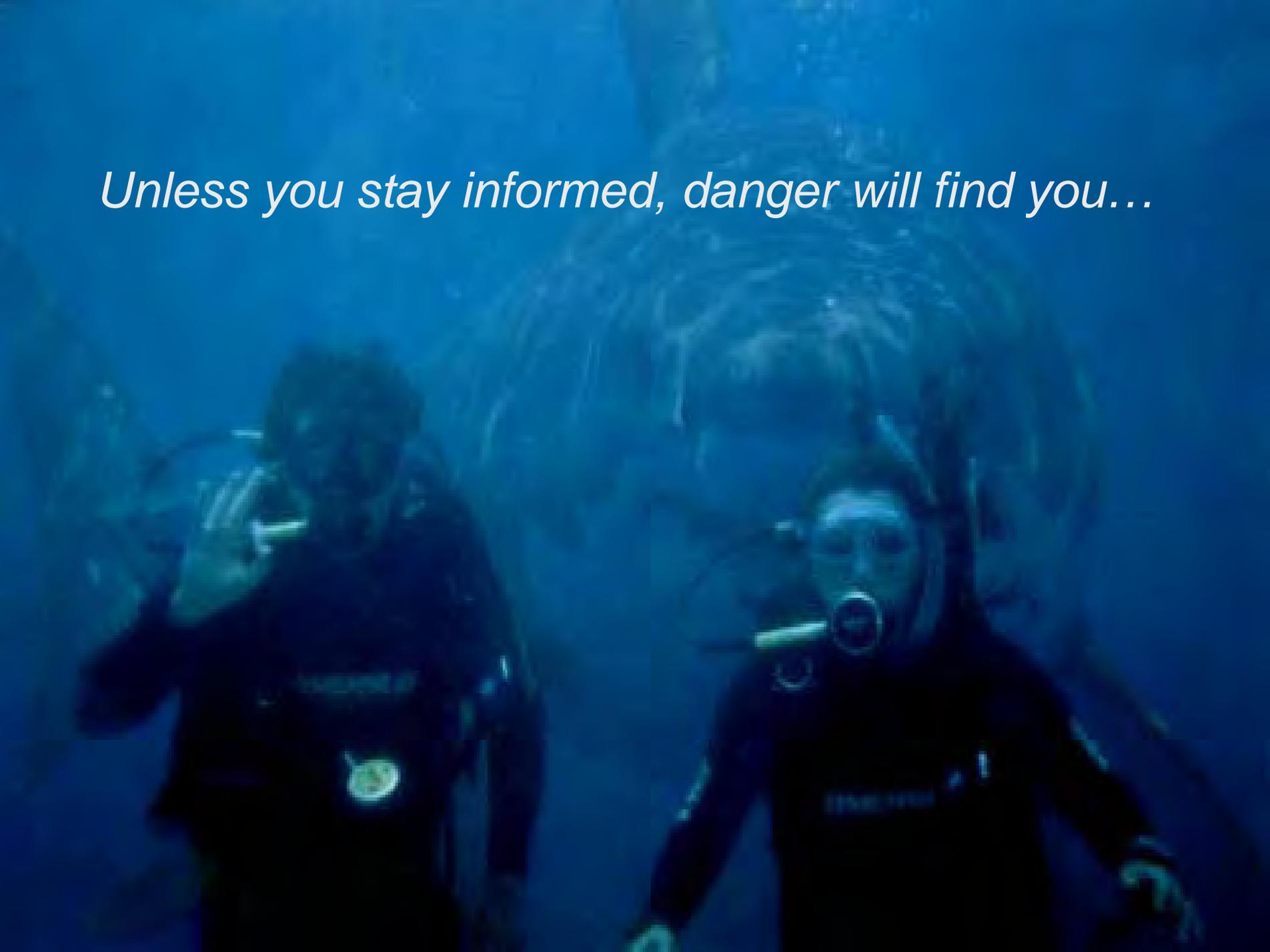
HI-HO, HI-HO...
IT'S OFF TO WORK
WE GO...

The purpose of this presentation is to make you better aware of the numerous improvised weapons and ingenious hiding places that have been created and are in use by today's criminals. The majority of the material used in this presentation comes from various law enforcement officer safety bulletins throughout the world. This presentation attempts to combine information from those bulletins into one easy to view presentation. In the interest of keeping the focus to the threat on hand, many of the circumstances surrounding the identification of these items has been removed.

Knowledge is safety.



Unless you stay informed, danger will find you...



Improvised Weapon

Any item that has been designed, modified, or disguised to function as a weapon.

California's Dangerous Weapon Law (12020 P.C.)

12020(a) PC Any person in this state who does any of the following is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year or in the state prison:

(1) Manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses any cane gun or wallet gun, any undetectable firearm, any firearm which is not immediately recognizable as a firearm, any camouflaging firearm container, any ammunition which contains or consists of any flechette dart, any bullet containing or carrying an explosive agent, any ballistic knife, any multiburst trigger activator, any nunchaku, any short-barreled shotgun, any short-barreled rifle, any metal knuckles, any belt buckle knife, any leaded cane, any zip gun, any shuriken, any unconventional pistol, any lipstick case knife, any cane sword, any shobi-zue, any air gauge knife, any writing pen knife, any metal military practice handgrenade or metal replica hand grenade, or any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a blackjack, slungshot, billy, sandclub, sap, or sandbag.

(2) Manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, or lends, any large-capacity magazine (11 or more rounds).

(3) Carries concealed upon his or her person any explosive substance, other than fixed ammunition.

(4) Carries concealed upon his or her person any dirk or dagger

Firearms

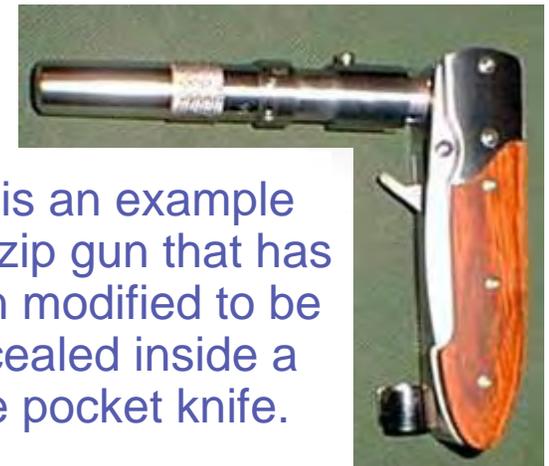
Zip Guns



Zip Guns are among the most commonly improvised firearms. Finding pieces of metal pipe and tubing like these on a suspect may indicate the makings of a zip gun, among the most common improvised firearms. A handgun round is inserted snugly into a small diameter tube. That "loaded" tube is then inserted into a larger pipe, which has an end cap with a piece of pointed metal inside it. When a suspect slams the end cap back against a hard surface, the pointed metal strikes the primer of the round like a firing pin and discharges the weapon. The zip gun can be disassembled and the parts discarded with little chance they will be put back together and identified as a weapon.



This "Zip-Gun" was taken off of a Arizona Suspect in September 2004. The zip gun was made from a portable flare gun and fired a .38 Caliber Bullet. It is operated by a pull and release of the trigger mechanism.



This is an example of a zip gun that has been modified to be concealed inside a large pocket knife.

Tire Pressure Gauge Zip Gun

In May 2002, Officers in Houlton, Maine recovered a tire pressure gauge that had been converted to a .22 caliber zip gun.



.32 Caliber Pen Gun

Available for sale over the counter at Arizona Gun shops



Mini-Maglite Gun

The Ares Defense Systems of Blacksburg, Pennsylvania Company also manufactures a Mini-Maglite Gun that fires a single .380 or .22 Caliber round. It is made out of the standard 2 "AA" Cell Maglite flashlight body and is about 4" long. It operates just like the Maglite Shotgun Flashlight. This weapon is manufactured in several colors and has an optional end cap that will help make the weapon look like a normal flashlight. The weapon retails for about \$450.



Concealed Bolt Guns

When most people dig around in their toolbox, they are thinking about repairs. Even you, a law enforcement officer, may put down your guard on your day off to repair that leaky faucet or to work on whatever beloved piece of metal that sits in your garage but never runs.

But the criminal mind is always thinking of new and improved ways to bring you down. When they dig through a toolbox, they're not looking for a tool to mend, they're looking for another piece to a deadly weapon. This is exactly why Newsline makes it a point to warn you of any new and creative weapons brought to our attention. Incidentally, Newsline Subscriber Ray Sefchick, a Ranger at Tuscarora State Park in Pennsylvania, recently informed Newsline about a firearm he found on a Philadelphia iron worker. The firearm was disguised as a bolt - just a common piece in your home improvement kit.

"It's a homemade .22 caliber weapon that fires a single .22 caliber Stinger," Sefchick told Newsline." He added, "To fire the weapon, all you have to do is pull back on the spring-loaded hex head of the bolt."

The weapon is about 5/8 inches in diameter and 4 inches long. Sefchick explained that the only way to really tell the bolt is a weapon is because of the small hole in the threaded portion.



Flare Gun Conversion Kit

The “Pirate’s Plague” flare gun conversion kit uses metal adapters to alter standard plastic 12 gauge and 25 mm flare guns, giving them the capability of firing an assortment of .38 caliber pistol bullets and shotgun rounds. It is marketed as a weapon conversion available for small vessel sailors. The company’s website (captainforhire.com) claims, “The adapter is not a firearm, it is legal to possess all over the world.” When the adapter is inserted into the flare gun, it alters that flare gun from being a device, not primarily designed to be a firearm, into a firearm, violating section 12020(a)(1) PC, (zip gun and unconventional pistol). The company also markets Capsicum Rounds, (O.C.) as well as extremely loud blanks that may be fired in any 12 gauge device.



Capsicum
(Red
Pepper)
rounds for
12 Ga. Flare
Gun "



"Pirate's
Plague"
Adapter
(12 Ga. To
.38 cal.
Adapter)



Pellet Gun Conversion



The City of Hemet Police Department in California found in a juvenile's waistband an "airsoft gun" that had been converted to fire a .32 caliber bullet. The juvenile explained how he inserted a sheet metal screw to act as a firing pin and then purchased a piece of pipe to act as a barrel. The pipe simply slid into the end of the barrel. The subject was then able to fire "one .32 caliber bullet" through it. He stated that it works for one shot.

BB Gun to Shotgun Conversion

In August 2006, officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in North Carolina, impounded several improvised weapons, one of weapons was composed of an off the shelf BB gun and additional homemade components that when combined, converted it into a single shot shotgun. To operate, a shotgun shell is inserted in the adapter, the adapter is then connected to the BB gun. When a BB is fired, it acts as a firing pin, popping the shotgun primer cap and causing the discharge of the shotgun shell.



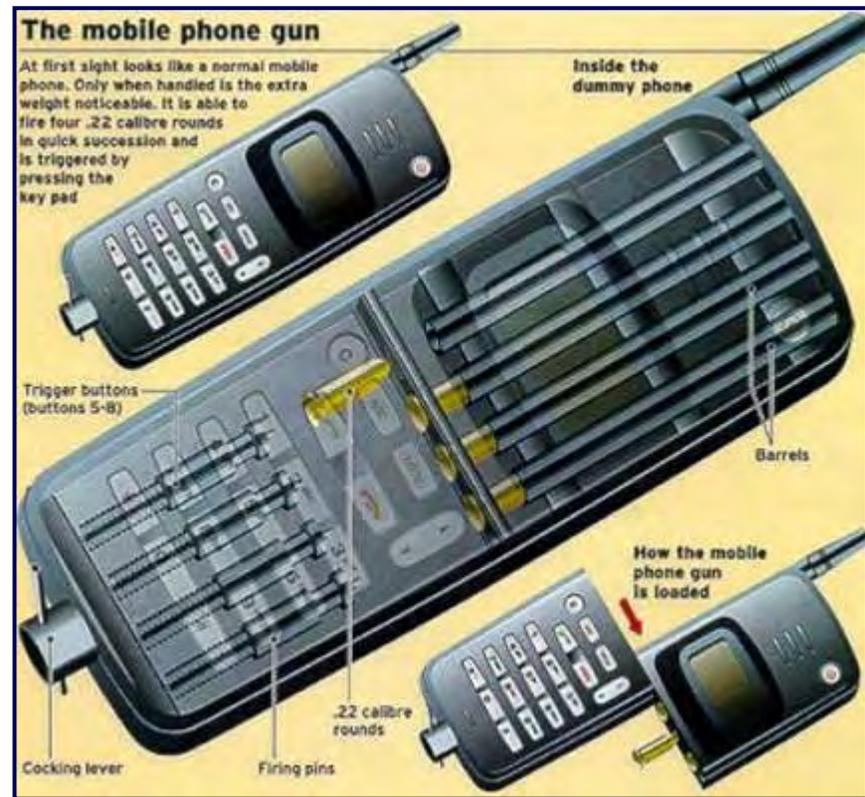
Maglite Shotgun



Ares Defense Systems of Blacksburg, Pennsylvania manufactures and sells a .410 Shotgun that resembles a three "D" Cell Maglite flashlight for around \$600. It is a fully functional high quality weapon that fires a single .410 caliber shotgun round. The flashlight functions by pulling back a spring-loaded firing pin, much like a "zip gun" or portable flare gun. Once the safety pin is pulled, the operator pushed down on the firing lever, discharging the weapon through the end cap of the flashlight. The weapon's flashlight works, but is of a lesser light intensity. The weapon is considered an NFA (National Firearms Act) weapon. Subjects in possession of such a device are required by federal law to have proper documentation of ownership.



Mobile Cell Phone Gun



This mobile phone has been altered to fire four .22 caliber rounds with a touch of the otherwise standard keypad. The phone does not function as normal cell phones and has been completely gutted and replaced with a rudimentary spring-wound percussion mechanism. From the outside this “phone” is indistinguishable from normal cell phone except it is much heavier. The gun is loaded by twisting the phone in half. A .22 caliber round fits into the top of the phone under the screen. The lower half, under the keypad, holds the firing pins. The bullets fire through the antenna by pressing the keypad from numbers five to eight, or depressing the “connect” button.

Folding Gun

This is one of the smallest firearms you can buy. It is a 5 shot .22 caliber pistol manufactured by North American Arms. It has a grip that folds over the barrel and cylinder. This one was concealed inside an eye glass case when discovered, but...fits easily in pockets, hats, etc. When clipped to your pants pocket it almost looks like a pager.



Same weapon concealed in a belt buckle



Necklace Gun

This same firearm, the North American Arms 5 shot .22 caliber pistol was found tied to a rope, and worn like a necklace underneath the shirt of a suspect arrested in Stillwell, Oklahoma. You can see how easy it would be to miss this weapon in a quick cursory search. The weapon shown here is being demonstrated by a Stillwater Police Officer.



World's Smallest Gun

The Swiss Mini Gun is the smallest commercially handgun in the world. It's extremely small -- just over two inches long. It comes with tiny bullets (2.34 mm Caliber) designed especially for the weapon that can penetrate skin. Even in its holster, this gun is so small that may pass for a keychain ornament. As its name indicates, the Swiss Mini Gun is manufactured in Switzerland. The gun is a miniature, detailed copy of the Colt Python revolver. It sells for approximately \$5000 to gun collectors.



Tear Gas Guns

These are .22 caliber non-lethal Tear Gas Guns. They are sold through "Police" and "Sportsman" Magazines. The ad explains that no federal license or gun permit is needed to carry one and that they sell for \$30 each.

Meet for you

All solid metal!
Precision made

These desirable, high quality stainer guns are beautifully balanced. Our receiver is the famous 5100 Police model 8 shot side loading cylinder. Our 5-shot, heavy-duty frame, semi-automatic is slip fed. Both guns respond perfectly to your every movement and are extremely easy to handle. Both the automatic and revolver can be loaded with either non-lethal tear gas cartridges or blanks. As you can see, these handsome, solid metal guns will easily fit into a jacket's purse or in our specially designed gun holster. These precision made guns are extremely sturdy, yet lightweight. So if you are 15 years of age or older, order now.

8 Shot Stainer Semi-Automatic (SAS) ONLY \$29.95
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FEEL COMPLETELY SAFE!

Now you no longer need to live in fear of muggers, rapists

Your Choice Only \$29.95 / Why Pay \$79.95

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Credit Card "BB" Shotgun

A new twist on the idea of concealable weapons, the credit card-sized shotgun, is shown at Koscielski's Guns and Ammo, in Minneapolis, MI. It's a two-shot weapon machined from a block of metal the height and width of a standard credit card, and about a half-inch thick. Each barrel fires seven standard steel BBs. It retails for \$100.

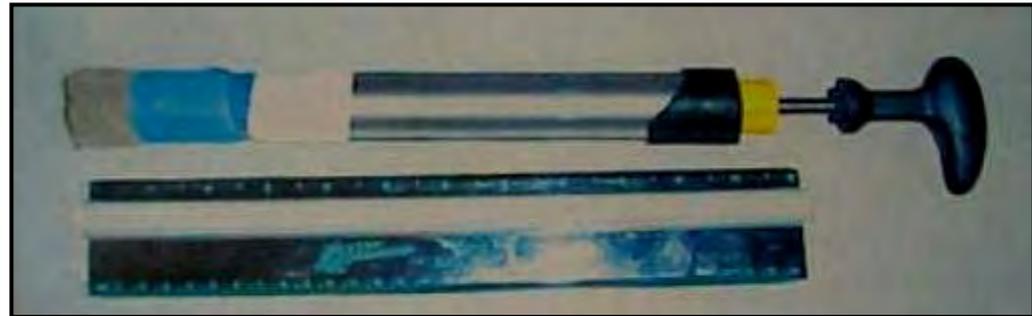


Cane Shotgun

This Single Shot
.410 gauge Shotgun
is available over the
internet for \$1200.



Bicycle Pump Gun



In October 2006, Police in Tampa, Florida discovered this bicycle pump on a parolee. The bicycle pump had been modified to fire a single .45 caliber bullet when depressed.

"The Club" Shotgun

This is "The Club" steering wheel-locking device sold around the world, easily modified to fire shotgun shells.



The handle end of the the Club has been hollowed out to act as a barrel.

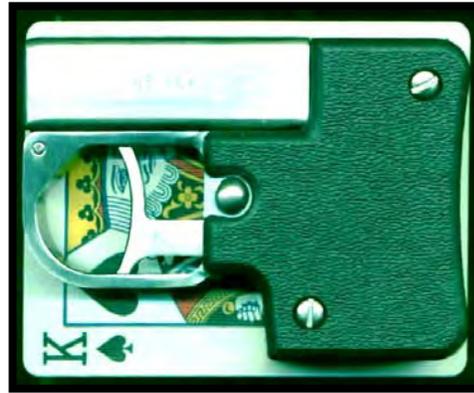
When the locking end is pulled back, the interior metal cap (altered to act as a firing pin) is pulled away from the round.

It is fired by "slamming" the ends back together



Pocket Gun

This gun fires .45 ACP, .357 magnum, and .38 Special rounds. It is a single shot weapon, double action weapon made by the "Downsizer Corp." It measures 3 ¼" long, 2 ¼" tall, and is .90" thick.



Wallet Gun



“Cigarettes can be dangerous for your Health”

CIGARETTE PACK GUN

This firearm is usually a single-shot weapon of varying calibers. Although much heavier than a normal cigarette packet, this weapon is visually difficult to distinguish from the genuine article. Real cigarettes will often be inserted next to the barrel, and the firing button is concealed beneath the packet's label. In addition, the packet could be kept closed, concealing the barrel but not hindering the operation of the weapon. Any brand of cigarette or cigar packaging could be used in such a device.



CIGARETTE CASE GUN

Shoots a .22 caliber round and is very quiet. Has a pull type pen gun (that is the small piece off of the box, about the size of a lighter). The square box is the silencer. Fits neatly in a cigarette case. This unit is constructed well. Manufacturer is called “DAW”, designed by the great gun fairy for some government agency somewhere. There are two units available, extremely rare item.”



Knife Gun

This is a single shot .22 caliber long rifle “pistol” disguised as a hunting knife. It is manufactured by a company called “Powell & Brown” out of Tucson, Arizona. A cocking mechanism is located at the top of the handle. There is no safety. A slide release collapses the knife at a 30 degree angle to load or unload the weapon. The trigger is located just forward of the grip.

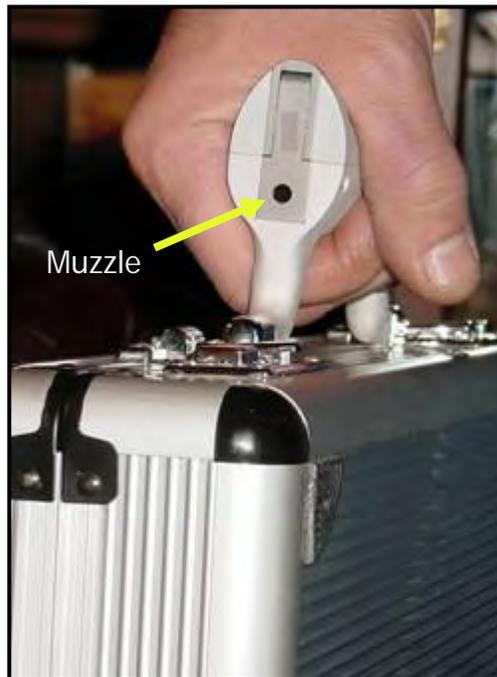
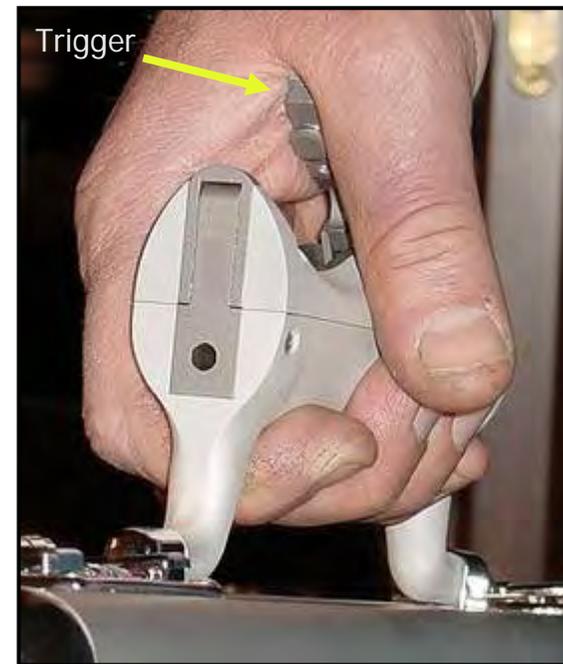
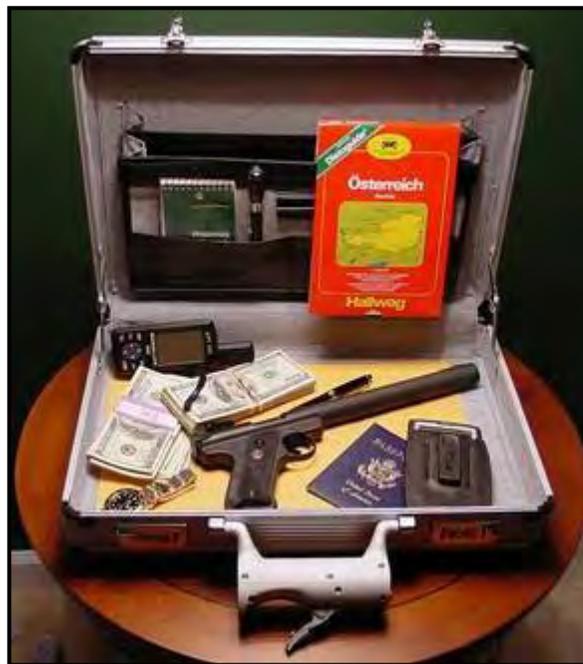


c/o Crook County Sheriff, Prineville, OR

Briefcase Gun

The Enigma Briefcase's design features a fully functioning six shot .22 LR revolver incorporated in the handle of a professional briefcase. The case functions as a regular briefcase, with the additional capability of firing six .22 LR shots. This double action revolver allows you to fire as fast as you can pull the trigger.

Because the firearm is carried like a regular briefcase, you are always holding the firearm at the proper height. The briefcase is being marketed over the internet.



Hunting Knife Gun

G. R. A. D. 22

This is a six shot .22 caliber "pistol". The cylinder and firing mechanisms are concealed inside the handle. The handle breaks down and "ejects" the bullet casing. The grip conceals the trigger. The blade is removable and the handle may be carried alone as a firearm. Fairly accurate for firing due to it's overall length.



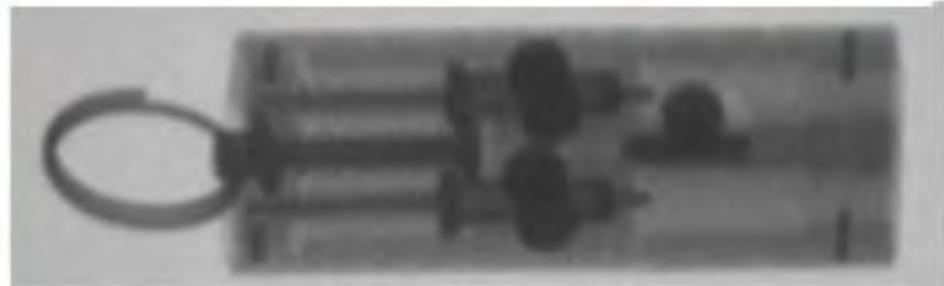
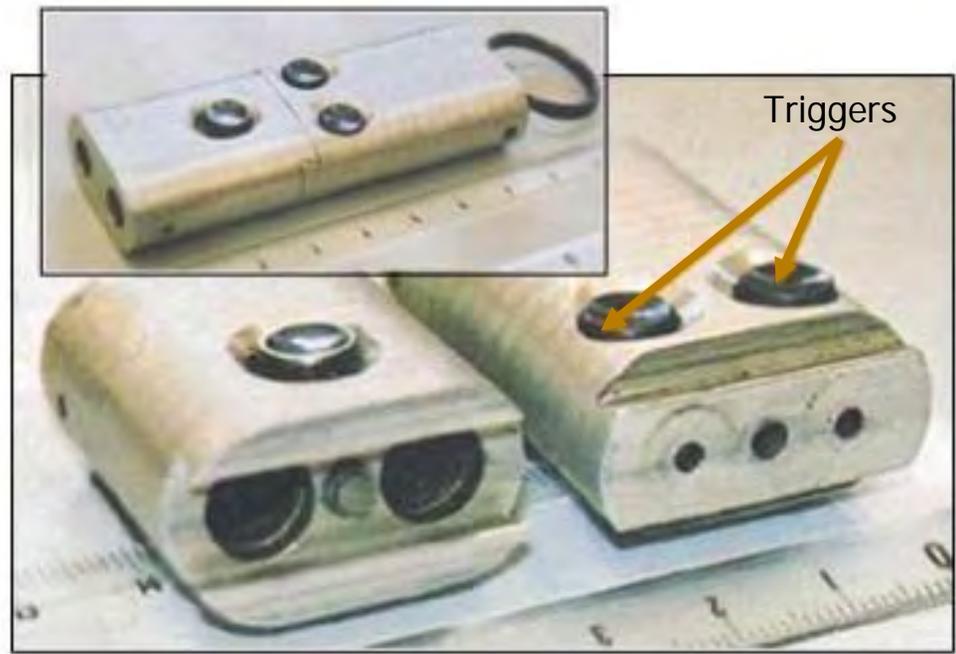
Modified Pistol Pen

In April of 2004, German Police busted a individual who was manufacturing illegally modified single fire pistol pens. The gun is designed to fire a single .22 Long Rifle Cartridge. They come in various colors and styles. It is spring activated. About 1200 of the guns remain unaccounted for.



Double Barreled Key Chain Gun

This weapon has been recovered at several customs check points in Europe (France & Croatia). The device was originally marketed to fire tear gas, however the bores have been modified to fire a handgun round. The two large buttons located side by side are designed to fire the spring loaded weapon. Each button will fire one .32 Auto round. The black button on the opposite end allows for the weapon to be opened and reloaded.



X-Ray Image

Pager doubles as a Gun Holster

At first glance, this appears to be a big, prehistoric beeper from the 80's. Large, bulky, and weighs about a pound, but look inside...Law enforcement should be aware of a pager that doubles as a gun holster. The pager holster is a non-functioning device with a fictional company logo, called **"SATLINK PAGING, INC."**



"Pager Pal" Covert Holster

Made in the USA. The Pager Pal Holster is designed to be worn inside the pants using the fake pager as a clip to support the holster. The holster can be used to hold small firearms or edged weapons. Cost \$60.



Homeboy Night Sites



Rugged, sturdy installation of HoMeBoY™ brand Night Sights to your New Model Glock allows for a more "modern-day" handling of your pistol as seen in today's hit movies. Contact BWS today and be the "First in the Hood" to have your Glock modernized With side-shooting capability! Modified holsters also available!



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Be the first in the hood to have the HoMeBoY™ brand Night Sights installed on your New-Model Glock!

NEW!!
Now Accepting Orders!

Pictured is a Glock 19 with side mounted HoMeBoY Night Sights

Rugged design will withstand being tossed more than 30 feet!

Allows firing from car windows, over fences, bar counters, or simply while chasing someone through the yard!

Replica Beretta 92f Pellet Gun

**Can you tell the difference ?
Would you have the time to try?**

The most realistic replica seen to date. Not only looks like the Beretta 92f, but also operates much like it (with the exception of the safety lever).



Replica Paint Ball Guns

Numerous paint ball guns are commercially available that resemble real and very lethal automatic weapons. All of the weapons shown here are paint gun replicas.



Real “Colorized” Handguns

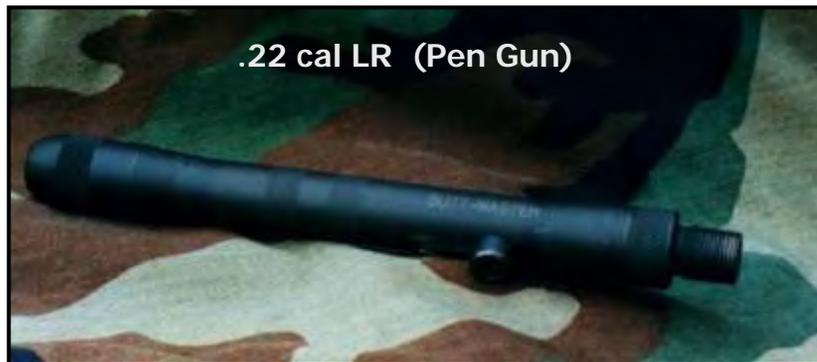
These guns have been either painted, coated with a colored ceramic coating or wrapped in color tape to lull you into thinking they are toy guns in order to slow down your reaction time.

One type of coating system is called the “Cerakote Firearms Coating System.” This system is marketed as a finish that provides corrosion protection, abrasion resistance, texture hardness and durability. Several companies make colored stocks.



Serbu Firearms, Inc.

This company in Tampa, Florida and sells modified firearms and accessories over the internet. Many of their products, in the wrong hands can pose a qualified danger to law enforcement. Attached are some pictures of some of their products for sale. You may ask, how can this be legal. See the next slide where the company explains your rights per the National Firearms act of 1934.



Serbu Firearms, Inc.

The following justification appears verbatim on the Serbu Internet page. It explains how you may be able to apply for and obtain these weapons through the National Firearms Act of 1934:

ALL NFA RULES APPLY!!! (Note: ALL the stuff you see on this page is legal per Federal law, while many states choose to outlaw some or all of it. Our silencers are legal in most states, but are not legal in: CA, HI, KS, MO, IA, MN, IL, MI, NJ, NY, MA, RI, so please don't ask us to "sell one to your parents" if you happen to live in one of these states. Our silencers are very reasonably priced but the cost goes to around \$250,000 or 10 years in jail if you happen to possess one illegally in one of the above mentioned states.)

What the hell is this NFA stuff? NFA stands for the National Firearms Act, which was passed by Congress in 1934. The NFA provides for the registration and tax of certain types of weapons: machine guns, silencers, short-barreled rifles, sawed-off shotguns and gadget guns (which are considered to be AOWs- Any Other Weapon. Obviously, the BFG-50 rifle is NOT an NFA weapon, though there are bills in Congress working to change that). The popular story is that the NFA was passed to help curb the violence of the "Roaring '20s", brought about mostly because of Prohibition. Anyone who knows anything about the way our Federal Government works will realize that with the ending of Prohibition in 1933, something had to be done with all those Treasury agents, and enforcing a new batch of bogus laws was just the ticket. The \$200 tax levied by the NFA (\$5 for AOWs) was, in 1934, an incredibly large sum. Now it's mostly an annoyance. The bottom line is that yes, you can buy a machine gun, silencer, or other similarly evil weapon (that's a joke, of course...evil is not a trait which objects can possess), provided that you live in a state which allows them. You'll have to jump through a few hoops and pay the tax, but at least you can still buy this stuff. So here is a step-by step guide for buying an NFA item from Serbu Firearms, Inc.:

- 1) Make sure the item you want is legal in your state. Some states ban all NFA weapons, some ban just certain types.
- 2) Contact a local Class 3 dealer or Class 2 manufacturer and find out what needs to be done in your state in order to purchase an NFA item.
- 3) Make sure you can get a sign off. This is the major snag to buying an NFA item. To complete your BATF paperwork (BATF Form 4) which transfers the NFA item to you, you'll need the signature of a local law enforcement chief. Not just a street cop, but the Sheriff, State's Attorney, etc. Said person is not required to sign the form, and in many locations around the country, won't.
- 4) Form a corporation. This is a loophole which gets you around the sign off. Do this ONLY if you can't get a sign off. The down side is that there are many hassles associated with forming and maintaining a corporation. Another down side is that the corporation owns the guns, you don't.
- 5) Send money. Usually your local dealer charges a fee for handling the transfer.
- 6) Wait. The dealer-to-dealer paperwork usually takes at least 30 days, and we're usually backordered to the point where your dealer won't see a gun, silencer, whatever, for 45-60 days.
- 7) Rejoice when your gun comes in! Welcome to the restrictive, elite and fun world of NFA. Here in the U.S., we enjoy as a Constitutionally protected right something which most nations of the world have stripped from their subjects....uh....citizens. Be responsible and safe!

Super Shorty Shotgun

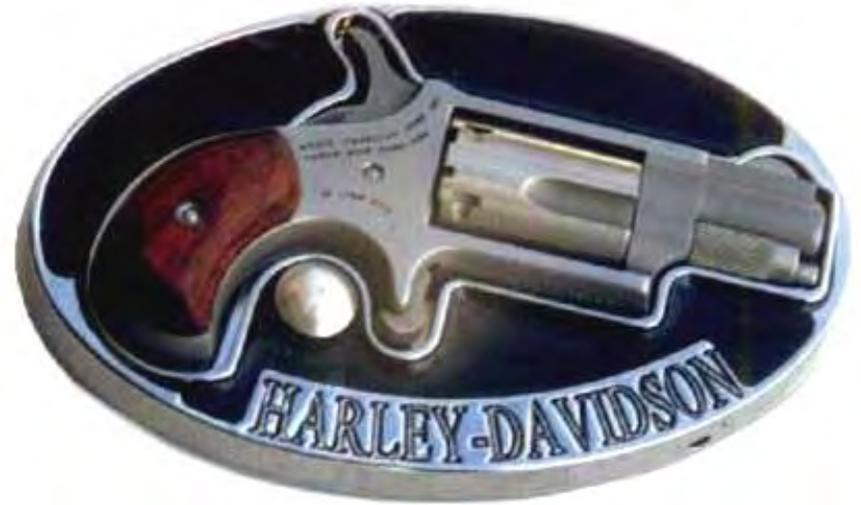
This weapon is available over the internet from the Serbu Company in Florida. Here is the information verbatim from their web site:

The SUPER-SHORTY is based on a Mossberg Maverick 12-gauge shotgun which came from the factory with a pistol grip. Because of this, the SUPER-SHORTY is considered an AOW (Any Other Weapon) and can be transferred with a \$5 stamp!

The gun holds two 2-3/4" or 3" shells in the magazine, plus one in the chamber. The 16.5" overall length, 6.5" barrel and spring-locked foregrip, which pivots out of the way when not in use, make for a very compact package. As far as we know, this is the shortest 12-gauge pump shotgun available. All parts for the SUPER-SHORTY are made in-house on our own CNC machinery using materials ideally suited to the task. All welds are done by the TIG process, and the manganese phosphate finish is MIL-spec. If you like the idea of concealed carry with a 12-gauge, or like a lot of "bang" in a small package, or just like a lot of muzzle flash, then this is the gun for you. You won't find a better made AOW pump shotgun than the SUPER-SHORTY! Price: \$675. Deluxe version (shown) with front sight and sling swivels: \$725. Note: The SUPER-SHORTY is registered per the National Firearms Act of 1934.



Belt Buckle Gun



Ultra Tech International is an online company that is selling the belt buckle shown here with a removable fully operational, 5 shot single action .22 mini revolver mounted in the center. Customers may be falsely assuming that because the gun is not concealed, it is not illegal to possess. The gun and buckle combo sells for \$299.

The company also sells belt buckles with removable knives.

FN 5.7 Weapon System



The FN 5.7 Gun and the Bullet The FN 5.7 is available for purchase on the civilian market. The 5.7 is the same size as any full size service weapon. What makes it unique is the cartridge. The Five-seven shoots a 5.7x28mm cartridge. The bullet comes in several different types. The bullets are allegedly not available to civilians, but we all know how long that last.

The base cartridge for this weapon is the SS190. This bullet will perforate 48 layers of Kevlar from 50 meters out. This translates into "it will punch through your vest, PLATE included." The bullets will then travel into your body and inflict damage. The bullet is traveling at 2,133fps.

Another unique fact about this weapon is the low recoil and control-ability. The 5.7 only has 60% of the recoil impulse of a 9mm. It is comparable to a .22 target pistol. This aides the shooter to accurately engage targets very quickly. The average shooter can engage man-size targets all day from 50 to 100 yards with a great degree of accuracy. This is only made easier with the fact that the standard magazine in this pistol holds 20 Rounds.

Spotting a hidden handgun

Conspicuous Clothing

Garments worn to conceal weapons often appear odd, mismatched, or out of season, and can actually draw attention to a person trying to avoid scrutiny. A closer look may reveal movements or other characteristic signs of a hidden handgun.

Jacket Fits Unevenly

One side hangs lower than the other, and swings like a pendulum with each step

Hand Rests on Gun

Hand constantly feels for the gun through clothing

Holster Bulges

A holstered gun appears as a lump when arms are extended or when the body bends at the waist

Styles Don't Match

Oversized or mismatched coat seems incompatible with other clothing

Clothes Don't Suit Weather

A coat is open in cold weather for quick access to a gun...or closed in hot weather to conceal one



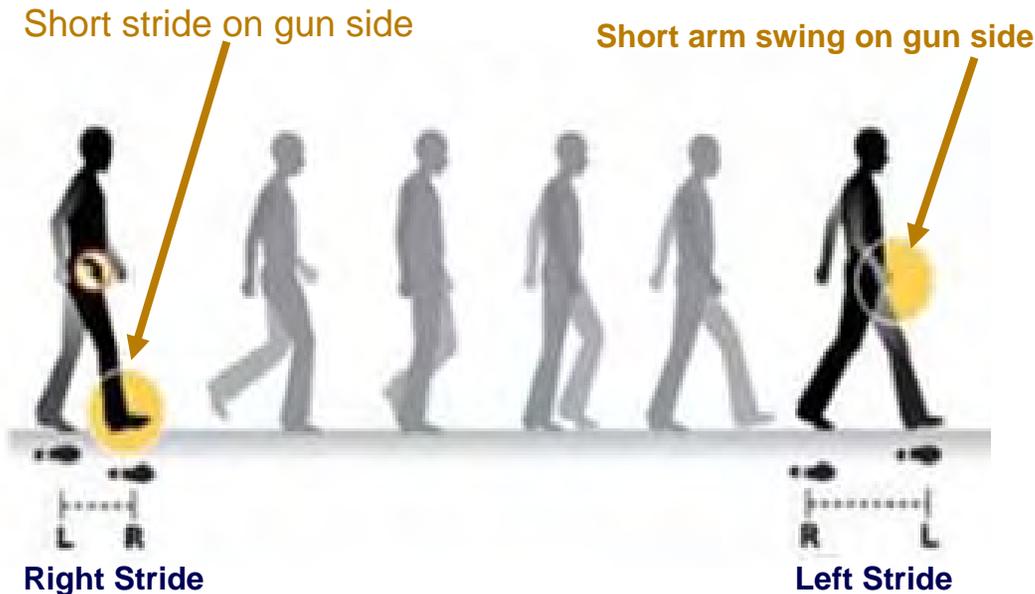
Source: Robert T. Galiagher, Retired NYPD Detective

Spotting a hidden handgun

Asymmetrical Gait

A gun in a right-hand pocket or tucked into the right side of the waistband may hinder leg movement on that side, making the right stride shorter than the left.

A slightly clipped arm swing may also signal a hidden gun; the forearm on the gun side will tend to stay close to the body, instinctively guarding the weapon.



Upper Body Shift

When approached from the front, a person with a hidden gun will instinctively turn the gun side of his body away from the person approaching, and may veer to that side to avoid a face-to-face encounter. He is also likely to put his arm in toward his body on the gun side.

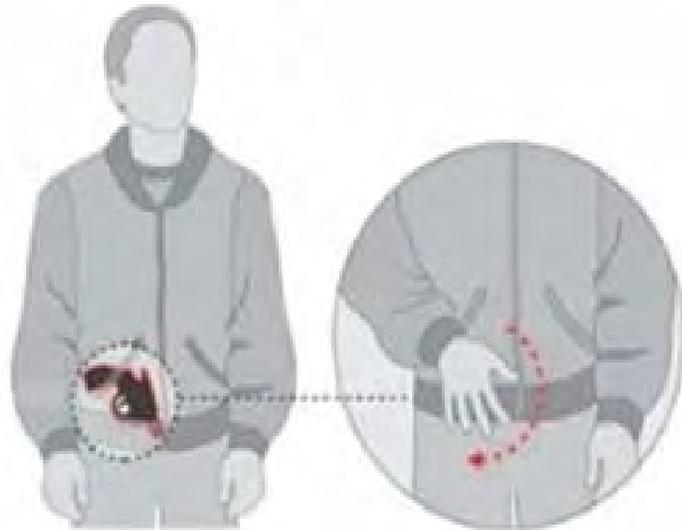


Spotting a hidden handgun

A Quick Adjustment

A gun's weight is distributed unevenly, with more of its weight in the grip than in the barrel. When running or moving quickly, a person concealing a gun is likely to brace the weapon with an arm or hand.

Vertical motion – like descending stairs or stepping onto a curb – tends to shift the barrel upward. A quick, circular movement of the hand or forearm adjusts the gun's position.



Gun Hidden Under Jacket Hand Repositions Gun

Running while Armed

When running or moving quickly, a person concealing a gun is likely to brace the weapon with an arm or hand.



Gun's original position in waistband



Weighted grip slips downward; barrel rises

Stun Weapons

Cell Phone Stun Gun

This Cellular Phone Stun Gun is available for purchase by the general public at several internet sites. It is designed to look just like a cell phone and includes a safety lock. The phone is advertised to put out 180,000 volts through it's antenna. The Stun gun will not operate as a operable cell phone. This particular cell phone stun gun is marketed by a Taiwan company called Motedo. Cost \$55.



Flashlight Stun Guns

There are several internet companies that are marketing “Stun” flashlights. Most cost under \$100 and will put out between 80,000 and 600,000 volts. Some will also include a loud audible alarm (130db). They all will operate as a working flashlight.

The “3 in 1 Rechargeable Stun Gun Flashlight” is advertised as being designed for police and security guards. They state “Just test firing this unit into the air is often enough to stop an attacker. As a bright electric current pulsates around the top of the baton it creates an intimidating electrical sound that can often stop a would-be attacker in his tracks. If the sight and sound of the electric current and the personal alarm are not enough to stop him, a jolt of 600,000 volts certainly will!”



Electric Probes



3 in 1 Rechargeable Stun Gun Flashlight

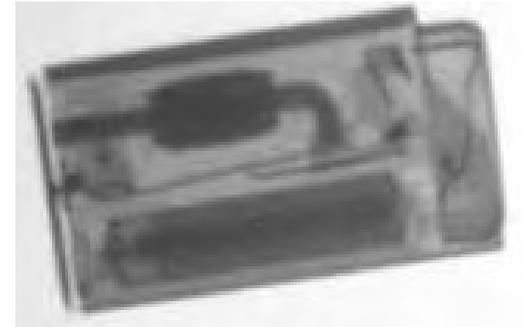
"Blast" Knuckles Stun Gun

Billed as "the hottest new stun gun in the marketplace!" the Blast Knuckles Stun Gun reportedly delivers 950,000 volts. Blast Knuckles are advertised as being "Perfect for joggers" having a "unique patented design, soft rubber coating" and a "contour grip" that assures full control. Offered by JPTrading.com (Nashua, NH), the Blast Knuckles list for about \$40 and includes a leather holster.



Electric Shock Lighter

Marketed as a prank and available at novelty shops, this device delivers a mild shock when the user tries to light the flame.



Tasers vs. Heavy Clothing

Be advised that tasers have proven ineffective on subjects wearing leather jackets or other heavy or multi-layered clothing.



“Electric” Jacket

The Electric Jacket is marketed as the “No-Contact Jacket” and is capable of emitting 80,000 volts. According to the advertisement, “The No-Contact Jacket is a wearable defensive jacket created to aid women in their struggle for protection from violence. When activated by the wearer, 80,000 volts of low amperage electric current pulses just below the surface shell of the entire jacket. This exo-electric armor prevents any person from unauthorized contact with the wearer's body.

Name Brand



Activation in Sleeve

Edged Weapons

Belt Buckle & Necklace Knives



Ultra Tech International is an online company that sells hidden belt buckle knives and guns. They advertise their knives allow for easy one hand opening and their blades are serrated and made with hardened steel and are razor sharp. When fully extended, the knife is 7" long, and 4" when closed. The belts come in a wide variety of designs, shown are just two of their more popular designs. The Belt & Knife combo sell for \$99.



Hidden Knife



Other Examples...



More Belt Buckle & Necklace Knives Examples



Knife hidden inside belt. Manufactured by Bowen Knives (USA).



Manufactured by Hibben Knives in La Grange, KY.

More Belt Buckle & Necklace Knives Examples



Knife hidden inside belt. Manufactured by CAS Iberia Inc. (USA).



Manufactured by Valois Knives (USA)

More Belt Buckle & Necklace Knives Examples



**Knife hidden inside belt buckle.
Manufactured by Gerber (USA).**

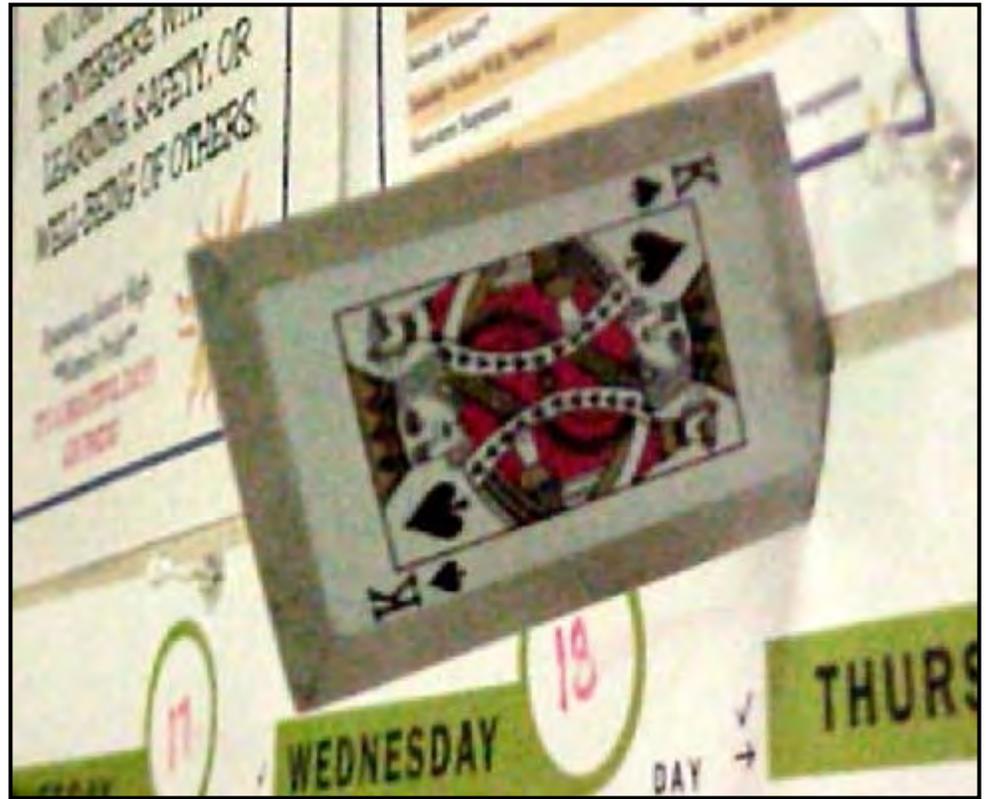


Shown here is a leather belt that has the hidden inside zippered pocket, small enough to hide a handcuff key or other contraband.

Knife that looks like a Gun

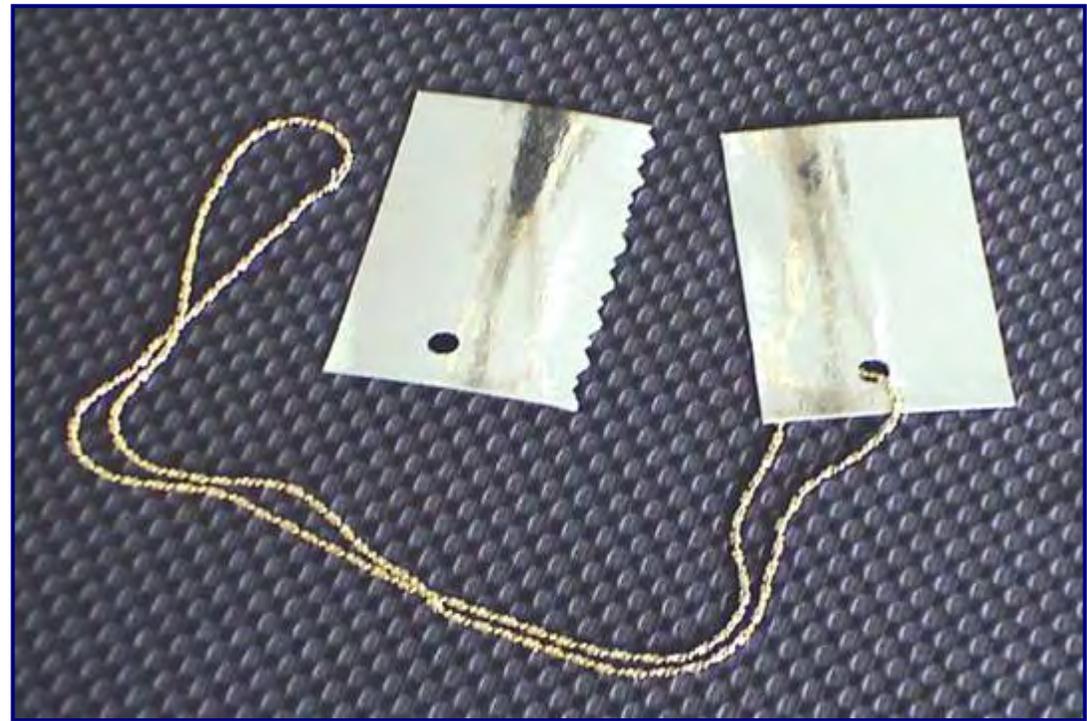


Throwing Card



The throwing card shown here is made of metal and is about the size of a playing card. All four corners and sides are razor sharp. The weapon was taken from a student at a Junior High School. When thrown, the card penetrated $\frac{1}{4}$ " of plywood. These cards are sold over the internet and are available through martial arts supply companies.

Credit Card Slashers



Razor-sharp slicing weapons fashioned from credit cards, or in the shape of credit cards, are becoming increasingly popular with biker gangs and white prison gang members back on the street. These weapons can easily slice open the throat of a lone traffic officer or interviewing detective. Examine all "credit cards" with care. The above weapons are credit-card-size razors, with one long edge sharpened and the opposite edge left dull for gripping. The serrated blade on the left is affectionately named the "Face Saw" by the manufacturer. The other is called the "Big Razor." They can be suspended around the neck or allowed to hang down the pants leg.

They can also be secreted into a credit card pocket of a wallet.

The credit card on the left was modified by hot-gluing a thin, sharpened steel plate to the back of the card. The sharp razor edge can be seen running across the tops of the card.



Key Knives



There are several types of key knives sold on the market, including at self-defense shows, gun shops, hardware stores, gas stations, and novelty stores. They are very realistic looking at a glance could be easily overlooked during a search. Usually the blades are surgical steel, as sharp as a razor.



Lighter Knives



Shown here are some of the numerous models that are sold, usually at tobacco shops for about \$8. Many operate “Stiletto style,” i.e., the blade slides upward from the tube vs. folding out.



Car Remote Knife

In February 2007, Screening Officers at the Anne Arundel County Courthouse in Maryland discovered a switchblade knife disguised as a car remote. The 1.5" blade was spring loaded and engaged by depressing the chrome button. The "remote" also function as a lighter. The alarm buttons were not functional.



Concealed Wrist Knives



These set of concealed knives are worn in a sheath that goes around the wrist. The sheath is then hidden from view by being covered up with a long sleeve shirt. These knives are also balanced to be thrown.



Rope Climber Clip Knife

This type of clip is popular with rope climbers who use this type of clip to control rope lines while climbing. The knife is designed help them cut a rope in case of emergency. This device is available through normal sporting mart stores and specialty shops.



Wallet Knife



Coin Knives

These photos depict various coin knives that could easily be disguised amongst other change, as a medallion on a necklace, or as a key chain. These coins can be purchased over the internet for a few hundred dollars. Many of the parts in these coins are so tiny, they are put together under a microscope. The old French coin depicted here has accessories that include scissors, blade, nail file, and shackle.

Another product that is available for purchase over the Internet and sold by the U.S. Mint is a unique collectible 1997 American Eagle Silver Dollar Coin knife. The coin weighs approximately one ounce and is the same size as a 1997 United States silver dollar. The coin has been antiqued to give it an "aged" appearance that features a hardened steel pocketknife mechanism that opens on either side to reveal a knife blade and nail file and sells for \$75. The U.S. Mint no longer sells this coin.



Dagger Necklace

This necklace has a integrated curved dagger, with corals and black pearls and is made from Sterling silver, heavily gold-plated (24K), the dagger with coral handle has an engraved and gold-inlaid ornament on the blade. It is firmly held in place inside a guide. When the knife is removed, the upper part of the guide with black pearls will descend under spring pressure, so that a visual balance is re-established, and the necklace can also be worn without the knife. Manufacture and accessibility unknown.



Pen Knives

There are numerous pen knives on the market today. They look like a normal looking ballpoint pen, but hide a hidden knife.



Lipstick Knives



Comes in many styles and colors. A small knife blade is where the actual lipstick would be, and it "twists up" just like an actual lipstick tube. Could easily be made at home by anyone. These knives are available on-line for \$5.



Kubotan Knives



“The Bloodsucker”

Designed with a slanted tip to aggravate a wound and accelerate the victim’s bleeding. Resembles a pen when in a pocket and a cap is on it.



Non-Metallic Knives

DOES NOT SHOW UP ON X-RAY SCANNERS

Shown here are just a few of the non-metallic knives available over the internet and at gun shows. These weapons are very difficult to screen for with x-ray scanners.



Brush/Comb Dagger & Knives

Comes in many different styles and colors. The handle pulls away from the bristle portion which serves as a sheath. These items are made out of a high strength polymer.



Razors

These are all examples of small razors available at most Office Supply Stores. Keep in mind the 9-11 hijackers were armed only with simple box cutter razors.



Spikes



Spikes that are often disguised as normal writing instruments.

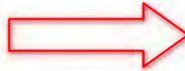
Unusual Knives



Military/Outdoor Can Opener



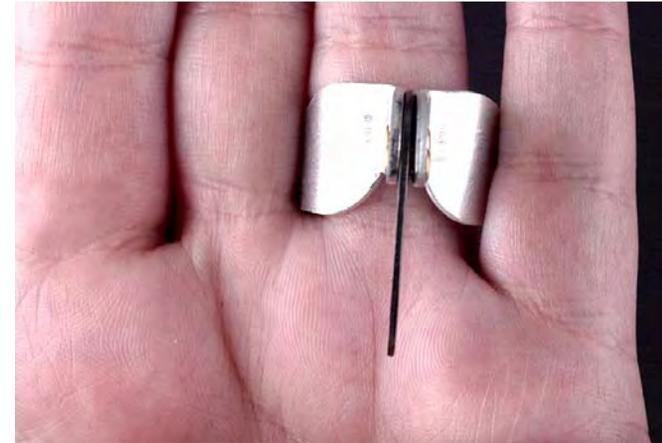
Unusual Knives



Pocket Tools



Twine-Cutter Ring



Commonly used by factory, assembly-line, craft, farm and feed, supply, and stocking workers to cut twine, binding strings, or straps on bundles. The blade can be easily sharpened more and the ring then used as a "slashing" instrument. Would be very effective at tearing flesh once it had been stabbed.



Bike Seat and Scooter Daggers

An officer in New Haven, Connecticut discovered this after a suspected “gangbanger” fled on foot and abandoned the bicycle. The seat post had a 10” sharpened steel spike welded to it. Of course when it’s on the bike, you wouldn’t know it’s there.



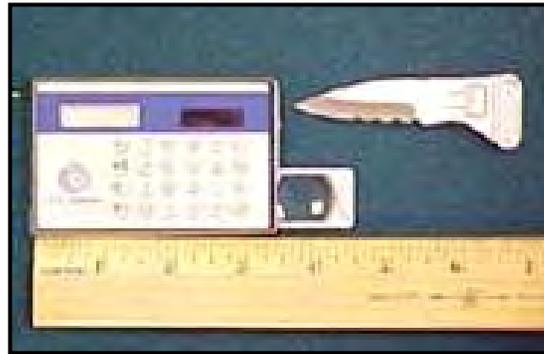
Scooter Dagger

Shown here is a Scooter handlebar that has been converted to a stabbing weapon. Do you always separate your suspects from their vehicles?



Normal calculator converted to concealed a knife

The pictured PYA/Monarch Calculator was taken from a passenger at a Baltimore Washington International Airport screening checkpoint. The calculator is 3 ½ " long by 2" tall and contains a concealed 2" knife blade, two screwdrivers and a mini flashlight. Officers are encouraged to be diligent in searching suspects and their vehicles, as even common everyday items can conceal weapons.



Umbrella Sword

The Umbrella Sword is manufactured in the United States by the Atlanta Cutlery Company. It is made from metal and plastic. It appears like a normal folding umbrella. When the handle is pulled free it exposes a 10" steel spike.



Umbrella sword
viewed under x-ray

Club Sword

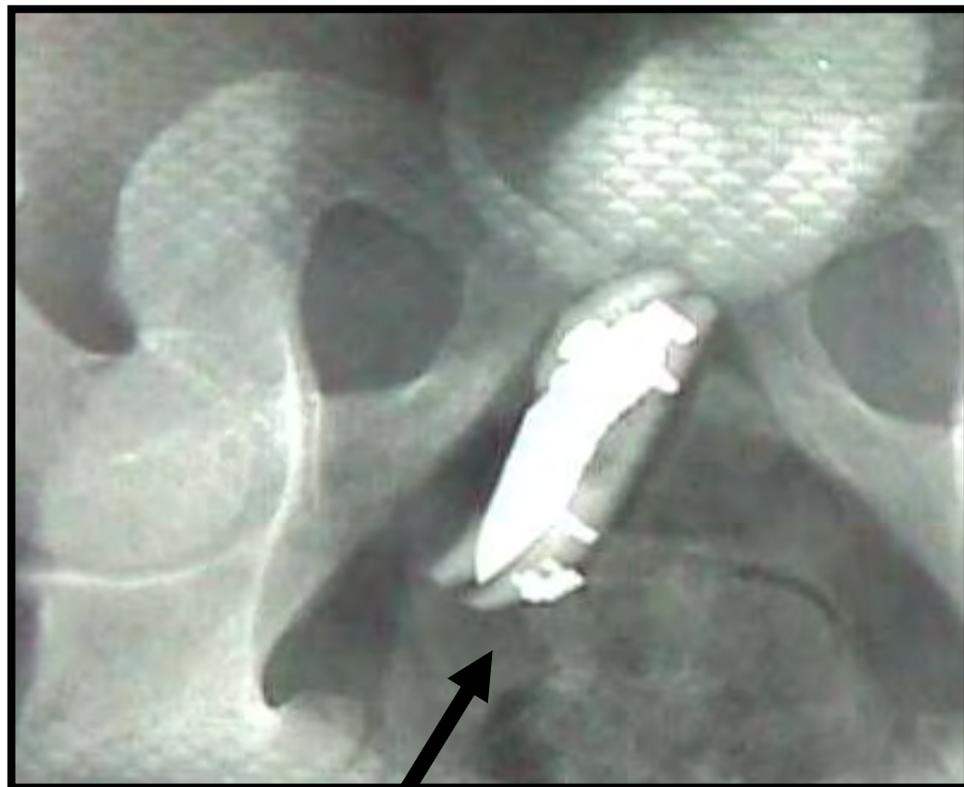
This item is made of black aluminum and appears from the outside to be a club or baton, but when the shaft is unscrewed and connected to the base of the shaft it becomes a sword. The shaft of the club is threaded, when unscrewed it reveals a hidden 14" steel knife.



Kestered Items

One of the best hiding spots you'll encounter.

Let's not forget that suspects will kester (Insert up their rectum) weapons if they know they are going to be arrested. This one was recovered from a inmate already booked within the Los Angeles County Jail.



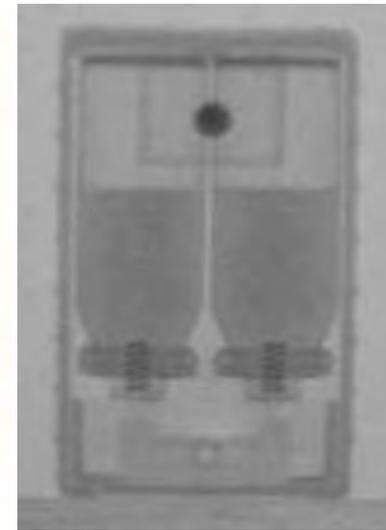
Pepper Spray Weapons

Covert Pepper Spray Products

Pepper Pager: This pepper sprayer has dual canisters that unload twice the fire-power of any 1/2oz unit on the market. The Pepper PAGER contains two 10%, 2 million SCU pepper spray canisters and has an effective range of 8-12 feet and will provide 10-12 one second bursts. Cost \$12.



Model LP1000



X-ray Image

Lip Stick Pepper Spray:

Inside this lipstick case is a pepper sprayer which shoots about 10 sprays up to 10 feet. The cap quickly detaches for rapid access to the sprayer. Containing 10% OC pepper gas and UV dye. Cost \$15.



Covert Pepper Pens

Various manufacturers make a variety of fountain pens containing approximately 1/2 oz of pepper spray, usually good for about ten 1/2 second bursts. Range is normally between 6 to 8 feet.



X-ray Image

Mace Security

Trigger



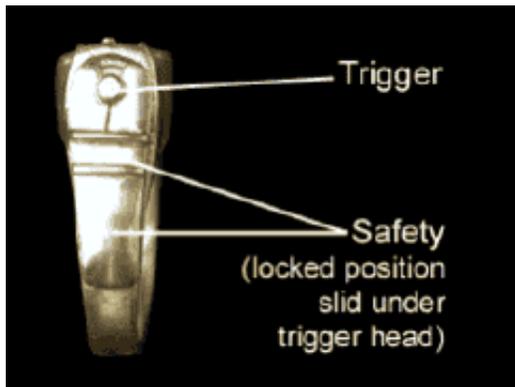
X-ray Image



X-ray Image

Pepper Spray Ring

Manufactured by "Stunning Innovations," a pepper spray/self-defense advocate. Sells for \$59.95 on their website, complete with replacement cartridges and a training video. This particular model is sterling silver with a real onyx stone. It is important to remember that many companies sell self-defense products. There may be other models out there. The OC spray of this product is rated at 2,000,000 SHU (simulated heat units), by comparison, Jalapeno pepper is only rated at 5,000 units. This model is triggered by a switch mounted on the side of the ring. This area also contains a safety slide. The ring is capable of a two or three second blast.



"Jet Protector" Pepper Spray Gun

The new JPX Jet Protector® is the most functional and powerful hand-held OC delivery system available today. The conventional design speeds training and ensures accurate solution delivery, and a pyrotechnic drive launches near pharmaceutical grade OC solution at 270 MPH. Effective range is up to 16 feet in the model recommended for general use and up to 23 feet in the model recommended for law enforcement. Each magazine contains two charges with a much larger payload than the Guardian Angel, and quickly snaps on the frame. The power of each payload combined with reloading makes the JPX extremely effective for crowd control, and the conventional double action only trigger automatically resets to fire the other charge. Orange or black frames are available, and an integral laser sight is optional.



- Instantly incapacitates an assailant.
- Revolutionary non-aerosol propulsion.
- Jet delivery minimizes cross-contamination.
- Each magazine contains two powerful blasts.
- Reloading is both easy and fast.



Standard features include Picatinny rail for mounting accessories or lights. Integral laser sight is optional.



Conventional double action only trigger has automatic reset.



Extra two-shot magazines quickly snap into position. Both live OC and inert training magazines with dye are available.

"Guardian Angel" Pepper Spray Gun

The new LifeAct™ Guardian Angel® is the most advanced non-lethal self defense tool available today. It renders conventional pepper sprays obsolete and stops threats at a safe distance. Small, light and ergonomic, it carries easily in pocket or purse, and an integral clip also secures it to a belt. The outer body conforms to either a right or left-hand grip, and fits almost any size hand. The Guardian Angel contains two cylinders with powerful concentrations of near pharmaceutical grade OC (oleoresin capsicum), a devastatingly effective inflammatory agent. Driven by pyrotechnic charges, the solution travels at 90 MPH with little chance of cross-contamination, and with enough energy to wrap around glasses or penetrate a face mask. Effect is immediate and lasts for up to 45 minutes. Unlike conventional sprays, the Guardian Angel does not lose pressure over time.



- Instantly incapacitates an assailant.
- Much more effective than sprays.
- Revolutionary propulsion operation.
- Jet delivery minimizes cross-contamination.
- Delivers two powerful blasts of OC.



Conventional trigger is shielded by swing-away safety tab to protect against accidental discharge.



Inert orange Guardian Angel training unit with blue marker dye is also available.

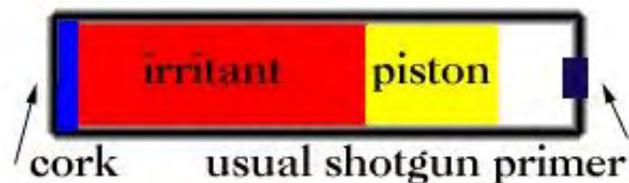


For additional carry options, a black Cordura carry pouch is sold separately.

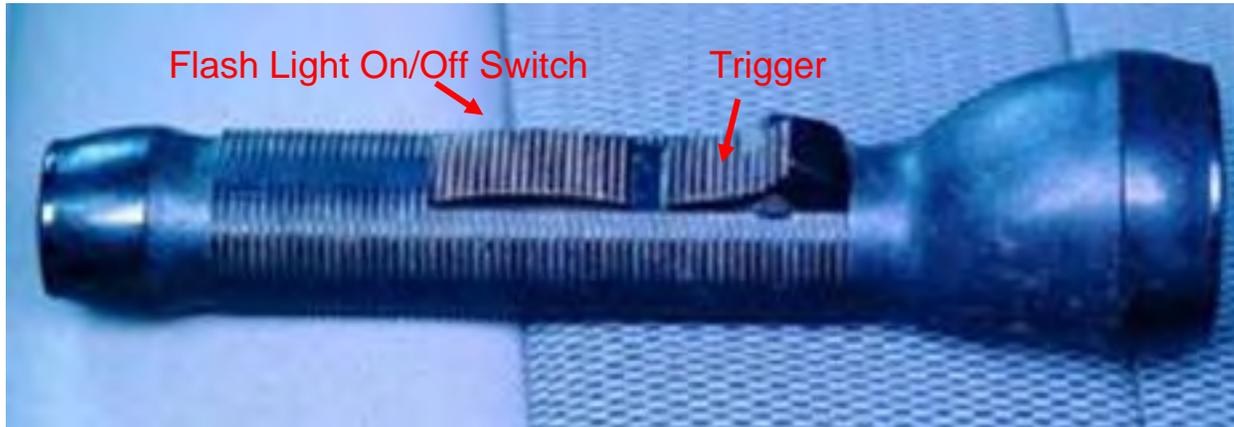
“UDAR” Pepper Spray Gun

UDAR is a Russian made non-lethal self-defense weapon that is designed to deliver fluid CS and OC substances into the face or eyes of an assailant. The device carries 5 cartridges with irritating fluids. Training cartridges filled with water are available. UDAR is more effective than spray, due to its design. *UDAR and its cartridges are approved by the Russian Ministry of Health and allowed without any licensing to its citizens. Almost any weapon shop in Moscow sells these devices.*

The UDAR cartridge uses a bullet primer to push the piston forward. This design “throws” the irritant forward in one big “splash” like motion which can startle an assailant. It is small and completely made of plastic, so it can get through airport screening, and the cartridges are the size & shape of AA batteries - which is how crooks have painted them to get through security. This weapon is available for sale over the Internet.



Pepper Spray Flashlight



The flashlight is fully functional. It is made of plastic and operates with two "D" cell batteries. A canister of pepper spray (which is slightly longer than the batteries) sits alongside the batteries. The back switch is the on/off switch for the flashlight. The top switch controls the pepper spray and has a functional safety switch. The pepper spray comes through a small tube in the front. The pepper spray will operate regardless of whether the flashlight is on or off.



Pepper Spray Flashlight

A Korean company is marketing a non-functional cell phone disguised as a pepper spray dispenser. The user removes the antenna, opens the flip-top, points the device, and presses the button inside to spray the target. This device is on the market for \$243.

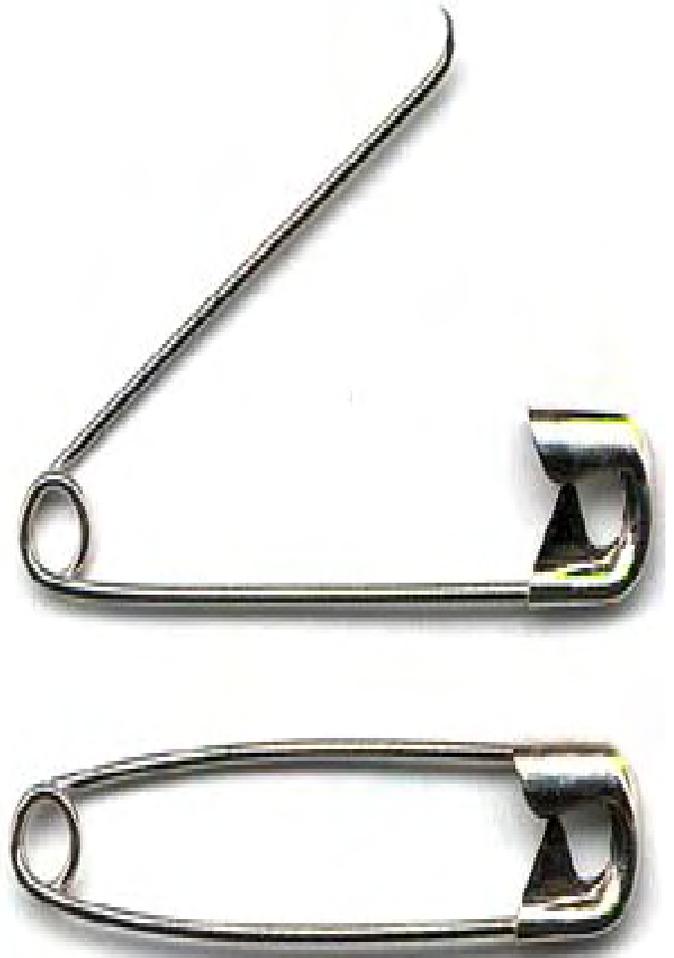


Removal Antenna exposes spray tube

Handcuff Keys

Home-Made Handcuff Keys

A regular safety pin, box staple, or paper folder fastener can be modified to open handcuffs. With practice, the criminal can be faster than you will be able to react.



Covert "Coin" Shaped Handcuff Key



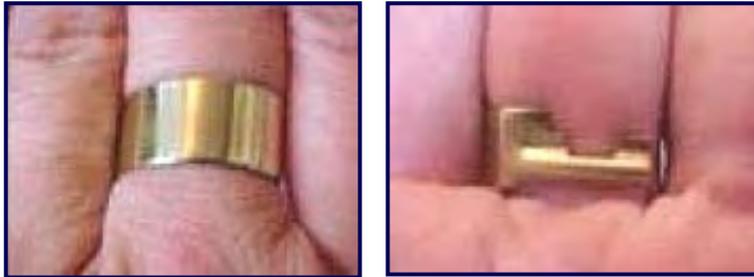
- ✓ This plastic handcuff key is the size of a quarter
- ✓ Originally designed for restricted use by officers who may be taken hostage and cuffed, but since then, the design has fallen into the hands of the "bad guy"
- ✓ It is suspended inside a 1" "ring" that could easily be hidden between a watch and the wrist, in a hat sweatband, in a wallet, between the belt and trousers, secreted inside shoes, basically anywhere you can hide a quarter!

Handcuff Key Coins



Another method of concealing handcuff keys is shown here. In this instance, small handcuff keys are attached to coins by rivets. The key can be rotated and used as necessary. This type of hidden key is commercially available through various "Magic" supply stores.

Handcuff Ring Keys



“Trick” handcuff ring keys are commercially available through various “Magic” supply stores.



This “Handcuff Ring Key” was discovered during a vehicle traffic stop in Southern California. The suspect was arrested for DUI and was later discovered to have two homicide warrants. The key can easily be hidden if the ring is rolled around the finger so that the key is to the inside of the hand. The ring had the appearance of a gold wedding band. This ring looked as if it was homemade. It is unknown if the ring is commercially available.

Hidden Key Knife and Handcuff Key



The ASP Company, which is known for manufacturing the ASP Baton and other law enforcement products, is now manufacturing a folding knife that appears to be an ordinary Key. The “key” also contains a handcuff key. Although this item can be a useful tool to law enforcement, it can also be concealed by a subject that wishes to escape from confinement and/or cause injury to the law enforcement officer.

Belt Buckle Handcuff Key



This belt buckle could pose a serious threat to officers. The buckle serves as concealment for a handcuff key.

It appears to be a normal belt buckle that fits any standard 1 1/2" belt, but the pin in the belt is actually a standard handcuff key. This item has been seen for sale on e-Bay. Unique devices such as this belt buckle are easily accessible to anyone. It is important to always keep your guard up and to pay attention to those 'seemingly' harmless items.

Hidden Compartments

Hidden handcuff Key in shoe



This is a shoe manufactured by Adidas. It has a arch adjustment located at the back of the shoe, that was used to hide a handcuff key.

These sneakers come with a hidden compartment built into the side of the sole of the shoe. The manufacturer claims the compartment is ideal for storing your valuables such as credit cards and money.



Hidden Household Containers

Normal water bottles are being converted to hide contraband. The bottle breaks down into three separate pieces, with the top and bottom ones containing some water, while the center section (behind the label) could conceal a weapon or contraband. Plastic cola bottles have also been converted with this design.



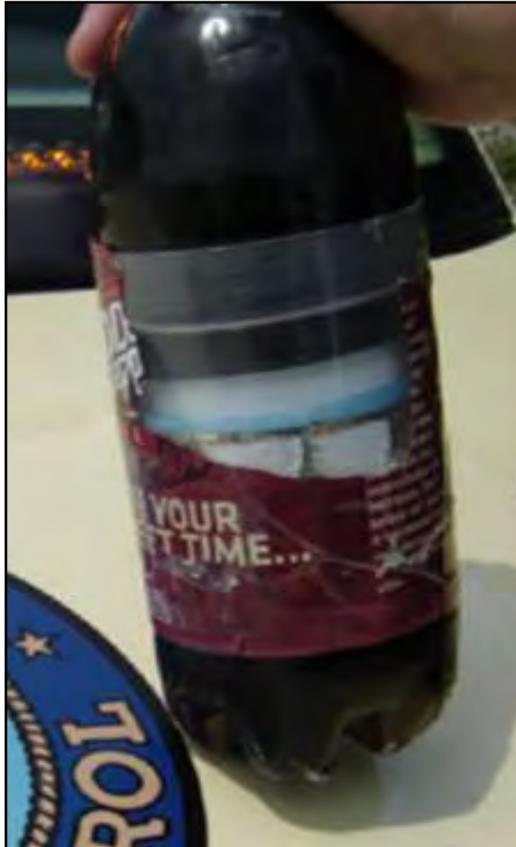
Any type of normal household container can be converted to hide contraband. Shown here is a oil can that contains a hidden compartment. The compartment is accessed by unscrewing the bottom lid.



Dr. Pepper Diversion Safe

In June 2009, A Florida State Trooper found a legitimate looking Dr. Pepper Bottle disguised as a diversion safe during a routine traffic stop. The bottle contained a 1/2 lb. of Marijuana. His clues were as follows:

- ✿ Two separate air bubbles in the bottle
- ✿ Middle of bottle had a solid feel
- ✿ Label was worn and had a expired expiration date



Diversion Safes



Dog Food Can



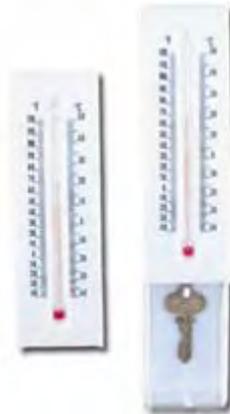
Book Safe



Toilet Paper Safe



Sprinkler Safe



Thermometer Key Safe



Clock Safe

Diversion Safes



Left Overs Safe



Candle Safe



CD Stack Safe



Flower Pot Safe



Coffee Can Safe



VHS Tape Safe



Diversion Safes



Electric Outlet Safe



Hidden Shelf Safe



Rug Care Safe

Stash Spots

Concealed Compartment - Bolts

The DEA in Lexington, KY conducted a search warrant at a local storage unit. During the search, numerous hollow bolts were discovered at the location. It is believed that the bolts were hollowed out for contraband concealment purposes.



Marker – Pot Pipe

Not only are crooks trying harder to conceal their weapons, a lot of effort is also being made to conceal their drug paraphernalia. Shown here is a Black Marker that has been converted into a marijuana pipe. The marker actually works. These type of products are marketed over the internet.



Regular car batteries converted to hold weapons & contraband

In December 2006, the Texas Highway Patrol seized 3 kilos of cocaine that was concealed in a false compartment that had been formed within the vehicle's battery. When questioned, the driver stated that this was a new concealment method that was designed to hide cocaine in a way that a drug canine could not alert to the scent. The driver said that after he put the bundles of cocaine into the battery, he poured liquid fiberglass around the bundles. After the fiberglass had dried, he then poured a layer of liquid plastic on top. Once the plastic had dried, he stated that he finally added battery coils and acid so that the battery would still function.



Hidden Air Vent Safe



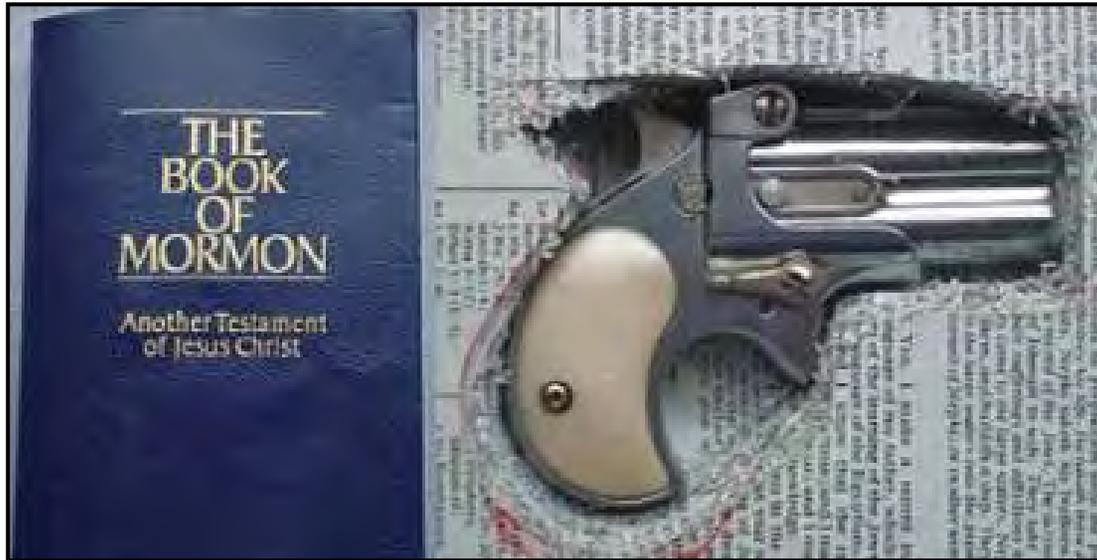
This “Air Vent Safe’ is commercially available over the internet for \$150. It installs in any wall with studs 16” or greater. A mechanically latch with a hidden release is activated with a special key revealing the secret compartment.

Hidden Firearms (Video Cameras)

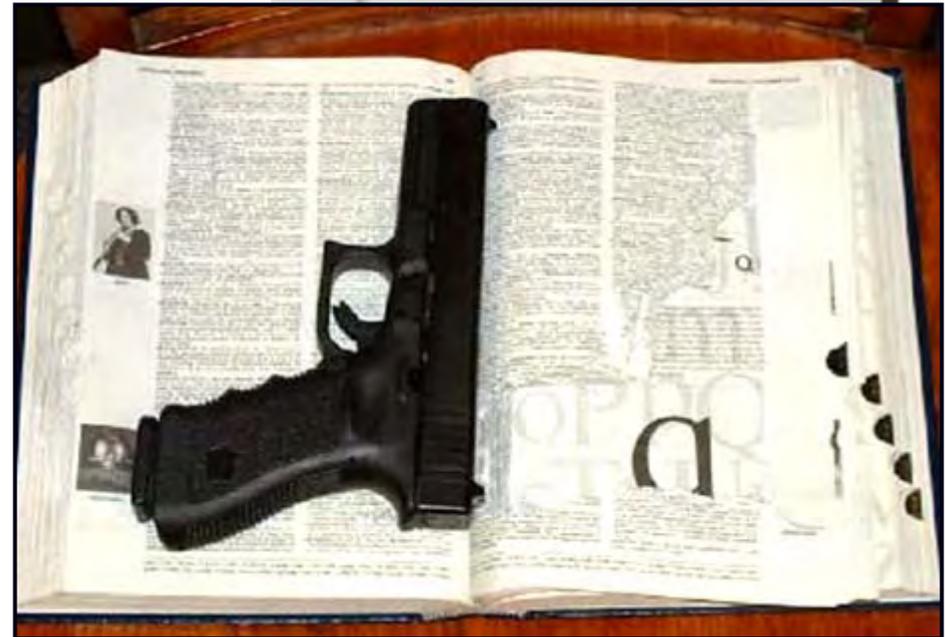
In April 2002, Glendale (CA) Police conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the discovery of a fully loaded Taurus 9mm handgun concealed within a video tape cassette that was loaded inside a full size VHS Video Camera.



Book Safes



Here are several examples of how a regular book was modified to conceal a weapon. In the case of the dictionary, it was found positioned face up and directly behind the driver's seat of a vehicle so that it could be accessed quickly, but would not be suspicious to anyone making a cursory visual check of the car's contents.



Hide-a-Gun

Advertisement

The Hide-A-Gun is the ideal way to keep your handgun within reach yet totally concealed. This is not a cheap piece of bent metal. This is a specially designed mounting device intended for use beneath tables, desks, cash registers, or cabinets, - - any place a pistol can be hidden. The pistol barrel fits loosely over the brass barrel adapter, and the brass sight engagement pin is adjusted against the sight blade to hold the gun in the desired position for left or right hand retrieval. The gun is easily withdrawn by pulling rearward. A unique "O" ring designed retains the barrel adapter. Barrel adapter for: 9mm, 357, 38, 44, and 45 are included with each HIDE-A-GUN.



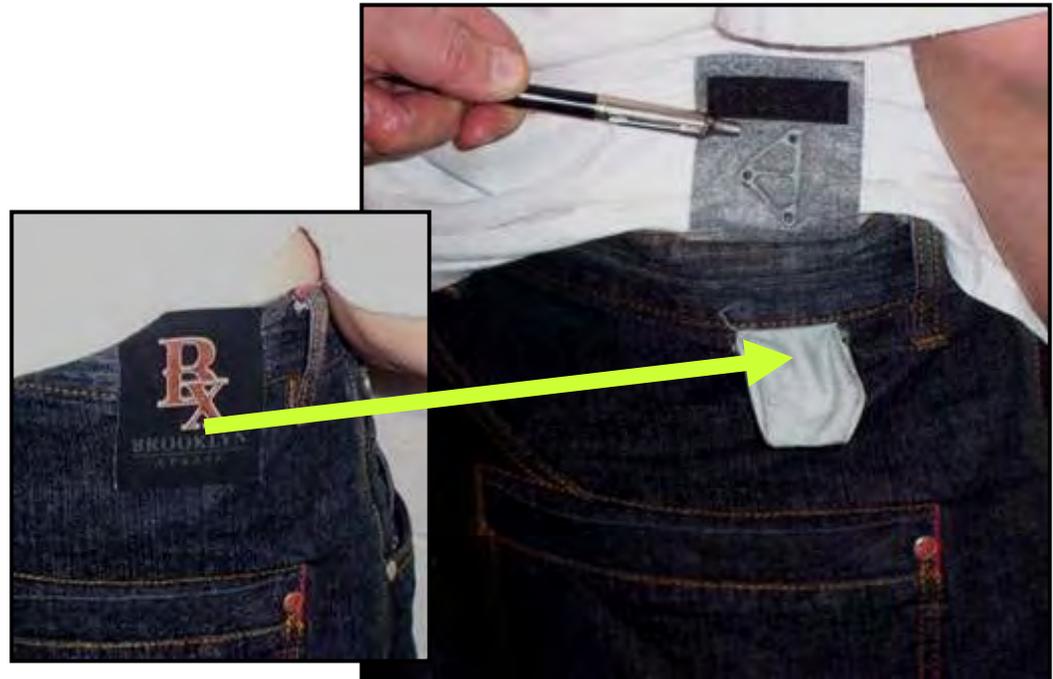
Hidden Compartment Ball Caps

Made by Hawaiian Island Creations and sold around the world. Usually has the pictured logo. Inside the hat, the front of the sweatband detaches with velcro and the entire inside of the hat is a compartment. The discovering officer tested the hat and effectively concealed a .25 Beretta semi-automatic.



Hidden Pant Pocket

These Blue Jeans manufactured by “Brooklyn Xpress” have a hidden pocket behind the designer label that would be an ideal place for a hidden handcuff key.



Hidden Vehicle Compartments

Crooks are constantly looking for new ways to conceal their firearms and contraband inside their vehicles. Most recently, numerous hidden compartments are being built into the structure of the vehicle, particularly in the dash, glove box, headrest, or under the floor mats of the vehicle. They are mechanically or electronically activated. Many hidden compartments are accessed by "typing-in" a special code into the electronic lock or window buttons. Some are activated by inserting a cigarette lighter in or out of its socket. Others, such as shown in this example, are activated by placing a magnet in a certain area and tilting the steering wheel adjuster.



Hidden Drawer under dash.



This headrest back flips open like a glove box.

*Miscellaneous Officer Safety
Concerns*

Homemade Road Spikes



Directions on how to make your own homemade road spikes are available over the internet. The homemade road spike pictured on the right is made out of rebar. The spike is approximately ten inches in diameter. It was thrown out of a vehicle that was attempting to smuggle drugs into the country. Homemade road spikes have been used in several incidents against pursuing Customs and Border Patrol Vehicles resulting in minor damage to the vehicles.

Booby-Trapped Vehicle Airbags

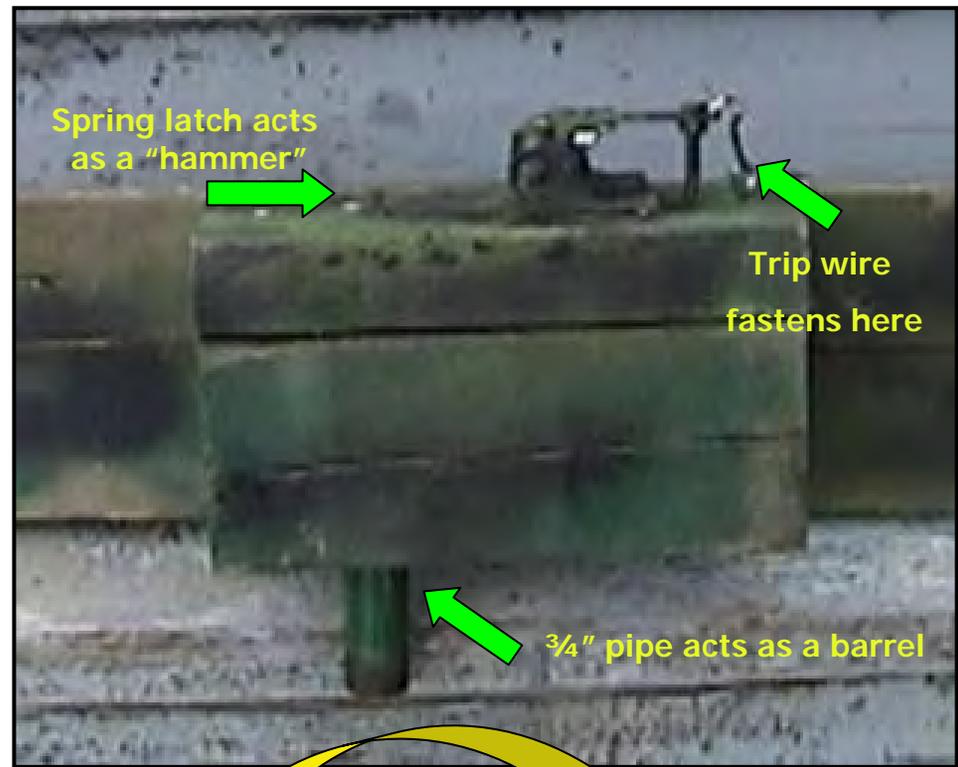


Officers in New York searched a vehicle and discovered evidence of drugs. After the initial search of the suspected area, K-9 alerted on the passenger's side airbag. It had been modified to hold drugs.

After further investigation, it was discovered the airbag was also set up to explode, along with the door panels, should it be opened in any way other than designed by the smugglers. Pouches of nails, glass shards, razor blades, etc were used.

Shotgun Shell Booby Trap

This device was one of several devices found "guarding" a marijuana patch. They were loaded with 12 gauge shotgun shells (#8 shot). The devices are designed to be activated by a hidden tripwire. The tripwire pulls the safety catch away from the spring loaded trigger. The trigger then slams down on the nail which hits the shotgun shell primer.



A test worked flawlessly



Shotgun shell is loaded

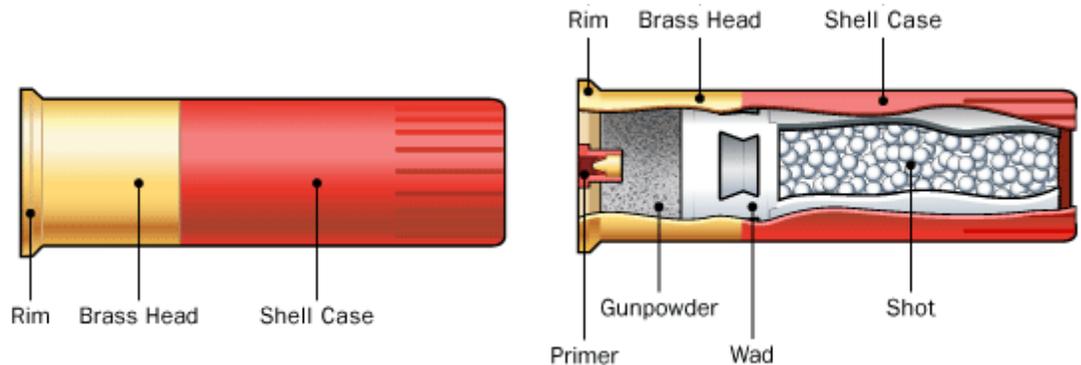


Improvised Shotgun Shells



- ✓ **POWER BLANKS:** A 120+ decibel report with a 3-foot muzzle flash. Sound equal to an actual round being fired. Safe for all shotguns & flare pistols.
- ✓ **BOLO:** Two heavy duty slugs molded onto each end of a 5" piece of steel wire. Expands 240% to completely rip through the objective.
- ✓ **FLECHETTE ROUND:** Like shooting nails from a shotgun. Dozens of sharp tiny steel darts (flechettes) blast from the shotgun causing an unbelievable trauma effect.
- ✓ **DETONATOR:** A deep hollow-core slug for loading combustible materials. The explosive tip detonates on impact with an incredible shrapnel effect.
- ✓ **FLASH BOMBS:** An M-80 type projectile that explodes with a huge ball of sparks. Sold as a "wildlife control" device.
- ✓ **FIRE SIREN:** An ear piercing screech carries out between 75-100 yards, filling the air with a super-loud whistle that can be heard at great distances.

*Improved Shotgun
Shells are available
at gun shows and
on the Internet*



(Continued)

- ✓ **MINI MISSILE:** An armor piercing steel core projectile is built into a high velocity lead slug. Defeats most steel objects up to 1/4 inch.
- ✓ **DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Two bullets in one shot. Two 3/4 oz. slugs blast from one shell and strike two inches apart at 25 yards. Double the normal stopping power.
- ✓ **SHREDDER:** Dozens of razor sharp steel tacks blast from the shotgun. Lead shot adds to the effect, "shredding" the objective.
- ✓ **CHAIN REACTION:** A small steel chain tumbles & expands to nearly 6". Powerful direct shock expansion allows for a unique impact effect.
- ✓ **TERMINATOR:** Terminates the objective with a hollow core slug sealed with dozens of tiny lead pellets. The slug mushrooms to nearly 1 1/2" inches on impact forcing the pellets to spread.
- ✓ **COMET:** A super large slug with a bright red trace that looks like a LASER beam coming from the barrel of the shotgun. Traces more than 100 yards down range.

Armor Piercing Flechette Rounds

These 12 Gauge Rounds can be purchased over-the-counter or thru the internet. The ammunition was test fired at the Atlanta Police Firing Range. Three shells were fired at standard issue Atlanta Police Threat Level III-A Xtreme Armor from a distance of 7 yards. Several projectiles completely penetrated the vest and the trauma plate.



'Dragon's Breath' Shotgun Shells



Fifty foot flame, lasting about three seconds. Fueled by magnesium and phosphorous, burns at over 4,000 degrees and propels incendiary metal particles between over 100 feet. Totally annihilated a test mannequin wearing a ballistic vest at 10 yards... (with extreme damage to the vest)



“Armor Piercing” 9mm Ammo



In November 2004, Tucson Police Department tested the Russian made Sapsan 9mm ammunition (124 Grain – Full Metal Jacket) and found it capable of penetrating **both panels of a Level IIIA ballistic vest**. This ammunition is available on the internet for sale. The product is labeled “Pistol Sporting Cartridges 9mm Luger.” Although it is not completely understood why this particular ammo has more penetration power than other 9mm ammo, it is speculated that three factors may contribute to the extra penetration power of this round. First, the bullet jacket is made of harden steel, not the softer brass jacket most munitions use. Secondly, the jacket itself is more conical in shape. And finally, the cartridge itself is believed to contain a “hotter” load than normal.

‘Home Made’ Flame Thrower

This homemade flame thrower was manufactured by a teenager (NFD) and has made its way to numerous bomb making websites on the internet. The manufacturer claims to love PVC weaponry and states he manufactured the device in his garage with materials purchased at a local Home Depot for under \$100. The flame thrower is made of two main parts, a gun/hose assembly, and the tank. The tank is made of PVC pipe that has been glued together and pressure tested. It is compressed with normal air. The gun is made from regular metal pipe with normal valves and a propane torch. The hose connects to a stop valve, which connects to a short pipe nipple that's tapped directly into the tank. For fuel, he is using denatured alcohol. The range appears to be in excess of 30'. It is unknown if this individual was ever apprehended. As a side note, pyromaniacs have used a wide variety of items to mimic flamethrowers, such as “supersoaker” water guns, H2O fire extinguishers, to something as common as hair spray and a cigarette lighter.



THE BANDANDO



If you've ever been popped by a towel, you can relate to this Weapons Warning sent in by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. The "Bandando" is an over-sized bandana, which can be worn just like any other bandana. However, it is marketed as including two opposing corners that feature a 'stash-pocket' in which items like keys or change can be stowed. But to the criminal mind, this is a great place to hide small, edged weapons, handcuff keys, drugs, you name it.

The weight of the pocketed corners transforms a 'snapping towel' (which can be painful in and of itself) into a serious defensive tool, especially if someone decides to stash rocks or other solid items into those pockets. A single strike of the Bandando could stun or partially blind an officer, making further assault easier to accomplish. This type of weapon can easily be concealed by anyone entering the courts due to its modular nature and inconspicuous components. The stash-pocket in the Bandando is designed for strength and to prevent fray. It is concealed by blending it seamlessly with the fabric's pattern, and includes a Velcro clasping entrance to keep items stowed. This product can be found on the Internet in solid black, olive drab, desert sand or patterned red.

PICTURE FRAMES HANGING ON THE WALL HOLD MORE THAN PHOTOGRAPHS



On January 15, 2003, special agents from the California Department of Justice, Orange County Firearms Division, served a search warrant at a residence in Compton, California, for an armed prohibited person. A Smith & Wesson .38 revolver and a .357 revolver loaded with live ammunition were discovered in hidden compartments within two different picture frames hanging on the wall.

*Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (L.A. CLEAR)
Officer Safety Bulletin 03-004*

SEAT BELTS COULD BE USED TO BREAK HANDCUFF CHAINS



The Criminal Intelligence Unit of the Tallahassee, Florida, Police Department learned during a prisoner transport that a seat belt could break handcuff chains. The prisoner, being transported, was moving about suspiciously in the back seat of the patrol vehicle while handcuffed. After his delivery to the jail, it appeared as though the seat belt had been tampered with. As a reminder, criminals have been sharing this information. Note the damage in the photos from only a moderate effort. The highest risk is when prisoners are handcuffed in the front.

Tallahassee Police Department

Coat Hangar Concealment

Several internet websites sell a bronze “brush” that connects to a coat hangar. The brush is inserted into the bore of the firearm. The design “allows you to conceal the firearm by covering it with a garment.



Fake Cell Phone Flask

These cell phone flasks appear to be real cell phones, complete with buttons and telescoping antennas. However, these hold 118 ml of various fluids that could include liquid explosives or flammable liquids. Many are made of stainless steel and come with a leather case and belt clip.



Expandable “self-defense” Ring

The pictured piece of jewelry looks like a sculpted stacked ring, but it is fact three linked rings that can be unfolded. Once unfolded, the rings can be placed over three fingers, similar to brass knuckles. The ring is made of sterling silver with stainless steel rivets. It is readily available over the Internet for approximately \$75.



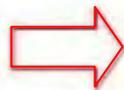
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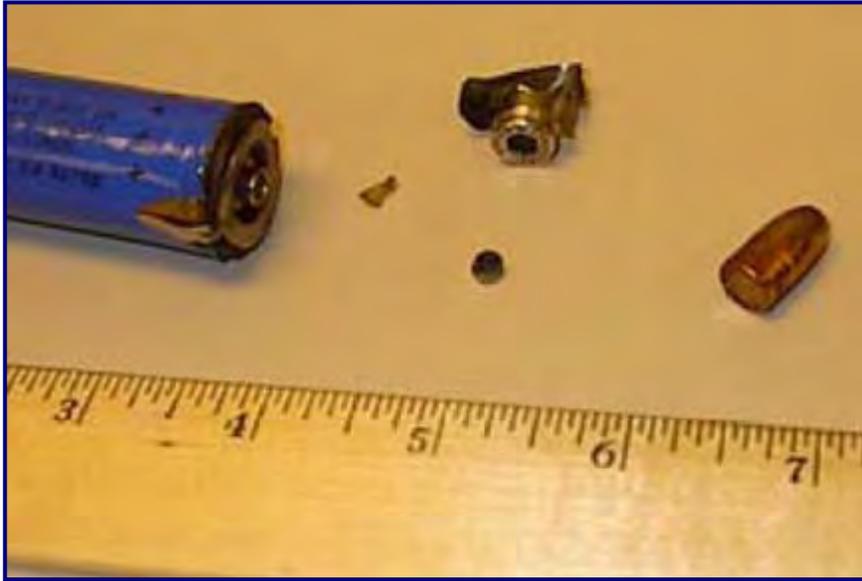
Expandable Baton



Pocket Tools



AMMUNITION + BATTERIES = TROUBLE



Several law enforcement agencies have reported bullet detonations set off by batteries. More specifically, Officers who combined loose, unpackaged, unfired ammunition in the same storage compartment (e.g. carry bag, pocket, gun case, etc.) with batteries from a flashlight or handy-talkie. When the cartridges were positioned so as to contact both battery terminals, one or more cartridges detonated. The resulting detonation caused the cartridge case to rupture, sending metal fragments and case components (case, primer, bullet, and powder particles) in all directions that were potentially capable of causing injury and damage.

Ammunition is carefully packaged by the manufacturer to prevent damage, contamination, or contact with other items that could cause detonation during transport. Please keep all ammunition in the original carton, case, loaded firearm magazine, or ammunition holding device and away from hazards such as a battery.

Collar Bombs

A COLLAR BOMB IS BASICALLY A IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (IED). COLLAR BOMBS ARE EMERGEING AS POTENTIAL EXTORTION THREAT. SEVERAL HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED IN SOUTH AMERICA, MAINLY COLUMBIA AND VENEZUELA FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXTORTION. MOST DEVICES SEEM TO BE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED, WITH MULTIPLE ARMING DEVICES, AND POSSIBLY ANTI-TAMPERING MECHANISMS. AT LEAST TWO COLLAR BOMBS APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN TWO PIECES AND ASSEMBLED ONLY AFTER BEING PLACED AROUND THE VICTIM'S NECK. ONCE AFFIXED, THE DEVICE IS THEN ARMED AND THE VICTIM IS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO REFRAIN FROM ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE OR DISARM THE DEVICE.

IN AUGUST 2003, A COLLAR BOMB WAS USED IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA. THE VICTIM WAS A PIZZA DELIVERY MAN WHO CLAIMED HE WAS ABDUCTED AND FORCED TO WEAR THE COLLAR BOMB. THE BOMB HAD A TWENTY MINUTE TIMER ATTACHED. HE WAS DIRECTED TO ROB A BANK. AFTER HE SUCESSFULLY ROBBED A LOCAL BANK, HE WAS CAPTURED BY POLICE WHO CALLED FOR A BOMB SQUAD. UNFORTUNATELY THE DEVICE DETONATED AND KILLED THE MAN BEFORE THE BOMB SQUAD ARRIVED.



Venezuela Collar Bomb



Erie, PA



The collar was made of a heavy metal. It was cut and welded by hand from scratch using found materials. Its hinged locking design mimics a giant handcuff. A bomb, housed in a metal box was attached below it.

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Corner Shot Rifle

The Israel-based Cornershot Holdings Company in Tel Aviv, Israel, makes a rifle that can safely shoot around corners. It is composed of two parts; the front, that can swivel from side to side, containing a pistol with a color camera mounted on top, and the back section which consists of the stock, trigger and a monitor. According to a report by the Israeli daily 'Maariv' newspaper, the pistol, produced by the Florida-based Cornershot Holdings, is being tested by the Israeli military and has already been bought by a number of special forces around the world. The unique weapon allows a soldier to remain behind cover, with only the barrel of the rifle exposed in the direction of the hostile fire.



Crotch Busters



The attached photos are of an object found on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks in St. Louis, Missouri. The object is a soda straw with a .380 cartridge taped to it with a marble or a ball bearing taped to the back of the cartridge. It appears that the device is made to be thrown. When the weighted end strikes the ground, the cartridge detonates. These type devices have been used against riot police and are nicknamed CROTCH BUSTERS. The straw gives the device better flight when thrown.

Another form of this device is a 12 gauge shotgun shell with a cardboard tube taped over the discharge end of the shell, which has a ball bearing or marble taped over the shell's primer. When thrown, the heavy end strikes the ground first causing the primer to be struck and discharging the shell. Without a barrel to restrict the shot the shell becomes a homemade grenade.

Wrist Watch Cigarette Lighter



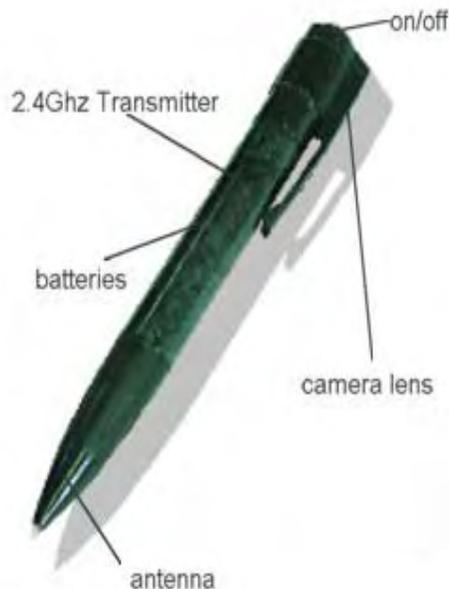
The above Wrist Watch Cigarette lighter is sold for Under \$10 and is manufactured by a company called Xomax.. It is a refillable butane lighter and a completely functional wrist watch. By pressing the large black button on the left side of the watch face, the flame comes out of a nozzle located on the above the watch face. The face comes in a variety of colors and could easily be mistaken for a child's watch. Several models are sold, usually at tobacco shops for about \$8.

Hidden Cameras – Microphone Pen or Wristwatch

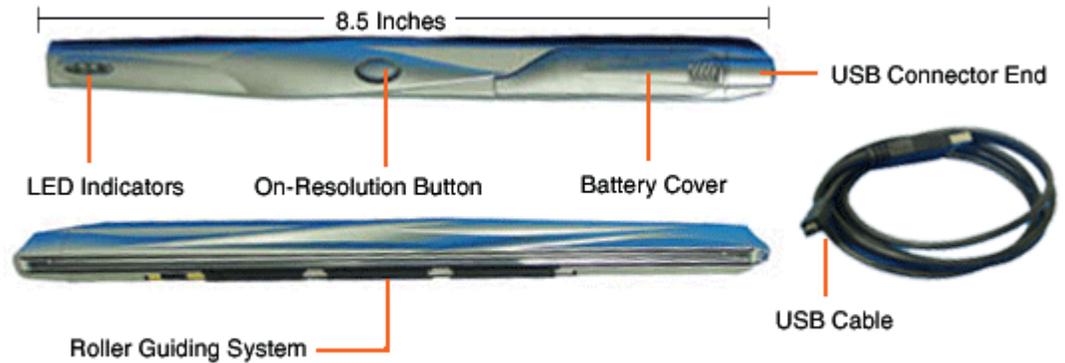


Camera Lens

Hidden Cameras have the potential to be a serious counterintelligence threat against law enforcement. They come in all types of disguises such as eyeglasses, belt buckles, and purses. These particular cameras have a battery life of about 50 minutes for video and sound when activated.



"DocuPen" Pen Scanner



DocuPen is a handheld color scanner, no bigger than a pen that can fit in your pocket. Used covertly, It can be used to secretly scan classified documents for retrieval later on without any clue that your document has been compromised. The pen can hold about 100 pages in its internal memory. Cost: \$300

Standard Color:

Available from Planon and other retailers



IR Infar Red Cameras



INFARED LIGHTS SURROUND THE
CAMERA LENS

INFARED CAMERA

In December 2003, two deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department were wounded by gunfire as they attempted to serve a search warrant for a suspect in the City of Bellflower. The suspect may have had prior warning that the Deputies were coming in that he was able to accurately fire through a wall at the exact location of the approaching deputies by the use of a IR "Infar Red" Video Camera that had been strategically hidden in a "birdhouse" immediately outside the suspect's main entry door. The (IR) infar red camera and attached IR lighting system allows for the camera to see in complete darkness. The Infar Red light spectrum is not visible with the human eye. The IR "LED" lighting system, which uses IR light, cannot be seen with the human eye. Some consumer over-the-counter video cameras have this "IR" feature already installed on the camera and is often referred to as "nightshot" capable. The presence of the IR lighting system can be detected at some distance by viewing the targeted area with a camcorder or digital still camera. The image sensor inside a camera can detect IR light. You can test your own digital camera by viewing a regular IR television remote control and press a few control buttons while looking through the view finder.

"License Plate Cameras"



In September 2006, Long Beach (CA) Police conducted a traffic stop of a black BMW sedan that was driven by several Asian gang members. During the investigation, a video camera located in the rear license plate frame was located and traced to the video screen of the in-dash stereo system. The camera captured all activity to the rear of the vehicle and displayed it on the screen. To activate the monitor, the driver simply pressed the brake pedal once and turned an unmarked switch under the dashboard. This equipment poses an officer safety risk due to the suspects ability to fix an officers position from inside the vehicle and compromising any position of advantage the officer may have.

The "Plate Flipper"

Advertisement: The Plate Flipper is a universal license plate flipping bracket that will fit all vehicles or motorcycles. With just a flip of a switch you can flip your plate down to a 90 degree angle "Out of Sight". Put your own unique message behind it. Then flip the switch back and your plate is back to the normal position. Have you ever wanted to express yourself and tell people the way you really feel. The plate flipper can be used for many uses, Just use your imagination!!
Plate Flip-per is intended for off road use.

Although designed as a novelty item the mechanism could be used by criminals for other reasons.



Dip Stick Knives



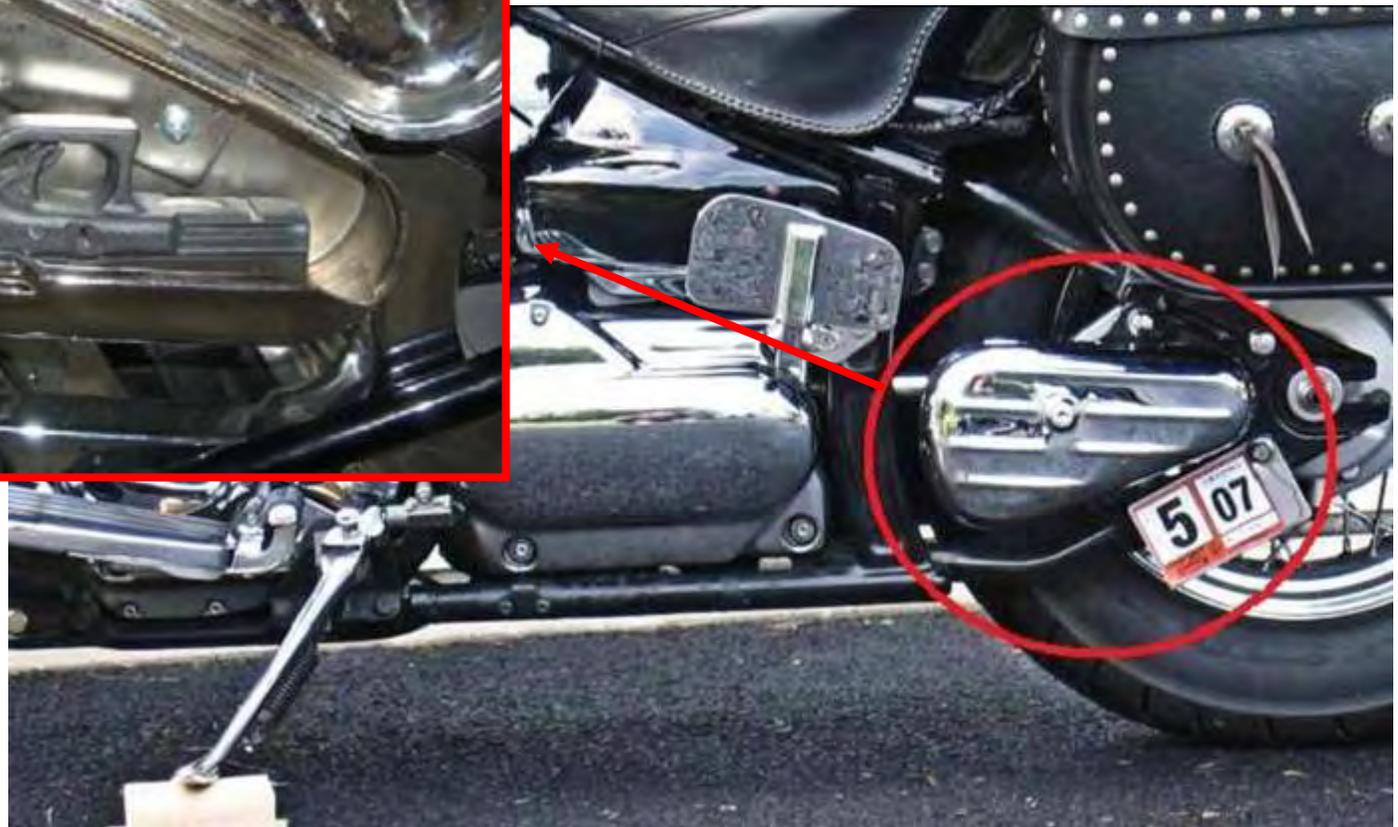
NOTE: Dipsticks on all Harley Davidson models are located on the right side.



Law enforcement officers should be aware of a Dip Stick knife that is being sold legally for around \$80 at local motorcycle shops. It's called The Outlaw and is used as an engine oil dipstick for various **Harley Davidson** models.

Hidden Firearm in Toolbox

Here is a toolbox that is specifically designed to conceal a weapon on the left free hand side of the bike. This accessory can be purchased over the internet.

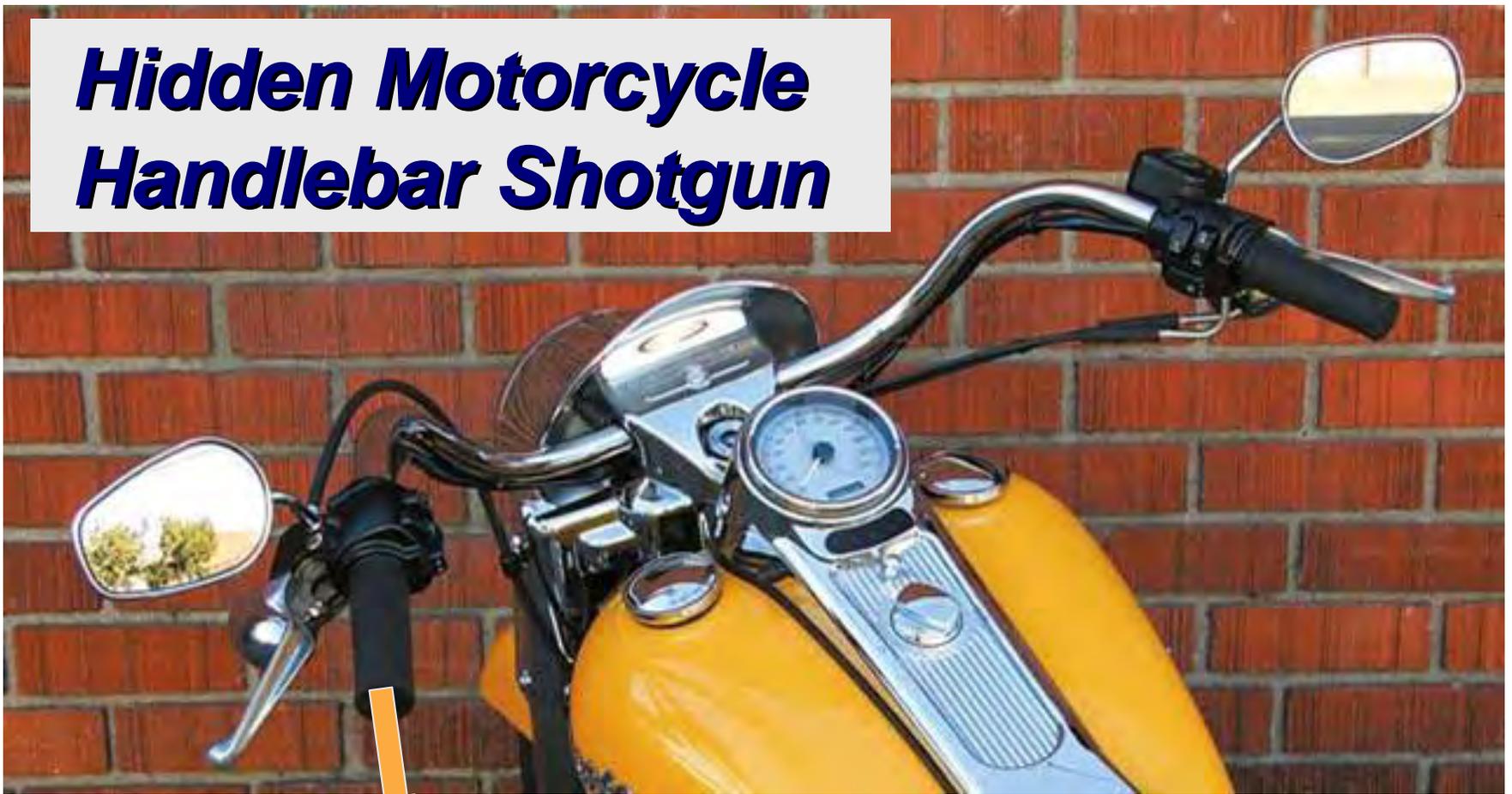


Shotgun Mounted to Motorcycle Bars



A ranger patrolling the Mount Rushmore area of South Dakota spotted this motorcycle parked with a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun mounted across the handle bars. The motorcycle was unoccupied at the time. The weapon was functional, and painted to match the motorcycle. The shotgun was unloaded and had been custom mounted to the handlebars. The weapon was secured with a padlock device through the trigger mechanism. If the weapon had been loaded with a round in the chamber, the only manipulation required to fire it would be to pull the trigger. Laws concerning firearms vary state to state. In most states this would be considered a legal way to “transport” a firearm (Unloaded and in plain view).

Hidden Motorcycle Handlebar Shotgun



In August 2002, a New Jersey Patrol Officer detained a Pagan OMG member for a vehicle infraction. During a inspection of his motorcycle it was discovered that the left handlebar (clutch) grip had been modified to fire a .410 shotgun round. The handlebar had been modified with a spring loaded lever to fire the round. This is why you should always approach a motorcyclist on his right side. The right hand grip contains a movable throttle which is much more difficult to modify.

Hidden Firearm in Seat

A simple, yet effective way to conceal a firearm is in the motorcycle seat. The rider simply removes the stitches surrounding the front of the motorcycle seat. Once the leather covering is removed the rider hollows out the front portion of the foam padding. A semi-automatic pistol such as a Glock 40 Cal is placed in the hollowed out area. The leather seat covering is then pulled back over the foam padding and affixed with Velcro. In this example, the recessed area was covered up after use.



The Cracker

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are incorporating a new type of improvised weapon they call the “cracker.” They suspend a nylon whip with metal attachment from their handlebar. These “crackers” can be quickly accessed by the rider and swung as a weapon like a ball n’ chain.



Handgun in Gloves

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are very clever at how they hide their weapons. At a motorcycle event in Wisconsin, a OMG member was found to possess a small .22 caliber five shot revolver in his riding gloves. Using this technique, the gun could be fired while the rider looked like they were simply putting their gloves on or off.



Same gun with modified case



North American Arms
5-shot .22LR revolver
(very close to actual size)

Ordinary Items

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members will also readily carry ordinary items that they are pre-prepared to use as a weapon.



Hammers



Screwdrivers



Rings



Handlebar Knife



Knife – Pocket Carry



Knife – Belt Sheath

Radio Jammer

In October 2008, Police in Canada conducted a traffic stop of a Hell's Angel Member. During the stop, they noticed they were unable to communicate with their portable radios. During the stop, officer's discovered a "radio jammer" on the vehicle that the rider claimed to have purchased on E-bay and was designed to block cellular radio waves within a 30 foot range. The device was seized using grounds of obstruct police and safety reasons. Please use caution if you encounter such a device and bear in mind that by moving away from the device and/or vehicle, you will be able to use your radio.



Officer Awareness – Detergent Suicides

In May 2009, Ada County Officers in Idaho experienced a “Detergent Suicide.” It is so named for the ingredients (Muriatic/Sulfuric Acid & Organic Phosphate, such as toilet bowl cleaner) that when combined create deadly Hydrogen Sulfide Gas. In this case, officers observed a vehicle in a remote area that had “Hazardous Materials” signs posted on the outside of the vehicle. The lone occupant of the vehicle, was found dead and slumped over in the driver’s seat.



- ☀ Emergency Responders should not try to extract the victim without proper safety gear.
- ☀ The gas is very toxic, flammable and smells like rotten eggs.
- ☀ A normal gas mask will not protect you.
- ☀ A compressed air breathing apparatus (Fire Dept) is the best choice of protection.

Flaming Cell Phone

In April 2003, a TSA Screener at Logan Airport in Boston located a "flip" style cellular telephone in a passenger's luggage. This cell phone was in a box marked "Rick Haslett's HOTLINE! Flaming Cell Phone". The Screener observed strange wiring on the face of the cell phone.

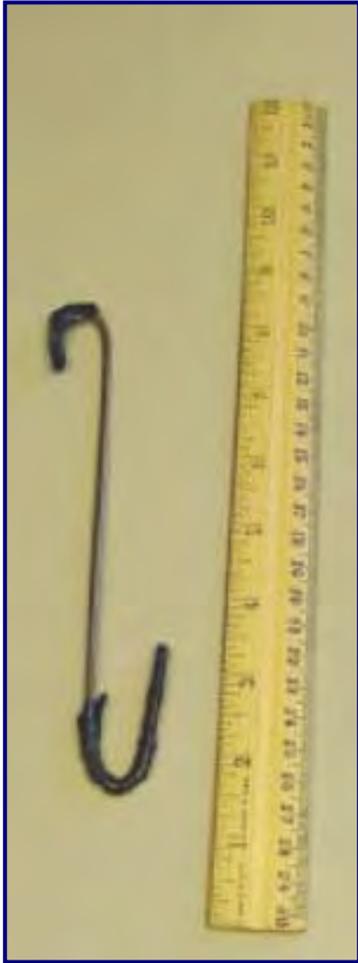


Upon closer examination, the non-functional "cell phone" was found to contain two separate incendiary functions. The first is a piezo-electric igniter attached to a wick on the inside cover of the cell phone. The wick is soaked with lighter fluid and the igniter button is pressed, causing the cell phone to appear to burst into flames. The second incendiary function is a separate piezo-electric igniter hidden inside the antenna. Flash paper is stuffed into the hollow "antenna", and the igniter button is pressed, causing flames to shoot out of the "antenna".

This "flaming cell phone" is an illegal incendiary device and is apparently sold over the internet, along with other incendiary type devices at www.ahouseoffire.com.



"Jamaican" Holster



Basically, a "Jamaican" holster is a home-made attachment to support a pistol concealed in the waistband. The device is usually made with a wire coat hanger that is looped like a hook at each end. One end is inserted in the barrel of the gun and the other end is looped around your belt or the top of your pants.

“Bullet Proof” Jackets

In December 2006, Canadian Customs intercepted a package contained two large black jackets. The front and back of each jacket was lined with body armour throughout.



Disguised Ballistic Wear



There are several types of disguised ballistic wear being made and sold publicly over the Internet. Shown here are two very innocent looking models that have level IIIa body armor built into the linings. This level of protection is enough to stop a .44 Magnum Round. Several of these companies will let you provide the clothing item so they can custom fit the armor. These items cost approximately \$2000 each.

Pistol Pete “Concealed Weapons” Jacket

Pistol Pete
“The Original Concealed Weapons Jacket”
will hold any size handgun up to
an Uzi, plus extra clips!

Soft top grain leather
with durability to last a
lifetime.

Fleece lined neck
warmer included.

Zippered pockets
on each sleeve
for coins or
paperwork.

Sewn in key
lanyard.

Hidden vented pistol pocket
with Velcro closure angled
to hold your weapon in
a natural draw
position.

Side pockets,
plus 2 inside
snap pockets.

Adjustable waist
straps, with snaps,
no belt buckles, plus
hidden money belt.

Removable lining goes all
the way down the sleeves.

Buy 1 for \$99.00 Buy 2 for \$166.00
or 3 for \$232.00

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Ad Design by Schauf Designs



The Pistol Pete Jacket was found advertised in local Florida motorcycle/biker magazine. The seller specifically states the jacket can hold an Uzi w/ extra clips as well as any size handgun. It also has a sewn in lanyard to hide a key (possible a handcuff key). There is a hidden money belt and other hidden pockets for weapons. Law Enforcement should use extra caution when dealing with persons wearing this type of jacket, which could be popular with outlaw motorcycles club members or other persons wishing to conceal weapons.

Fake Ballistic Vests

Fake ballistic vests have become a dangerous fashion trend. These realistic-looking, non-ballistic vests are available commercially and have recently surfaced as a clothing statement within the hip-hop culture.

The possibility of running into juveniles dressed in fake body armor desiring to emulate their favorite hip-hop star could be a real problem for several reasons.

- A officer could reasonably believe that they have stumbled into a crime in progress involving suspects that are prepared and ready for a gun fight.

- A delay in using lethal force could occur because of additional planning for effective shot placement (to avoid the vest). This may give a real armed suspect an advantage at the most critical moment in the encounter.

- A delay in action may be caused by trying to decipher the wearer's intentions for wearing the body armor (fashion vs. ballistic protection used while committing a crime).



Weighted Running Vests

These weighted running vests are becoming popular among joggers and it's likely that we will see an increase of individuals utilizing them. Personnel should use extreme caution when confronting any individual wearing a vest of this nature as it's difficult to differentiate between a running vest and a homicide bombers vest.



Terror T-Shirt

The “Terror T-Shirt” is a t-shirt available over the internet imprinted with a suicide bomb around the waist.



Thumb Tack Gloves

In August 2006, New York City Police Officers arrested a assault suspect wearing a pair of bicycle gloves. Upon closer inspection they noticed the knuckle area of the gloves had sharp pointed tips. (as depicted in circled areas of above photos). The pointed objects protruding from the gloves were in fact thumb tacks on each of the knuckles.



Authentic Looking "Raid Jackets"

This ad was found on the internet. These fake Law Enforcement Agency Raid Jackets are for sale to anyone from a company in Japan. The price, about \$60.00 each.



The screenshot shows a website with the following items listed:

Image	Description	Price
	access japan FBI windbreaker	¥8400 ¥6700
	USA CHP windbreaker	¥12000 ¥9500
	hongkong milforce DEA windbreaker	¥8400 ¥6700
	USA LAPD-SWAT windbreaker	¥12000 ¥9500
	USA LASD windbreaker	¥14800 ¥11000
	hongkong milforce NYPD emergency windbreaker	¥8400 ¥6700
	USA NYPD windbreaker	¥14800 ¥11800
	access japan US MARSHAL windbreaker	¥9800 ¥7800
	USA NYPD uniformshirt	
	USA LAPD windbreaker	
	JAPAN BS116D -h'efxfg	
	JAPAN QF-09A -h□nfxfg	

Authentic Looking "Professional" Badges

This ad was found in several "Police" and "Sportsman" Magazines. The ad advertises to sell anyone with the money a "Authentic Professional Badge" with the choice of Special Police, Private Detective, Security Guard, Special Investigator, or Special Officer in either silver or gold for \$6.95 each.

AUTHENTIC PROFESSIONAL BADGES



Special Police Gold (BDSP-L-G) Silver (BDSP-L-S) \$6.95

Security Guard Gold (BDSG-L-G) Silver (BDSG-L-S) \$6.95

Special Officer Gold (BDOSL-G) Silver (BDOSL-S) \$6.95

Regulation Badge Holder with 1 D. window (BH) \$6.95

The same professional badges used by Detective and security people are now available to you. These are not toys. Use them in your official capacity.

CHOICE OF STYLES: GOLD OR SILVER



Private Detective Gold (BDPD-G) Silver (BDPD-S) \$6.95

Special Police Gold (BDSP-G) Silver (BDSP-S) \$6.95

Security Guard Gold (BDSG-G) Silver (BDSG-S) \$6.95

Special Investigator Gold (BDSI-G) Silver (BDSI-S) \$6.95

Hidden Weapon Concealment

In May 2009, Washington DC Metropolitan Police Officers arrested a suspect during a traffic stop and located a handgun secured to the waist area by a make-shift holster in his pants. The suspect rested the barrel of his weapon in a slit he had cut out in the bottom of the watch pocket. His belt was used to secure the weapon grip.



E-Holster

The “E-Holster” is a product of Personal Electronics Concealment, Inc., which is designed to holster a cell phone, however it strongly resembles a shoulder holster for a gun.



"Fake Finger" Tips



In January 2006, Customs Officers at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas intercepted a Japan Airline passenger with two prosthetic finger tips. They had flesh tone and a very real feel to them. They also had embedded finger prints on them. The "fake" prints were actually duplicates taken from his other hand. The prosthetic finger tips were manufactured by a Japanese company called Aiwa. The bandages help cover the stitching that connects the prosthetic finger tips to his real fingers. This technology provides an additional concern for security and immigration personnel for obvious reasons.

“RF Energy Detector”



Automotive supply stores are selling an air freshener that is also capable of detecting Radio Frequency Energy from a cellular phone. When activated by RF, a set of lights on the air freshener illuminates. The danger is that **suspects can use them to see if undercover personnel are wired with a body transmitter.** Air fresheners of different shapes and sizes are being marketed to persons who listen to loud music in their cars and, consequently, cannot detect when their cellular phone is ringing. Retail on these products is about \$6.

Booby-trap Books

During a routine search, Colombian National Police officers discovered this book. It was to have been used to assassinate a prominent presidential candidate. Five pounds of plastic explosives were inside. It could be detonated via remote control using a cell phone. Everything but the explosives could be purchased at Radio Shack



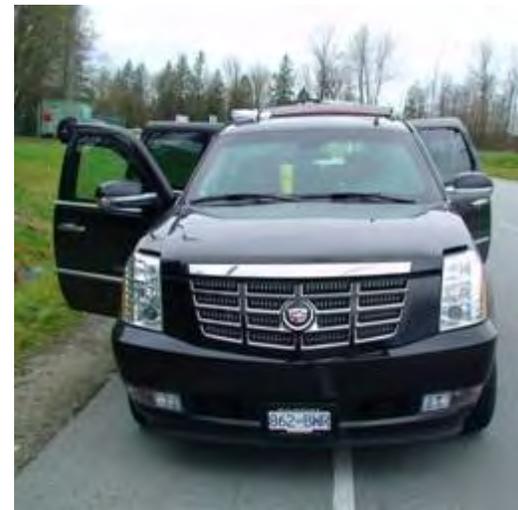
Protester Weapons



Protesters, their weapons and tactics are constantly evolving. Although numerous factors come into play when planning for a demonstration, a review of past protester weapons can help prepare the responding officer. Protesters are known to bring fire extinguishers, paint cans, bullhorns, gas masks, nuts and bolts, rocks, slingshots, bicycle locks, bolt cutters, smoke bombs, firecrackers, grease guns, bicycle helmets, trashcan shields, improvised body armor, handcuffs, as well as custom made contraptions that are designed to prevent arrest.

Gang Armored Vehicles

In January 2008, Gang Officers in Vancouver, Canada pulled over a fully armored Cadillac Esplande that was being driven by very serious and well known local gangsters. The SUV was fully armored from front to rear, including firing ports out the back. At the time, officers had to rely upon the regulatory sections of there Motor Vehicle Code to secure the vehicle as un-roadworthy. It was overweight due to the armor and the windows did not conform to national standards (they did not shatter under pressure/impact). Several similar vehicles have been detained by local police.



James Bond Cartel Car

In August 2004, Mexican Federal Agents intercepted a specially modified vehicle belonging to a Mexican Drug Cartel in Tijuana, Mexico. The Chrysler New Yorker had been modified to remote fire a AK-47 rifle from the rear of the trunk. The vehicle was also rigged to emit a smoke screen, gasoline and lay down an oil slick. The vehicle also contained several hi-powered radios and a police scanner.



SUV Rifle Rack

This SUV Rifle Rack is called the "Rifle-It" and is available for sale over the internet. It fits securely above the sun visors. Officers should use caution approaching during traffic stops where the driver or passenger has their hands over their heads in the area of the sun visors.



Authentic Looking "License Plates"

Officers in Forest Grove, OR discovered a vehicle's license plate that just didn't seem quite right. They noticed that the plate was reflecting the light in an odd and unnatural manner, so they went up to see what was causing the reflection. They realized that the plate was easily bendable, almost like it was cardboard. It turned out the "plate" was actually a laser copy of the original plate pasted onto a cardboard backing with laminate material on top.



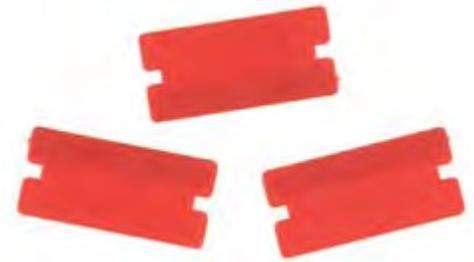
Handgun found in Artificial Leg

In May 2006, Oak Park (WI) Police arrested an auto burglary suspect who happened to have a artificial left leg. Nothing was discovered during the initial pat down search of the suspect. During the booking process, a black “BB” gun was discovered within the padding of the artificial leg. The gun was located in a zippered pouch and resembled a Glock semi-automatic.



Weapons hidden inside cell phones

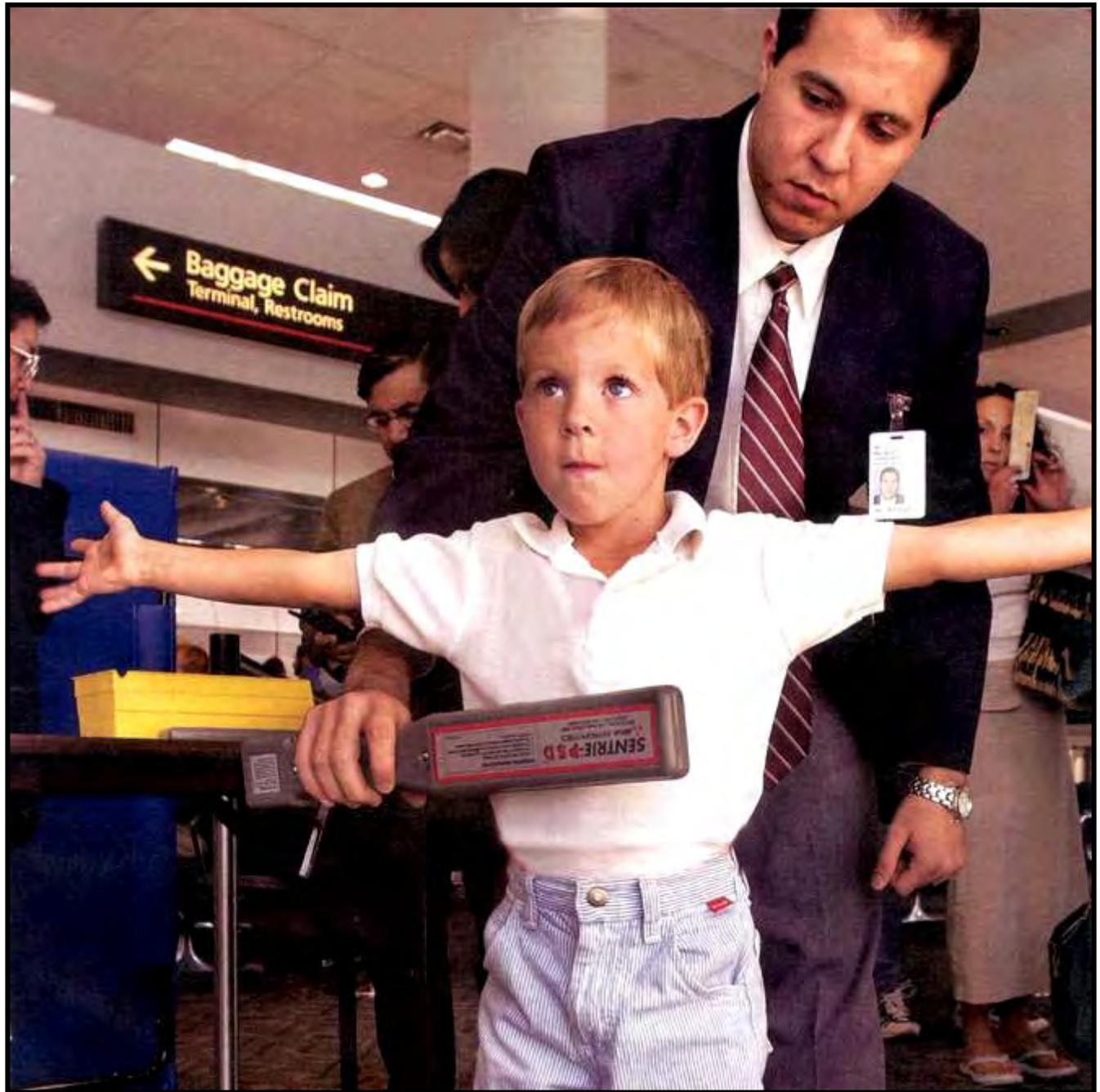
These plastic razor blades come from China. They are the same size of regular steel blades and are almost as sharp. Because they are made out of plastic, they do not show up on x-ray.



Be suspicious, be alert, and do not accept supposedly everyday items as “innocent” until checked



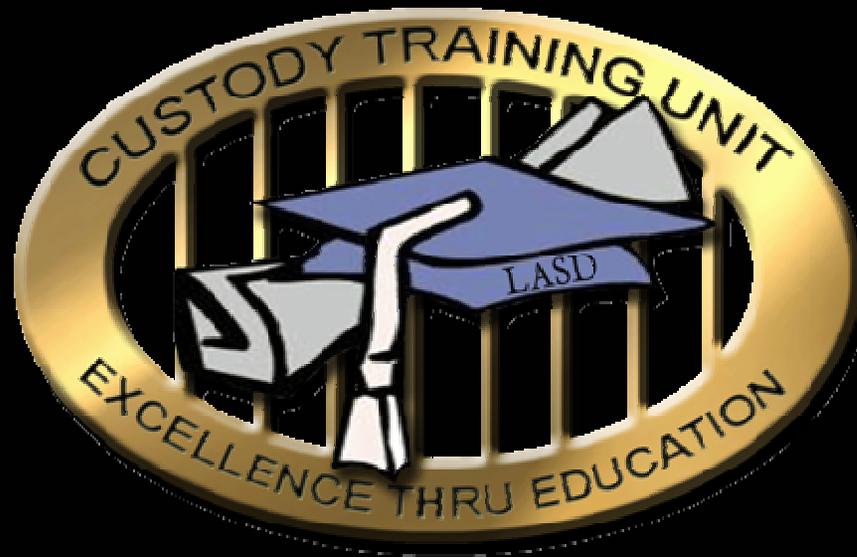
As important as security is, we have a obligation to balance our practices with the dignity and civil rights of the citizens we serve, use common sense and always treat others the same as you yourself would want to be treated.



**Remember to always wear
your vest, life is valuable...
Please stay safe.**



If you have any questions regarding the materials in this presentation, or you have additional intelligence or information you would like to share please contact Deputy John Williams at (213) 893-5171 or jdwillia@lasd.org , thank you.





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