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Newsletter

2017 Annual Conference!!!

We held our annual conference October 16-19 and as always, we had a packed schedule and a packed house. The conference was attended by nearly 200 people from Law Enforcement and Loss Prevention.

Thanks to all the presenters and all who participated!

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The 2018 CLEAR Conference will be held October 9-11 at the Crown Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC!!!

The hotel is near many activities including golf, the ocean and shopping!

Crown Reef Beach Resort and Waterpark



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Additional Conference Pictures





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CLEAR Award Winners for LP and Law Enforcement Case of The Year

We would like to congratulate our award winners. Every year we present an award for the Law Enforcement case of the year and the Loss Prevention case of the year.

“In April 2016, numerous retail loss prevention partners presented evidence of a large retail theft group impacting Southern California, to the Homeland Security Investigations(HIS) San Diego Money Laundering group. This large scale theft ring, involving multiple individuals, was alleged to be operating for approximately 10 years, with an estimated loss of more than \$107 million. The leaders of this organization directed the thieves to steal merchandise around the country and move stolen merchandise back to San Diego, CA, to be consolidated and moved across the border into Mexico.



Asset Prevention teams partnered with HSI Special Agent John Willis and AUSA Steve Wong to work towards a federal prosecution. Retail loss prevention partners conducted surveillance, identified suspects, conducted open source investigations, built suspect profiles, and solidified evidence.

This partnership and hard work produced the arrests of 20 plus individuals, the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise, seizure of approximately \$50,000 in bulk currency and the dismantling of a SDRTR, a ring who has impacted retailers and communities for more than a decade. “



2018 Annual Training Conference

October 9-11, 2018

Crown Reef Beach Resort & Waterpark Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Looking for Speakers!!!!

2018 CLEAR Training Conference
October 9-11, 2018 | Myrtle Beach, SC
Call for Speakers Opens Today!

CLEAR's Annual Training Conference has been called the one of the leading educational events for Public-Private Sector Investigators. Our session speakers have everything to do with that!

Do you have what it takes to be part of a best in class program?

If you're a thought leader. If you're willing to share your best ideas, your toughest challenges, your game-changing solutions. If you see the value in advancing Public-Private Sector Partnerships and have information and solutions to share with Law Enforcement, Retail and other private sector Investigators, then, we invite you to be part of this educational event and one of the top industry conferences

Submit a speaker proposal today! We're looking for content that is smart, compelling, fresh, emerging and actionable. There's no limit to the topics you can cover but we heard from last year's attendees that they would like to gain insight into:

Case Prosecution	E-Commerce Fraud	Pawnshop & Fencing Operations
Investigative Processes	Civil Unrest	Open Source Investigation Techniques
Emerging Criminal Schemes	Emerging Online Marketplaces	Case Presentation
Surveillance Operations	Cargo Theft Investigations	Travelling Groups
Crisis Management	Technology & Innovation	
Active Shooter		
Credit Card & Stored Value		

The deadline to submit session proposals for CLEAR's 2018 Annual Training Conference is Friday, September 01, 2018. Contact Mark Falkner (mfalkner@clearusa.org) with any questions.

***To be considered for the program, submitted proposals must include at least one retail or product manufacturer participant per session. Please note that ser-*

Check Out This Recent Article In LP Magazine Online!!!

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CLEAR Mission:

Build and support partnership across all investigative channels, accomplished through open communication and networking, training together toward the further development of the investigator and lastly, by supporting legislation which strengthens laws related to property crimes.

Interview with Curt Crum, President of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail

The President of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) shares his thoughts on ORC and partnerships.

Curt Crum is a CID special services manager for the Boise Police Department, where he has spent his entire career. Crum also serves as the **President of the board for the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR)**, a nonprofit association emphasizing partnerships among public and private-sector members with the goal of improving community safety and advancing the security and protection industries.

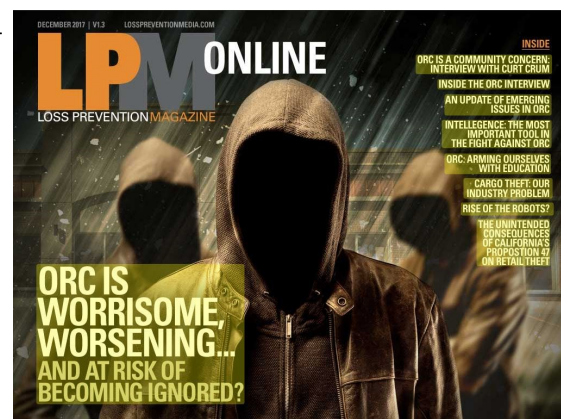
In the latest issue of [LPM Online](#), Crum speaks with Executive Editor Jim Lee about real concerns surrounding the issue of organized retail crime ([ORC](#)) and why law enforcement-loss prevention partnerships are vital in addressing criminal activity. From the article:

“Organized retail crime is a community concern, and we need to work together. The organized retail crime associations create that hub of the wheel. You’ve got one central location where people are putting together information for the benefit of all. Once you put information into the system, it puts out an email to everyone tied to the ORCA in real time. Because these same groups will hit many different retailers, we’re often able to consolidate data and build a bank of details that really helps nail down critical information on those involved. It allows us to start connecting the dots”.



LP Magazine's new digital-only magazine LPM Online recently published an entire edition focused on organized retail crime (ORC). Check out this ORC-focused edition by going [HERE](#)

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NSSF, ATF Launch Operation Secure Store To Help Reduce Firearm Thefts

By Police Magazine.com February 2, 2018

<http://www.policemag.com/channel/weapons/news/2018/02/02/nssf-atf-launch-operation-secure-store.aspx>

NSSF and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) have announced the launch of Operation Secure Store (OSS), a comprehensive joint initiative to help Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL) make well-informed security-related decisions to deter and prevent thefts.

Central to the OSS initiative is NSSF's prior partnerships with ATF to help prevent thefts from FFLs through educational programming, such as the ongoing series of regional seminars hosted by ATF. Additionally, the organizations' matching rewards program becomes an anchor component of the program, effectively doubling the money offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for thefts from licensed retailers, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

"No one wants to prevent the theft of firearms more than the licensed retailers that sell them," said Stephen L. Sanetti, NSSF president and chief executive officer. "There is no one-size fits all solution to helping prevent thefts from firearms retailers, which is why Operation Secure Store will provide access to information and training to allow retailers to make the decisions that are right for them."

"It's clear from the crime guns we recover every day that firearms stolen from FFL retailers are a serious threat to public safety" said ATF Deputy Director Thomas Brandon. "To mitigate this threat, ATF welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the NSSF to educate and inform FFL retailers on how they can enhance the security of their businesses." For more information on security, visit the NSSF website at

<https://www.nssf.org/retailers/security-technology/>

Or, if you have any questions, one of our Board of Directors/Government/Technical Liaison —John Clark worked on this. You can email him at clark@clearusa.org



DOJ Convicts a Total of 12 Defendants in a Major Credit Card Theft Ring

Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Virginia

From a press release www.justice.gov Friday, January 26, 2018

Ringleader Sentenced in Credit Card Fraud and ID Theft Scheme

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – A Portsmouth man was sentenced today to nine years in prison for his role as a ringleader in a credit card fraud and identity theft scheme.

According to court documents, Travon Williams, 33, organized and led a conspiracy where **over two and a half years, members purchased thousands of stolen credit and debit card numbers from blackmarket websites, encoded those stolen numbers onto fraudulent credit cards, and then used those cards to buy merchandise including gift cards and cartons of cigarettes.**

During the conspiracy, the group made hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash from selling cigarette cartons to buyers from New York City, who drove down to Northern Virginia to transport the cigarettes. Williams himself obtained **\$415,000** in proceeds.

Williams is one of 12 defendants who was arrested in this case in August 2017, all of whom have pleaded guilty for their roles in this scheme. Co-defendant Rodriguez Norman has also pleaded guilty to participating in an organized dog-fighting conspiracy.

Additional information on the same case additional defendant from Security Week By Kevin Townsend February 2, 2018

One day earlier, Thursday, Jan. 25, the DOJ announced that Jonathan Powell had been [sentenced to six months](#) in jail, 2 years supervised release and a restitution payment of \$278,855 for computer fraud. He had obtained access to more than 1,000 email accounts from a New York City university in order to download sexually explicit photos and videos.

Powell had earlier pleaded guilty to the charge on August 9, 2017 in Manhattan federal court.

"Jonathan Powell used his computer skills to breach the security of a university to gain access to their students' personal accounts," said U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman. "Once Powell had access, he searched the accounts for compromising photos and videos."

Specifically, he **used the password reset utility to change email account passwords. He then used control over the email accounts to request password resets for the victims' online accounts such as iCloud, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn and Yahoo.** "POWELL then logged into the Linked Accounts and searched within the Linked Accounts, gaining access to private and confidential content stored in the Linked Accounts," reports the DOJ announcement. "In one instance, POWELL searched a University-1 student's linked Gmail account for digital photographs and for various lewd terms."

Subsequent analysis of logs showed that **Powell had accessed the password reset utility approximately 18,640 times between October 2015 and September 2016, attempting 18,600 password changes in connection with more than 2000 unique email accounts -- succeeding in making 1378 changes to 1035 unique accounts.**

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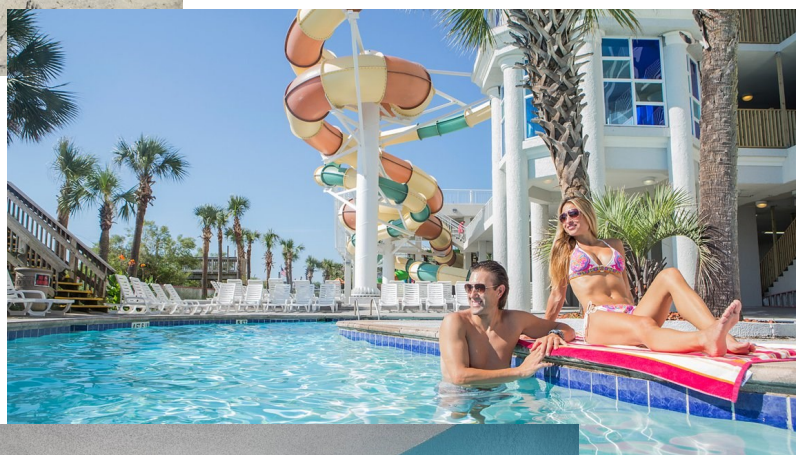
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