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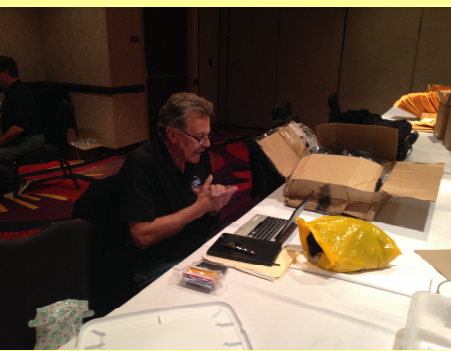
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The Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) completed our 7th Annual ORC Training Conference in Reno in October. The training was attended by 200 loss prevention and law enforcement professionals from across the U.S. and Canada. Training topics included; Return Fraud, Lessons from a Defense Attorney, Credit Card Fraud, Identity Theft and Mobile Phone Fraud, Anatomy of a Critical Incident, ORC Trends Panel, and Open Source Investigations

There was also a presentation by the Las Vegas Metro “RAP” Team and an update on Legislative action on ORC.



Conference Awards



Law Enforcement Investigator of the Year

Detective Miguel "Mike" Garcia—Miami-Dade Police Department

The award is for his work on the successful investigation of the theft of over **8 million** dollars in plastic delivery containers from numerous Florida retailers.

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Conference Awards

Outstanding Loss Prevention Investigation of the Year

Toy-R-Us National Investigations Team

Ed Fuentes, Amanda Hobert, Mike Flanagan, Dennis Dixon, BJ Day, Tyson Roberts; Larry Evangelista, Scott Tassinari, Winston Goreen, and Jay Tubaugh

The Toys-R-Us Team was able to identify and track down a group traveling the country using rental vehicles, that were targeting high end electronics from stores across the country. The Toy-R-Us team coordinated with their counterparts and law enforcement from coast to coast, to locate and apprehend 4 suspects who had stolen tens of thousands of dollars of merchandise in 5 days. They were also able to partner with law enforcement to intercept shipments and recover \$20,000 in stolen merchandise.

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Exciting News for Members That Want To Further Their Education

CLEAR and American Public University System Announce Educational Partnership!

The Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) has partnered with American Public University System (APUS), the accredited institution comprised of American Public University and American Military University, to jointly support your career development goals for loss prevention and retail professionals. APUS serves more than 100,000 students and offers over 200 degrees and certificates.

Partnership Details

- 5% tuition grant (Undergraduate: \$256.50/ Graduate: \$332.50/ Military Undergraduate: \$250, Military Graduate: \$325) *Per credit cost
- Book grant: textbooks and/or ebooks are provided at no charge to students earning undergraduate academic credit.
- Convenient, 100% online format
- Access to a dedicated strategic admissions team
- Extensive program offerings include: Criminal Justice, Security Management, Business Essentials for the Security Executive and Retail Management.

Please visit your Partner Portal for benefit and contact information for APU and AMU:

www.apuspartners.com/CLEAR





CLEAR partners with the Loss Prevention Research Council (LPRC)



The CLEAR Board of directors is happy to announce the formation of a partnership with the Loss Prevention Research Council. Founded in 2001 by leading retailers and Dr. Read Hayes in an effort to support the evidence-based needs of loss prevention decision-makers, and has grown to over 45 major retail chains today! To date the LPRC has conducted over 90 real world loss prevention research projects for retailers and partners. The scope of these projects include:

Large-scale field experiments to provide decision-makers with impact and ROI data

Development of statistical models for shortage reduction

Employee dishonesty and shoplifter dynamics research

Supply chain and violent crime R&D

CLEAR will share resources, as well as training information and opportunities with our new partners at the LPRC.

Stay tuned for upcoming exciting announcements!!!!



The Loss Prevention Foundation Announces Scholarship Opportunities For LPQ and LPC Courses

The Loss Prevention Foundation's mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by increasing awareness of the Foundation and its' career enhancing certification programs.

The [LPF Scholarship Committee](#) strives to ensure that the [LPQ](#) and [LPC](#) courseware scholarships (valued at \$495 and \$795 respectively - exams are not included) are offered to a variety of audiences through a variety of means in order to achieve our mission.



Current Scholarship Offerings

Retail Professionals:

Financial Assistance Needed:

The Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) recognizes that sometimes people find themselves in very difficult life circumstances where they cannot afford our [LPQualified](#) (LPQ) or [LPCertified](#) (LPC) courseware. As such, a limited number of Financial Assisted Scholarships may be awarded to applicants who are willing to share their circumstances with us

Learn more about [LPF Financial Assisted Scholarships](#)

Vector Security LPF Scholarship Program

[Vector Security](#) - Early every year Vector offers members of our community the chance to compete for LPQ and LPC **course and exam scholarships**. The LPF appreciates their continued support of LP professional certification. Exams are included.

For more information, click here <https://www.vectorsecurity.com/loss-prevention-foundation-scholarship>

Conference Scholarships

The below organizations award [LPQ](#) and [LPC](#) scholarships as conference prizes.

In addition, many of our solution provider partners offer scholarships at their booths as drawings. [Click here](#)

Veterans - from "Hire-A-Vet" retailers:

For information to enroll in our "Hire-A-Vet" program which increases visibility and opportunity for [LPQ](#) scholarships from participating retailers [click here](#).

Full-Time Students:

For information about [LPQ](#) student scholarships [click here](#).

The International Organization of Black Security Executives offers [LPQ](#) scholarships to deserving students and as prizes at its conferences. [Click here](#) to learn more.

For additional information, go to http://www.losspreventionfoundation.org/lpf_hardship_scholarships.html

Diamond Diva And Accomplice Sentenced

An aspiring model - dubbed the Diamond Diva - allegedly trained for months before stealing over **\$4million** worth of jewels in a series of armed robberies.

Abigail Lee Kemp, 24, is accused of carrying out six raids on jewelers across five states - Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

But authorities say she did her homework before allegedly carrying out the crimes - learning how to handle a gun, zip tie a victim and even secret code words.

Now, she and one of her accomplices have been sentenced.



Abigail Lee Kemp and Larry Bernard Gilmore were charged in a string of armed robberies of jewelry stores across several states were sentenced Friday to 10 years and 32 years and a day in prison, respectively.

Kemp, 25, will spend a decade in prison while Gilmore, 44, was given the much lengthier sentence. They also were ordered to pay \$1,499,690 in restitution. The two, along with Lewis Jones III, 36, and Gilmore's brother Michael, 47, all had been charged in robberies across the South.

"I am truly sorry for everything I've done," Abigail Kemp said Friday. "Not a day goes by that I don't think about the victims. I pray for them every single day. I hope one day they can live in peace."

However, Kemp's remorse and cooperation with the trial had to be balanced with the impact the robberies had on the 13 victims, Prosecutor Katy Risinger said. **Mark Neapolitan, a representative for one of the jewelers affected (and CLEAR Board Member),** said at the sentencing that some employees never returned to work after the robberies.



"These people will never be the same because of Ms. Kemp's actions," Neapolitan said. "The armed robberies were cold and calculated direct actions. They were not committed for any reason other than greed."



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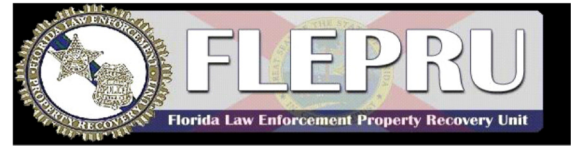
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