

# CRIME FIGHTER

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## Car Break-Ins

### The Most Frustrating Crime is the Easiest to Stop

What if I told you I've been working private industry security and law enforcement for over ten years? And in that time, there's been one crime I've seen time and time again? In fact, if I had to guess, I'd say it's the one crime I've taken the most reports on since I became a police officer. Want to take a guess what I'm talking about?

It's thefts from cars!



This has to be one of the most common, and utterly annoying crimes I come across.

In fact, it's even happened to me!

But, this is also one of the easiest crimes to prevent with two methods:

1. Lock your car doors/roll up your windows
2. Don't leave valuables in your car
  - a. If you must, put them in the trunk or hide them under a blanket so there's no "crime magnets" visibly sitting out

Believe it or not, these two actions, and especially the first, will prevent the vast majority of car break-ins that police respond to. I myself once made the mistake of not locking my car, and came out one morning to find my car rifled through. Fortunately, I also followed step #2, and the bad guys didn't take anything. (They left behind my ten year old Coldplay CD's... should I admit that I own ten year old Coldplay CD's?)

Car break-ins are one of those crimes that I'd love to see eradicated, and we very easily could. It would just take these two steps and we could easily eliminate most of the problems we have from this.

It should also be noted that the vast majority of these "break-ins" involve no "breaking" at all – the cars are usually left unlocked. Making this crime even easier to prevent!

This is one of those crimes we can easily, and readily prevent. And if we just follow these two simple steps, we will take a HUGE bite out of this problem!



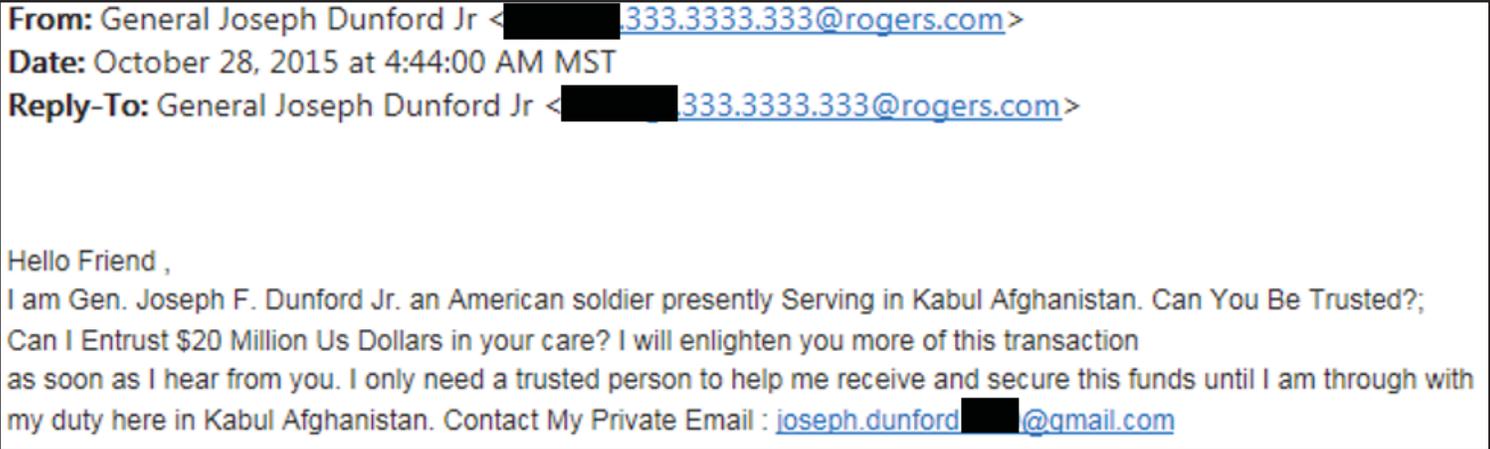
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# Frontlines of Fraud

To keep the CrimeFighter relevant and interesting, I've recently been taking a look at some of the newer frauds that are coming in.

The General Needs Help

Recently I received the following email on my police work email that stated the following:



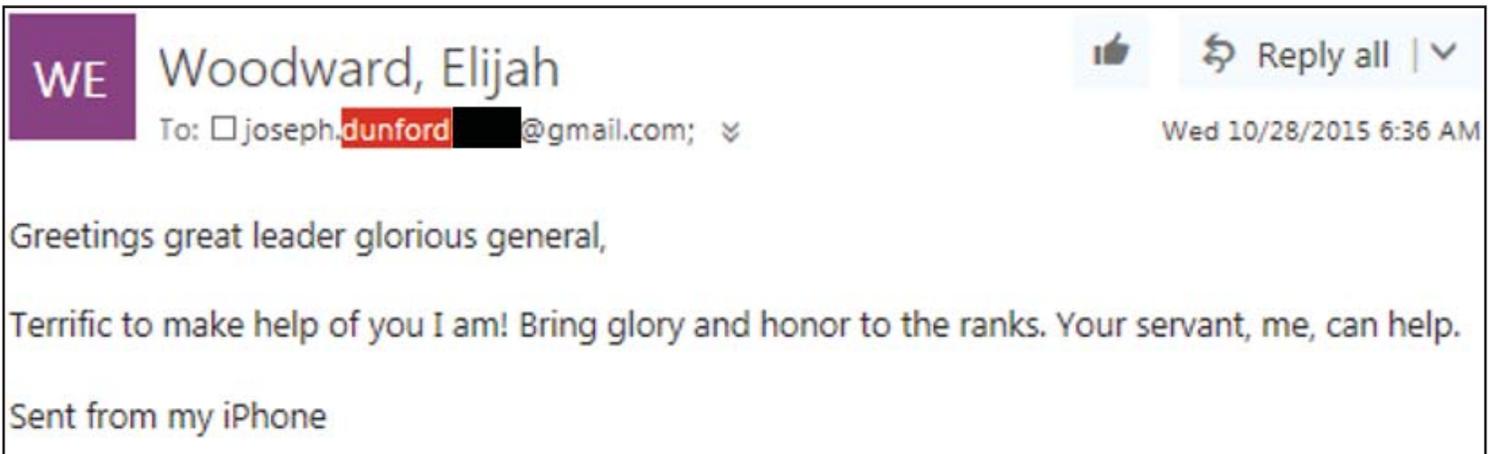
Now taking one look at this we start to find all sorts of errors with this.

First off, General Joseph Dunford is the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff. I doubt, very highly, that he's going to be involved in a \$20 Million scam. Even if he has, he wouldn't be contacting me – I'm just not that useful.

Second, there's all sorts of little spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.

And finally, the email address it came from seems kind of odd. That's a lot of 3's.

Naturally, I replied with the following:



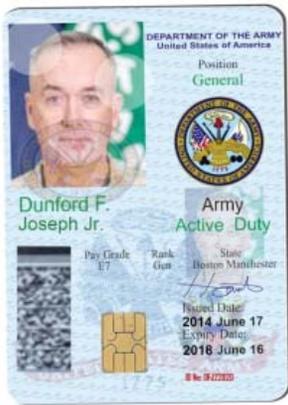
I purposely responded with ridiculous language and verbiage because any native speaker would pick up on the fact that I wasn't speaking correctly. If the scammer responded to me, it would be obvious that they were pretty desperate and would engage with me.

Sure enough, I got a bite.

Shortly after this email I received an email back that had several pictures attached of American soldiers counting cash (looks like it's from an old news article in the mid-2000's) as well as a copy of the dear General's military ID card,

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commonly called a “CAC” (Common Access Card).



Now this was interesting! Here is a semi-decent looking fake military ID that is covered with errors that we can have a lot of fun with. Below are a few of the errors that caught my attention immediately, though there are plenty more:

In addition to the pictures the email was basically just asking for help, thanking me for any assistance. The writer also explains that the money was being kept in some sort of diplomatic office in Iraq that was being shut down due to ISIS approaching. The interesting part to note here is that many scammers have some kind of convincing story – never mind how legitimate or not it is, but they will take a little piece of truth (ISIS is a concern in Iraq, taking a lot of territory which is in the news lately) and mix it with their fabrications to create a story that they hope you will bite on and fall victim.

ID Photos for ID cards don't have flags in the background



From here the emails go back and forth, with the scammer asking for my address, name, phone number, etc. Ultimately I give him made up information, and never even provided a phone number. This resulted in me getting a copy of the “airway bill” today.

Some of the parts I've blacked out are the fake photo and fictitious name I provided the scammers (for operational security I'll keep those redacted for now). As you can see this seems very fancy, complicated, and well done. Lots of

boxes and information, right?

Well, even though this seems legitimate, let's take a closer look at some things.

First off, it appears that someone known as “Tahsen Ibraheem” is a diplomat, yet the email is diplomat.tahsen@hotmail.com. I find it highly unlikely any diplomat would be caught using Hotmail, especially for duties like this.

The company “ADTA & C Air Cargo Delivery” does not exist. I've searched and searched and can't find anything. This

# Frontlines of Fraud Continued



ORIGIN  
IRAQ

DESTINATION  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



**BR 74PT1 7112F**

### 1 SENDER

Account N°: 61781 | Sender's Name: GEN JOSEPH DUNFORD JR

Company Name: **ADTA & C AIR CARGO DELIVERY**

Address: Engineering Unit of US Military, Ba'qubah, Tirkrit Iraq

Post code: box 7027 | Telephone/fax/facsimile: Nil

### 3 DETAILS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Not all payment and services are available in all

**Services**

- DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENT
- WORLDWIDE DIPLOMATIC PACKAGE
- DOMESTIC PACKAGE
- EXPRESS DOCUMENT
- NATIONAL
- WORLDWIDE
- OTHER SERVICES

**TRANSPORT CHARGES**  
*If lost back to sender Pays transport charges*

- Consignor
- Accord External Billing
- Transport Collect

**SHIPMENT INSURANCE**

- YES

### 4 DIMENSIONS &

N° of Pieces	Weight
ONE (1)	65 KG
Dimension In Inc LxLxH	
28 X 7 X 7	

Volumetric/Charged Weight	Kg
65	Kg

Code	Charges Services
HCW	\$4,000.00
DIP	Special \$3,200.00
ASS	Insurance \$3,700.00
HCW	Other/Vat \$3,000.00
CODE CURRENCY	TOTAL
	\$13,900.00

TRANSPORT COLLECT STICKER N° DIP/11.VOL.114  
LOCAL FEES : \$ 50.00  
**ADVANCE PAID**  
**BALANCE**  
**HANDLING/CLEARANCE CHARGES ON ARRIVAL IN USA PORT \$470.00 USD**

PACKAGED BY: OXFORD HARIFFIN  
ROUTE N° FERT 80/143  
TERM, \* APPROVED  
ARRIVE IN : USA 28-11-2015

### 2 A DESTINATION

Company Name: [REDACTED]

**DELIVERY ADDRESS :**  
11000 N LA CANADA DRIVE ,ORO VALLEY ,AZ 85737 ,UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Delivery Address (Diplomatic Immunities Services Ne Peut Pas Livrer A Une Adresse Postal)

[REDACTED]

PASSPORT 30-261-0154 | Contact Person [REDACTED] WARD

USA | Telephone/facsimile/Telex Specify One N/A

Diplomat Name: TAHSEN IBRAHEEM (MR) | Diplomat Email Contact: diplomat.tahsen@hotmail.com

### 5 SENDERS AUTHORISED SIGNATURE

I/We agree that Diplomatic Courier Service Standard terms apply to this shipment and diplomatic Courier service liability. The Warsaw Convention may

 | 30/11/2015

### FULL DESCRIPTION OF CARGO

ONE BOX

RECEIVER'S FULL ADDRESS  
11000 N LA CANADA DRIVE , ORO VALLEY , AZ 85737 , UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IDENTIFICATION N° 6177. | Senders VATGST No. MGT /42IPS

Customers Officer's N° 36 | VAT Identification at Destination

Type of Export  BOX  REPAIR  CONTAINER

Destination USA  Receiver [REDACTED] WARD  Receiver's Contact N° N/A



DIP<<<190407 <<<RDC. 675 SER11315COUR

right here should be an automatic deal killer for any sort of transaction. I'm surprised they wouldn't at least create a fake website or something to make it look real.

It says the package will arrive in USA on "28-11-2015," or, November 28. Here we are in December and not a thing. Broken promises!

The "Ship Insurance" box is checked "YES" but there's no dollar amount.

Needless to say, we can go on, but you get the point: this is fake.

So how do they profit from here?

At this point I haven't seen any requests for money, so there's a good chance we'll be getting some kind of request for money, sooner or later. This is known as the "advanced fee" fraud where I have to pay some sort of fee up front to make money. Much like the lottery scams that say you won the lottery, you just need to send a couple thousand dollars to claim your winnings (clearly you won't be winning anything, and in fact, you'll be losing).

The other possibility is that they may send a check that's fraudulent. In that case they will ask their victims to cash the fraud check, and send the cash Western Union to pay for the "shipment." Meanwhile, your bank realizes that the check was a fraud, and they take the money out of your account. Ouch!

At this point we'll just have to wait and see what happens next. I will keep you posted on the developments!

# Vehicle Theft Prevention

A MOTOR VEHICLE IS STOLEN EVERY 45 SECONDS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The top 10 model year 2012 vehicles stolen in 2012:

1. Mercedes-Benz CL-Class
2. Mitsubishi Eclipse
3. Mazda 6
4. Dodge Charger
5. Nissan Infiniti FX35/FX50
6. Dodge Avenger
7. Chrysler 300
8. Chevrolet Impala
9. Mitsubishi Galant
10. Chevrolet Captiva

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly half of vehicle theft is due to driver error.
- The top two months for vehicle thefts are July and August.
- There were nearly 700,000 vehicles reported stolen in the United States in 2013.
- Nearly 45% of stolen vehicles are never recovered.

## USE COMMON SENSE WHEN PARKING AND EXITING YOUR VEHICLE.

- Take your key; don't leave it in or on your vehicle.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas - in a garage, if possible.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, and specially in sight.

## WE ARE ALL SUSCEPTIBLE TO VEHICLE THEFT.

The 10 U.S. States with the most stolen vehicles are:

1. California
2. Florida
3. Texas
4. New York
5. Georgia
6. Illinois
7. New Jersey
8. North Carolina
9. Ohio
10. Nevada

## THIEVES WANT PARTS AND VALUABLE ITEMS, TOO.

Radios and wheel covers aren't the only popular stolen vehicle parts thieves take. They want whatever sells, from the mandated labeled parts to those that aren't. Among some of the most popular parts or items left in vehicles are: engines, transmissions, air bags, radios, GPS units, phones/iPods, laptops, and purses.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety/Vehicle-Related+Theft/Theft+Prevention>





# Oro Valley Police Department

Presents

## Citizen Academy

Understanding Through Education

The Oro Valley Police Citizen Academy is a 36-hour block of instruction designed to give the public knowledge of the OVPD. It consists of twelve classes, taught by sworn police personnel and civilian staff who work in the different divisions. The instruction is comprehensive and each week a different area of the department is covered, including many activities:

- Experience a ride-along
- See a S.W.A.T. demo
- Watch the K-9 in action
- Hear about criminal investigations
- Meet Oro Valley officers and understand their work

The goal is to provide the citizens enough information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions and to increase rapport through an educational process. The citizens, in turn, enable the officers and civilian staff to learn of their feelings and concerns. The hope is that the graduates of each Citizen Academy will take their new knowledge out into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises and make good decisions, which affect the Police Department and the Town with heightened awareness and better information. Together we can build a safer, stronger community.

**When:** Every Tuesday, February 9 - April 26, 2016  
**Graduation:** May 3, 2016  
**Time:** 6 – 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Oro Valley Police Tangerine Substation,  
1920 E. Tangerine Road

- There is limited seating available, so sign up today
- Make a commitment to attend the majority of classes
- Free of charge
- CVAP personnel are encouraged to attend
- Must be at least 18 years of age

For more information, or to register, contact Ofc. Rick Rendon,  
at (520) 229-2900 or [rrendon@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:rrendon@orovalleyaz.gov)



# Oro Valley Police Department

Present

## Got Paper?

OVPD invites you to

- What:** Shred-A-Thon
- Where:** Oro Valley Marketplace  
Near Red Lobster
- When:** Saturday, January 23  
8 a.m. – noon  
(or until the truck fills)



### Help prevent identity theft!

Shred your unwanted paper materials, such as billing statements, receipts and anything containing your personal information.



There is no need to remove staples or paperclips.

For more information contact Ofc. Woodward  
of the Community Resource Unit, at (520) 229-5085

# Mark Your Calendar

## Dispose-A-Med

Target, 10555 North Oracle Road

February 6 9 - 11 am

## Sun City Activity Center

January 12 9 - 11 am

## Shred-A-Thon

January 23 8 am - noon

## Arizona Distance Classic

March 20 - LOOK OUT FOR RUNNERS

## Oro Valley Sprint Triathlon

March 26



# FREE Tree Recycling



The Town of Oro Valley is partnering with the Oro Valley Kiwanis Club to provide FREE tree recycling services again this year. Drop off your tree from December 27 to January 11 at Naranja Park, 660 W. Naranja Drive, just north of the archery range. Trees will be chipped into mulch, which will be available free to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations are welcome and will

benefit the Key Club members at Canyon del Oro and Ironwood Ridge high schools.

# Oro Valley Trivia

1. Oracle Road is known as State Route what?
2. What percentage of Oro Valley residents, age 25+, hold a bachelor's degree or higher?
3. In 2010, how many housing units did Oro Valley have (per US census)?

Answers:

1. 77; 2. 50.9%; 3. 20,340

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available in the Android Market or App Store.

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## Contact Information

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# Dispose-A-Med Oro Valley

Clean out your medicine cabinets

*Bring your unused or expired prescription and over the counter medications and we will dispose of them for you properly. We accept pills and liquids.*

This includes veterinarian medications and vitamins. Please keep all pills in their original containers. Bins will be provided for you to drop off your medications and it is completely anonymous. Please do NOT bring batteries or household hazardous waste.

Upcoming prescription-take-back events in 2016:



Target 10555 N. Oracle Road 10 am - 2 pm	Walmart 7951 N. Oracle Road 10 am - 2 pm	Sun City Vistoso 1495 E. Rancho Vistoso 9 - 11 am
02/06/16	04/02/16	01/12/16
08/06/16	06/04/16	03/08/16
10/15/16	12/03/16	09/13/16
		11/08/16

*We will no longer be accepting metal or glass inhalation aerosol containers, syringes or epi-pens. For your convenience, the following is a list of companies that offer mail back disposal kits for a fee:*

Target  
Pharmacy Department

Total Home Medical  
[www.totalhomemedical.com](http://www.totalhomemedical.com)

Stericycle  
[www.stericycle.com](http://www.stericycle.com)

Republic Services  
[www.republicsharps.com](http://www.republicsharps.com)



For more information contact the OVPD Community Resource Unit, at (520) 229-5080