

Welcome to this edition of *BOLO News*. *BOLO News* is a monthly newsletter for law enforcement subscribers of ScrapTheftAlert.com to share success stories and other information that may be pertinent in the ongoing fight against metals theft.

Headlines

A Note from ISRI's Director of Law Enforcement Outreach



In the last issue of *BOLO News*, ISRI introduced me as the new Director of Law Enforcement Outreach by way of a formal bio. This month, I would like to introduce myself in a less formal manner.

I recently retired from the Secret Service after nearly 28 years of service. Prior to that, I was a trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police for five years. Though it was a long time ago, I remember what it was like patrolling the highways and back roads of Pennsylvania. I believe it was that experience that convinced the Secret Service to bring me on.

Some of you may be thinking what does a "fed" know about metals theft. More than half my career was spent conducting criminal investigations. While not specifically into metals theft, I think some of the principles of investigation and presentation of cases for prosecution carry over. Also, many of the investigations I conducted and supervised were in conjunction with local task forces.

The other half of my career was spent in training, inspection and liaison.

During my five years at the Secret Service training center, I not only directed training for new agents but also coordinated training for state and local law enforcement upon request.

Throughout my law enforcement career, I have had the opportunity to build coalitions with state and local agencies to further criminal investigations and protective missions. (Those of you that have participated in motorcades and major protective visits know what I am talking about.)

I am confident that my experience will translate to my new position. I look forward to working with you to reduce metals theft and improve upon the cooperation between law enforcement and the industry.

My contact information is below. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any comments or suggestions, or for any assistance I can provide on behalf of ISRI.

Thank you,
Brady

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Law Enforcement Reader Poll

In your jurisdiction, approximately how many of those convicted of a metals theft related crime receive jail time?

VOTE

Last month we asked readers "In your jurisdiction, roughly how many metals theft arrests are prosecuted?" Here are the results:

0-25%	53%
26-50%	6%
51-75%	6%
76-100%	34%

In the News

- [Scrap Yards a Link in Detering Crime](#)
The Columbus Dispatch, February 11, 2014
- [New Antitheft Push in California for Mobile Devices](#)

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Success Stories from the Field

State Troopers from Michigan State Police Lansing Post arrested a Detroit area man on 11/23/13 as the result of a lengthy criminal investigation into the theft of multiple catalytic converters from vehicles in the Lansing area, the investigative operation called OPERATION CLEAN CUT, a name used because of the extremely clean cuts found on the remaining exhaust pipes of targeted vehicles. The larceny from auto felony arrest occurred at a Michigan Department of Transportation car pool lot located on Holt Road near US-127 in Alaiedon Twp.

The individual arrested by MSP was subsequently linked to hundreds of catalytic converter thefts across Central and Western Michigan between June and November of 2013.

The suspect, a 22 year-old Detroit resident, exclusively targeted car pool lots adjacent to major interstates. MSP Lansing Post detectives subsequently obtained a confession from the arrested suspect, who then agreed to voluntarily demonstrate his method of operation for removing catalytic converters from vehicles. The suspect allowed detectives to video tape the demonstration, which resulted in the removal of a catalytic converter from an Oldsmobile Silhouette van in 26 seconds with the use of a cordless reciprocating saw. The arrested suspect has been charged criminally in multiple counties in Michigan and is awaiting trial; he is currently incarcerated in the Clinton County Jail on probation violation charges.

As a result of this investigation; along with the key criminal intelligence information obtained by detectives, the Michigan State Police Lansing Post has implemented a law enforcement officer training program that will assist patrol officers in the recognition of catalytic converters and their internal components, along with instruction on the different methods of operation and preferred vehicle models of those individuals involved with the theft of automotive catalytic converters.

- D/Sgt. Kyle McPhee, Michigan State Police, Lansing Post Detective Bureau

*The Wall Street Journal ,
February 7, 2014*

- [ISRI Names Director of Law Enforcement Outreach](#)
Recycling Today , February 5, 2014
- [The Problem of Metal Theft](#)
About.com Recycling , February 2014

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