

Tales from the Rural Patrol

(Editor’s Note: Factual information for ‘Tales’ is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Monday, Dec. 17

*At 8:52 a.m. a citizen reported a cold burglary when she noticed the lock and latch was broken from an outbuilding in the 100 block of S. Kerby Avenue. The property owner believed it was possible whoever broke in just wanted to get out of the cold.

*A red 1997 Honda Civic with black rims may have been stolen from a parking lot in the 400 block of S. Redwood Hwy. on Dec. 5.

*Transients built a shelter with multiple

shopping carts near S. Redwood Hwy. and Hamilton Avenue.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

*A resident in the 32500 block of Redwood Hwy. noticed fraudulent charges on her Wal-Mart money card between Aug. 18-22. She had copies of the bogus transactions from New Jersey, Texas, and London Language Institute, but needed a police report for a refund.

*At 3 a.m. an alert neighbor scared off two guys who were seen pushing a white 1986 Toyota pickup truck towards Caves Hwy. Jerry’s Towing Company returned the Toyota to the 100 block of S. Old Stage Road. Ignition wires were cut, and insurance information and a flashlight were missing

from the vehicle. A report was filed for unauthorized use of a vehicle and criminal mischief.

*A vehicle with Texas license plates sheared the bottom off a power pole at Takilma Road and Happy Camp Road. The car was pushed to the side of the road, and had been ransacked and flagged at 9:38 a.m. The driver admitted that he struck the pole the night before, due to low blood sugar. He walked home and reported the incident.

*Sarah Ivory Jaentsch, 28, was arrested in the 6000 block of Rockydale Road at 10:43 a.m. Jaentsch was detained in Josephine County Jail (JCJ) for two JCISO misdemeanor warrants for failure to appear for second-degree trespassing.

*Melissa Lowenstein was taken into custody at 12:01 p.m. in the 24300 block of Redwood Hwy. for three JCISO warrants for second-degree trespass. Lowenstein was trespassed from Kerby Mart and detained in JCJ.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

*The driver of a blue Chevy Cruze with Washington license plates claimed he was distracted by a patrol car at 12:25 p.m. At least, that was his excuse for not even slowing down for the stop sign at W. River Street and Kerby Avenue. He was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and no operator’s license and warned for failure to carry proof of insurance and registration.

*A small child pushed a panic alarm button in a

bank in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 1:02 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20

*A fellow in the 1300 block of Caves Hwy. received a bill for \$323.81 from Verizon on Dec. 18. He has not had a cell phone in more than 15 years.

*At 2 p.m. a citizen was concerned regarding an abandoned house near Holton Creek Road and Redwood Hwy. The words “big time mob” were written on cars at Green Bridge before they were burned. The house now has that phrase written on the windows.

*Folks were railing about the noise from a train air horn emanating from a black Dodge 4x4 pickup truck with a camper shell.

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Building a digital defense against business email compromise: by the FBI

This week: Building a digital defense against Business Email Compromise, this time combined with gift card fraud.

Scammers know businesses are more likely to reward employees or thank customers during this time of year. ‘Tis the season, after all, for presents, incentives and end-of-year bonuses. That combined with an upward spike in business email compromise scams make companies particularly vulnerable to this kind of fraud.

Over the past year and a half – and especially in the last few months – the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center – IC3.gov – has seen a huge increase in the number of businesses that are getting hit with this kind of fraud. From January 2017 to this fall, the adjusted loss topped \$1 million.

The scam starts with a spoofed email or text from a person of authority, such as a CEO or HR director, telling an employee to purchase gift cards for the executive to give away

or to use to purchase items, say, for a Christmas party. The employee is told to send the gift card info – including the number and PIN – back to the “boss” – really the fraudster – who then can cash out the value before you know there is a problem.

There are ways to prevent these types of scams:

- Keep an eye out for email addresses that look similar to – but not exactly the same as – the ones used by your work supervisors or peers.
- Be wary of requests to buy multiple gift cards, even if the request seems ordinary.
- Watch out for grammatical errors or odd phrasing.
- Notice language that tries to pressure you to purchase the cards quickly.
- Finally, be wary if the sender asks you to send the gift card number and PIN back to him.

In any case, requests for gift card purchases or wire

transfers should be highly scrutinized. Make sure your business uses two-factor authentication protocols or at least follow up a phone call to confirm any transfer of funds.

IC3 says that while this

kind of fraud can happen to any company, there are a variety of sectors most at risk. They include the real estate, legal, medical, and distribution and supply parts of our economy as well as religious organizations.

If you have been victimized by this or any cyber fraud, be sure to report it to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your local FBI office.

Tech Tuesday Tips: BEC Gift Card Fraud

- Keep an eye out for email addresses that are similar to, but not exactly the same as, your co-workers’.
- Be wary of requests to buy multiple gift cards.
- Watch out for grammatical errors or odd phrasing.
- Don’t forward any gift card-sensitive information.
- Report scams to www.ic3.gov



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ACROSS

- 1) Accomplish, biblically

6) Mentally healthy

10) Anagram of "laws"

14) Wisener companion

15) Intensely interested

16) One of the strings

17) Emergency light

18) Announced ones' presence at the door

19) Boldly provocative

20) Coat of arms

23) Lubricant

24) Dog biter

25) Canal large enough for seagoing vessels

27) Baby newt

30) "Meet Me ___ Louis"

32) HHH, to Homer

33) Takes as spoils

35) Register part

37) Let fly, as lava

40) Certain undergrad, briefly

41) What some popular videos go
- 42) Blacken on a grill

43) German river

44) Italian desserts

45) Sing "nyah-nyah" to

46) One spelling for an Eastern potentate

48) Store on board

50) Male doll

51) Alcove for eating

54) Snooker cushion

56) Gene material, in brief

57) Some occurred in Geneva

62) "Green Gables" girl

64) Newspaper notice, briefly

65) Brook catch

66) Bartlett, for one

67) Decidedly not marshy

68) Avoid doing

69) Emerald Isle language

70) Rocks to refine

71) Increased excessively, as a score

DOWN

- 1) Remove one's hat

2) Bulging earthenware vessel

3) Dutch cheese

4) Finishing stroke, to a calligrapher

5) Latticework for vines

6) Full of barbs

7) Petri dish stuff

8) Roman day

9) Pale yellowish-white

10) "___ Maria"

11) Eddie Munster's hairline feature

12) Maxims

13) Craftily

21) Desire

22) "___-Willow" ("The Mikado" song)

26) Out of fashion

27) "So what ___ is new?"

28) April 1 honoree

29) Vaudeville headliners

31) Coupe quartet

34) Musical motif

36) Catholic sacrament

38) Ill at ___ (uncomfortable)

39) Brown songbird

41) Flawless musician

45) Tweet source

47) "For what ___ worth ..."

49) Horse morsel

51) Window decor

52) Away from the outer edge

53) Fireplace remnant

55) Insect stage

58) Thick mud

59) Homebuyer's need, usually

60) Twisty-horned antelope

61) Kind of child

63) " ... ___ he drove out of sight ..."



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