

CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Training Bulletin

#2008-01

Distribution: All Sworn Personnel

Date: July 2008

Subject: Cloned Vehicles

Tom Zoll, Chief of Police

Law enforcement officers routinely come across vehicles operated by legitimate companies and government agencies. Many of these types of vehicles are being cloned for illegitimate purposes. A "cloned" or "deceptive" vehicle is one that has been modified to appear as a legitimate Federal, state or municipal agency, a law enforcement agency or a private company vehicle. These cloned vehicles are used for illegal activities, such as transporting immigrants, drugs, explosives and weapons. In the employ of a terrorist organization, the use of a cloned vehicle may have disastrous effects. Specifically, an otherwise familiar and apparently legitimate vehicle loaded with explosives or radiological devices can be delivered to a target site without raising suspicion and bypassing established security procedures.

Examples:

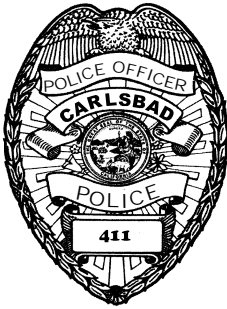
- Border Patrol Agents discovered 31 illegal aliens in a seemingly authentic Border Patrol vehicle.
- A "Wal-Mart" tractor-trailer rig contained 3000 lbs. of marijuana and 450 lbs. of cocaine.
- A "Texas Department of Transportation" truck contained illegal drugs.
- A "US Post Service" van was stopped cruising around a southern city.
- Fake ambulances are weapons of choice for terrorists in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon.
- Ryder rental trucks were used in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 1995 Oklahoma bombing.

The perpetrators of these and other illegal activities have also combined the use of false uniforms to further their deceptions. Commonly available software and commercial websites facilitate the manufacture of authentic looking logos and are relatively inexpensive: from a low of \$12.95 for a simple decal to approximately \$6000 for a fully cloned vehicle.

Outward telltale signs officers may look for to identify a cloned vehicle include after-market accessories such as license plate brackets, CD players, whitewall tires, tinted windows, misspelled words and phone numbers that do not match authentic vehicles. Interior indicators officers should look for include a lack of company equipment or paperwork and personnel identification by the vehicle occupants.

Terrorists (home-grown or imported) emulate terrorists; with the relative ease of cloning, a similar situation may occur and the perpetrator will not leave a paper trail to arouse suspicion.

Cloning of Federal and emergency vehicles can be prosecuted; however, to fake a corporate logo is merely a trademark infringement; it is civil in nature and barring any other evidence of criminal activity, not enforceable by law enforcement officers. **BE EVER VIGILANT!** If it doesn't look right, check it out.



CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Training Bulletin

#2008-02

Distribution: All Sworn Personnel

Date: August 28, 2008

Subject: PC § 290 Registration Violators

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. A. Zoll".

Thomas A. Zoll
Chief of Police

The following information is being provided regarding enforcement and booking options for sex offenders who have violated registration requirements.

San Diego County Jail bookings

Violators of any PC § 290 Misdemeanors can be booked into the San Diego County Jail. Below is a review of registration requirements and penalties.

PC § 290 Sex Offender Registration Act; Persons required to register

(b) Every person described in subdivision (c), for the rest of his or her life while residing in California, or while attending school or working in California, as described in Sections 290.002 and 290.01, shall be required to register with the chief of police of the city in which he or she is residing, or the sheriff of the county if he or she is residing in an unincorporated area or city that has no police department, and, additionally, with the chief of police of a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or community college if he or she is residing upon the campus or in any facilities, within five working days of coming into, or changing his or her residence within, any city, county, or city and county, or campus in which he or she temporarily resides, and shall be required to register thereafter in accordance with the Act.

PC § 290.018 Penalties for violation of Act

(a) Any person who is required to register under the Act based on a misdemeanor conviction or juvenile adjudication who willfully violates any requirement of the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year.

(b) ...registration under the Act based on a felony conviction or juvenile adjudication who willfully violates any requirement of the Act or who has a prior conviction or juvenile adjudication for the offense of failing to register under the Act and who subsequently and willfully violates any requirements of the Act is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months, or two or three years.