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PREFACE

The mission of the California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement, is to provide its customers and clients extraordinary service in forensic services, forensic education, narcotic investigations, criminal investigations, intelligence, and training. In support of this mission, the Division's Criminal Intelligence Bureau's (CIB) Organized Crime Analysis Unit conducted an in-depth intelligence-gathering and examination effort into law enforcement safety handbook.

The Disguised Weapons Handbook is a quarterly report to inform law enforcement officers of what new items are available to suspects. In addition, the purpose is to inform law enforcement of the creativity some suspects have when converting everyday items into homemade weapons.

The information contained in this report was obtained from various law enforcement sources and databases. Many of the weapons shown in this publication have websites listed where items can be viewed in greater detail. As of March 2006, all listed websites were active.

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KNIFE & PISTOL IN ONE

The photos are of a knife that is also a single shot .22-caliber pistol. Powell and Brown, of Tucson, AZ, manufacture this item.

Source: Crook County Sheriff's Department



RADIO GUN

The radio gun is a fully functional FM radio that clips to the waistband and conceals a small handgun.

www.orangecountyshields.tripod.com/id15.html



PIRATE'S PLAGUE

Two types of Pirate's Plague adapters are available: a 12 GAUGE to .38, and a 25mm to .38. These adapters are created by an offshore delivery captain and described as a discreet no hassle solution to carrying a weapon on board. Because the Pirate's Plague adaptors are not weapons, it is not illegal to possess them. However, according to California Penal Code 12021, this is a firearm.

www.captainforhire.com/prod01.htm#



BOLT GUN

This gun is homemade and fires a single shot .22 caliber Stinger. This weapon is 5/8 inches in diameter and four inches long. The only way to tell if the bolt is actually a weapon is if there is a small hole in the threaded portion.

www.orangecountyshields.tripod.com/id15.html



MAG-LIGHT SHOTGUN

Ares Defense Systems Company sells the Mag-light shotgun. This Mag-light is a working flashlight in addition to being a shotgun. The shotgun is available in two different sizes, .410 and .380.

www.orangecountyshields.tripod.com/id15.html



KEYCHAIN GUN

This gun fires .32 caliber automatic rounds. The keychain gun is typically light in weight and is easily kept in pockets or around the neck. This item typically will not activate most airport metal detectors.

www.powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/sonline/worddock/weapons.htm



THE CLUB SHOTGUN

This item has been modified from a car steering wheel locking device into a shotgun. The handle of the club has been hollowed out to act as a shotgun barrel and, when the lock end of the club is pulled back, the modified tip of the metal shaft acts as a firing pin.

www.orangecountyshields.tripod.com/id15.html



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DAGGER NECKLACE

The dagger necklace can be worn with or without the knife. A guide that is spring-pressured holds the knife in place, so when the knife is removed, the spring closes and balances out the look of the necklace.

Source: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



BUCKLE KNIFE

The buckle knife shown here is a small lockback with a stainless blade and body. It also has a clip on the back of the handle that can be used either as a money clip or to slide onto the buckle finding. The knife can be removed from the belt buckle and opened.

www.knifecenter.com/knifecenter/katz/buckle2.html



CRAWFORD PLIER KNIFE

Columbia River Knife and Tool company manufactures the Plier Knife. The advertisement for this knife states, "The width of the plier-style handles, with finger choils, gives excellent control for the knife, and is ideal for those with large hands."

www.crkt.com/crawfdpk.html



PEN KNIVES

Pen knives have a variety of options. For example, some are refillable with ink. The pen shown above has an LED light at the top and a serrated blade. Penknife blades are typically around 2 inches long and are exposed by pulling the pen apart. Cannot be shipped to CA or MA.

www.selfdefence.com/tomahawk.htm



STEALTH COMB KNIFE

The Stealth Comb Knife has a 3-1/2" blade easily concealed in the handle of the comb. Cannot be shipped to CA, MA, or NY.

www.selfdefence.com/new_knives/sport_comb.htm



BULLET KNIVES

These bullet knives look like authentic bullets and are available in a variety of sizes, some of which include shotgun shell knives.

www.selfdefence.com/new_knives/bullet_knives.php



LIPSTICK KNIVES

Lipstick knives look like a lipstick case. With just a simple twist, a blade is exposed.

www.selfdefence.com/new_knives/hidden/lipstick.htm



CARABINEER KEYCHAIN KNIFE

This carabineer contains a pocketknife that has both straight and serrated edges.

www.triversaglobal.promocan.com/LineNames.htm?CD=13263



CELL PHONE CASES WITH HIDDEN KNIFE

Some cell phone cases, like this one, have a clip on the back which is large enough to conceal a small knife.

Source: Homeland Security Report Number 156



SILVER LEAF

Closed, this knife looks like a leaf. When opened, it converts into a knife with a two-inch long blade. This knife can easily be attached to a key ring where it appears to be a silver leaf.

www.pimall.com/nais/k.leaf.html



TIRE BEATER KNIFE

A Nebraska State Patrol Trooper located this knife, which is disguised as a tire beater, under the driver's seat of a semi truck. Truck drivers and those that drive RVs use tire beaters or thumpers to check for flat tires.



SWORD CANES

The sword cane is available in many different styles and sizes.

www.selfdefence.com/canes.htm



THROWING KNIVES

Throwing knives come in a variety of sizes. The price starts around \$15.00.

www.knife-depot.com/knife-34304.html



GOTHIC PUSH DAGGER

The push dagger shown above has a two-inch carbon steel blade and can hang on the wall as well as stand up. These crosses come in different designs and sizes.

www.atlantacutlery.com



SWORD UMBRELLA

This particular umbrella has a ten-inch surgical stainless steel blade designed specifically for deep penetration. The blade telescopes down to 18 ¼ inches overall, which can easily be kept in a purse or briefcase. Cannot be shipped to CA, MA or NY.

www.atlantacutlery.com

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MEDICINE BOTTLES

When tested, the flashlight depicted at the left worked. Upon dismantling it, officers found two batteries and a shortened medicine bottle. The medicine bottle was encircled with electrical tape that was holding wires coiled on one side and soldered to a bottle cap on the other side. This medicine bottle could be filled with an explosive substance and wired to the power button, turning it into a combustible device.

Source: Nevada Department of Public Safety



CAMERA BOMB

The flash, shutter, and winder work normally with this 35mm camera. However, located inside is an explosive molded to fit the camera. The electric detonator is hidden in the modified film pack and the switch to activate the device is located behind the film.

www.sdms.co.uk/search/pages/se162.htm



RADIO BOMB REPLICA

According to the website, this item is a replica of the bomb that destroyed flight PA103 over Lockerbie in 1988. The radio bomb has a timer, an arming switch, 300 grams of simulated Semtex-H explosive, and an electric detonator.

www.sdms.co.uk/search/pages/se162.htm



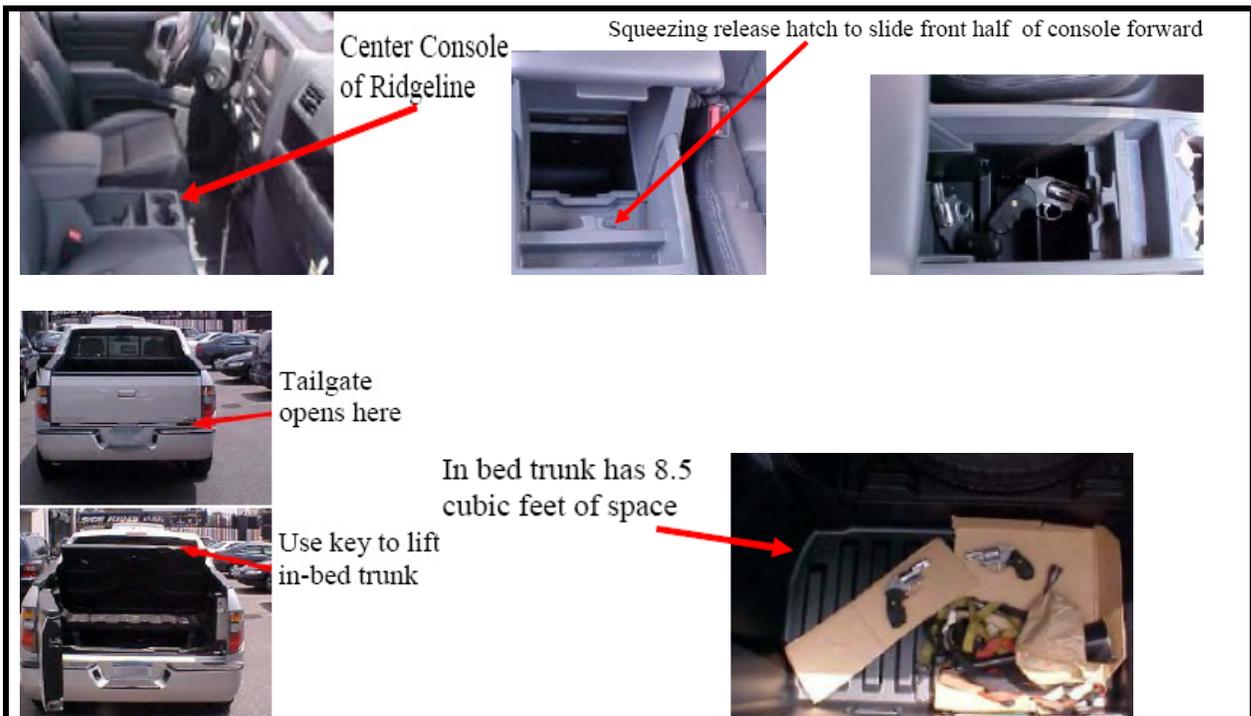
VIDEO CASSETTE BOMB

Located inside this video cassette is an electronic detonator, electronic timer, two AA batteries, and an arming device under the front flap of the tape.

www.sdms.co.uk/search/pages/se162.htm

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NEW HONDA RIDGELINE PICKUP

Source: Nassau County PD New York



BIBLES USED TO CONCEAL WEAPONS

Source: Washington County Sheriff's Office in Mariett, Ohio



PICTURE FRAME WITH GUN COMPARTMENT

Available on the internet for around \$40.00.

www.sportsmansguide.com/cb/cb.asp?a=240250



LATCH PLATE KNIFE

This weapon was found in U.S. Penitentiary, Beaumont, Texas. It was made from the door striker plate measures 8 inches long.

Source: Missouri Information Analysis Center



HIDDEN KNIFE

The neck chain knife shown can be easily concealed under a shirt, which offers quick access to the weapon. Remember to always pat down the front of your suspects.

www.calibrepress.com/newsline/warningdetailprint.html?serial=15



VIDEO CAMERA CONCEALMENT

The gun is hidden inside the tape compartment of the video camera.

Source: Brunswick Police Department



PURSE CONCEALMENT

This purse has an adjustable holster to secure a weapon without having to open the purse.

www.action-direct.com/casual_gun_purse.html



AIR VENT SAFE

According to authorities, this air vent safe has a special key that activates a mechanical latch that opens the hidden release.

Source: Brunswick Police Department



CANDLE SAFE

The candle safes come in a variety of scents, colors and sizes ranging from 4 to 6 inches. Some candles can burn for up to 4 hours and the valuables are kept safe in a metal container hidden in the bottom of the candle. These candles are available on numerous websites for around \$30.00.

www.gift2all.zoovy.com/category/diversionsafes/



FOOD/BEVERAGE SAFES

The food and beverage safes have been around for a while. This is just a reminder that they look and feel just like the container is supposed to. These items are easily obtainable for about \$20.00.

www.sneakysafes.com/wsn/page2.html



HIDDEN WALL SAFE

The hidden wall safe is about 7 inches in length and looks just like a regular outlet. They are available on the internet.

www.efindoutthetruth.com/diversion_safes.htm



ICE CHEST CONCEALMENT

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the ice chest shown in the picture had \$55,000 in the walls of the chest.

www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/photo_gallery/afc/concealment_methods/concealment_methods



KEYCHAIN

During a traffic stop, deputies found three zip lock baggies of methamphetamine in a keyless entry remote. The suspect had removed the interior of the keychain to make room for the narcotics.

Source: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department



Photograph: Courtesy of Sergeant John Wals
Phoenix Police Department

CIGARETTE LIGHTER

This is a cigarette lighter with a hidden compartment.

Source: Queen Intelligence or Paradise Valley Police Department



FALSE ROOF

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, using drugs as false roofs in tractor-trailers is a common way of smuggling drugs into the United States.

www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/photo_gallery/afc/concealment_methods/concealment_methods

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THE STUNNING RING

The Stunning Ring has an effective spray range of up to two feet. The advertisement suggests the ring should be worn on the dominant hand on the index or second finger. It is available in both gold and silver.

www.selfdefence.com/personal_safety/stunningring.php



LIPSTICK PEPPER SPRAY

The lipstick pepper spray has an effective range of 8 - 10 feet and contains about 10 sprays. In addition to containing OC pepper gas, it also contains UV marking dye.

www.pimall.com/NAIS/lipstickdefense.html



PEPPER PEN

The pepper pen is easily kept in your pocket or purse. It sprays about five short pumps and is effective up to six feet.

www.selfdefence.com/pepper/police_magnum.php



PEPPER PAGER

The pepper pager contains two spray cans and is effective up to twelve feet away. It can be easily accessible if it is clipped to a belt, purse, or a vehicle's sun visor.

www.selfdefence.com/pager.htm



CELL PHONE PEPPER SPRAY

Aving sells this cell phone-shaped pepper spray container. To use, open the phone, remove the antenna, and press the button inside.

www.aving.net/common/pop_print.asp?c_num=8780



CELL PHONE STUN GUN

The cell phone stun gun has two functions: It shocks 180,000 volts and has a siren alarm of up to 130 db. It runs on a 9-volt battery and is easy to operate even while inside the carrying case. Cannot be shipped to MA, NY, HI, RI, MI, WI, NJ, and a few cities.

www.safetyproductsunlimited.com/cell_phone_stun_gun.html



RECHARGEABLE STUN LIGHT

This particular stun light has three functions: Not only is it a flashlight, but it also is a stun device as well as a personal alarm. Each function has an on and off switch plus one master switch to turn the entire device off.

www.selfdefenseproducts.com/stungun/scorpion/spf600.htm