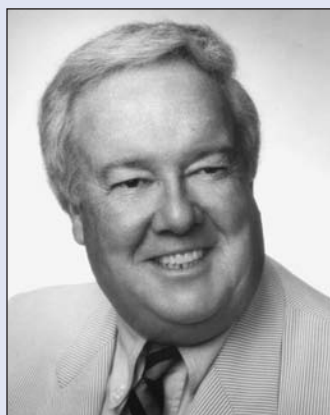




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Message From Our C.E.O.



Raymond G. Boyd, C.E.O.
Boyd & Associates

OUR "HIDDEN" EMPLOYEES

By Raymond G. Boyd

We can't invite them to the Boyd & Associates' company Christmas party. We can't verify their employment when someone calls to check their credit. And, even if they have worked for our company in some other department, we can't let our other employees know that their friend is still working for Boyd & Associates.

Who are these folks? They are Boyd & Associates undercover operatives toiling in factories, offices and hospitals all over Southern California.

What is an undercover operative? It's probably best that I tell you what they are not. They are not Sam Spade. They are not policemen. They are not secret agents. Their sole function is to observe and report.

Generally, we get called in when a firm has had a bad

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Boyd & Associates Launches New Website!

Boyd & Associates is pleased to announce the launching of our new website at:

www.boydsecurity.com.

The new site is easy to use and offers greater details about the variety of services we offer, such as:

- Alarm System Installations
- 24-Hour Central Station Alarm Monitoring
- Alarm Response Service
- Security Officers
- Patrol Services
- Closed Circuit Camera System Installations
- Interactive Video Monitoring of CCTV Systems
- Criminal Investigations

The site also has a number of interactive features that we think you'll find interesting, including a link to watch a short movie about one of our newest services, Interactive Video Monitoring.

Visit us at www.boydsecurity.com and tell us what you think.

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inventory. Sometimes our assignment is triggered because management becomes aware of losses that are unexplainable through normal channels. Many times, we see our assignment as our client's way of checking morale.

Undercover assignments are covert operations that usually last about three months. The Boyd & Associates undercover operative is hired by our clients through the same channels as any other employee at their company. We try to make certain that only one person at our client's company, or at the most two or three, know the identity of the operative. It is imperative that the Boyd operative be flexible and establish him/herself from the first day as a good, hard working employee at the client's company.

Upon arriving home from his/her shift each day, the highly trained operative will sit in a quiet location and compile notes of the day. That task completed, the operative will send a complete report to a secure email address at Boyd & Associates. This daily report is a chronological story of the operative's day at work. The report is then sent to our client at their personal email address.

Our operative will soon be everybody's confidant. Sometimes, they will be invited to participate in thefts. The elements of entrapment are too detailed to go into here, but our operatives are well schooled in such minutiae.

These investigations are brought to closure through well-planned traps and/or interrogation. The fact that an undercover operative has been employed at the enterprise is never, ever revealed. One of our undercover operatives has been moved from assignment to assignment for more than 10 years. We estimate this operative has been responsible for more than 30 arrests and twice that number of disciplinary terminations at our clients' companies.

But, he still can't come to the Christmas party!



FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2007

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing and archiving those statistics.

In June of 2008, the FBI released their preliminary crimes stats for 2007. Overall, violent crime is down 1.4 percent from the preceding year. The chart below outlines the crime trends over the past few years.

Years	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crime	Burglary	Larceny Theft	Arson
2004	-2.4	+0.8	-3.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.5	-1.1	-6.4
2005	+3.4	-1.2	+3.9	+1.8	-1.5	+0.5	-2.3	-2.4
2006	+1.8	-2.0	+7.2	-0.2	-1.9	+1.3	-2.3	+2.1
2007	-2.7	-4.3	-1.2	-1.2	-2.1	-0.8	-1.2	-7.0

Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, January-December 2007

U.S. Department of Justice — Federal Bureau of Investigation Release Date: June 2008

For more information on other crime statistics in the U.S., visit the FBI's webpage at: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

Boyd & Associates Security Officer Celebrates 25 Years of Loyal Service

Larry Garcia, a security officer working out of our North Hollywood office, is celebrating 25 years of employment with Boyd & Associates. Larry has greatly contributed to our success in the industry and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for 25 years of dedication and loyalty.

And to show you just how dedicated this outstanding officer is, while making his patrol rounds on June 18, 2008, Larry heard a smoke alarm sounding in one of the apartment units. He knocked on the door, but no one answered. Smelling smoke coming from the unit, Larry ran to alert the property manager, who opened the door. They entered the unit, found a pot burning on the stove and were able to extinguish the fire. Thanks to Larry's quick thinking and valiant efforts, a catastrophe was averted!

We hope that Larry will remain with us for many years to come and would like to offer our sincere congratulations on this anniversary milestone! Thank you, Larry!

Tips for Evading Scammers

Protecting Your Personal Financial Data in the Digital Age

Did you know that your personal financial data is spread around the country with retailers, banks, credit bureaus, hospitals and other places that have been known to spring digital leaks? The writer was recently notified by the bank's fraud division that a series of suspicious charges were made on my ATM check card. It turns out that my information, and that of a lot of other folks, was compromised when a crime was perpetrated against a retailer where I recently shopped. The perpetrators were able to "clone" my card and put through charges from half way across the country!

In this digital age, it is next to impossible to totally scam-proof your life, but there are ways to protect yourself and your identity. Here are some tips culled from the Los Angeles Times, the Federal Trade Commission and the nonprofit Privacy Rights Clearinghouse:

Check your credit card and bank accounts often.

Do it at least once a month when you get your statement or more frequently if you can access them online.

Check your credit reports.

By law you are entitled to a free annual copy of your report from each of the three major credit bureaus. Apply for them at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Be wary of credit repair promises.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, companies that claim they can repair bad credit by simply challenging negative items are frauds. And, it is against the law for them to try to collect fees before doing any kind of credit repair work.

Don't give out bank account numbers or Social Security numbers requested in an e-mail.

No legitimate financial institution or government agency would ask for that information via email.

Be wary of certified checks.

Counterfeit bank checks, particularly from out of the country, are showing up all too frequently these days. If you receive a bank check from someone you don't know or from a buyer of items on eBay, be suspicious.



Don't return part of a check's proceeds until it clears.

Fake check scams where you are asked to deposit a check and then send part of the money back are becoming more popular. These perpetrators promise a large "commission" for doing so and by the time the check bounces, they've disappeared and you are out a lot of money for your trouble.

Don't wire money to strangers.

If you discover you've been scammed, it is especially difficult to stop payment once the money is wired.

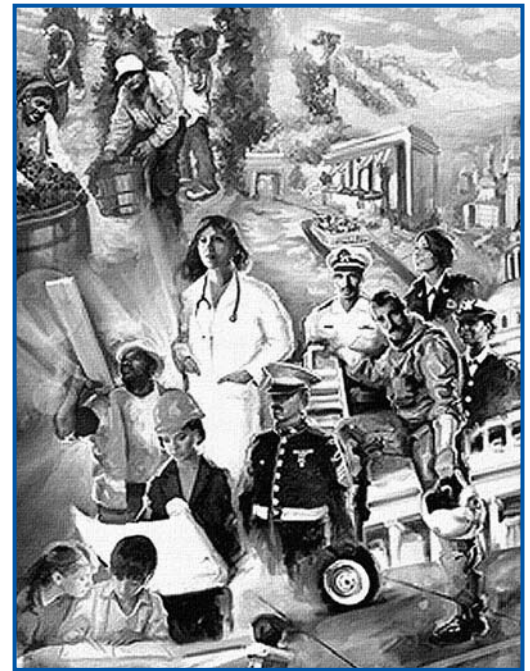
Issue a fraud alert.

Think you're the victim of identity theft? Demand that credit bureaus put a fraud alert on your files. They will be required to notify you if anyone tries to open a credit card or access your files in connection with a loan application. By calling one of the bureaus, such as Equifax at 1-888-766-0008, it will notify the other two. This alert is only good for 90 days unless you can show evidence of identity theft.

Did You Know...

September 15 Begins National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a period to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture. The celebration was first authorized in 1968 when the US Congress adopted a resolution asking the president of the United States to issue a proclamation designating a week in September including September 15 and 16 as "National Hispanic Heritage Week". In 1988 Congress expanded the celebration to a 31 day period beginning September 15. National Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the celebrations of Independence Day in many Latin American countries – including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (September 15), Mexico (September 16), and Chile (September 18) – as well as with Columbus Day (originally October 12 in the United States, but now commemorated on the second Monday in October).



*The 2008 Heritage Month Theme is
Getting Involved: Our Family,
Our Community, Our Nation.*

For more information, visit the following website: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/hhm1.html>

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