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La Pantera Rosa
Der rosarote Panther
The Pink Panther
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I'M NOT TALKING!!!

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Rifat Hadziahmetovic, 42, A Montenegrin member of the notorious Pink Panther Gang, was extradicted to Japan last Fall, where he faces charges in a 3.4 million dollar jewelry heist.



He and a Montenegrin accomplice, Radovan Jelusic, entered the Execllo diamond store in the posh Ginza section of Tokyo on 14 June 2007, sprayed tear gas, opened a showcase, removed a tiara and necklace and fled, all within 32 seconds.

Hadziahmetovic was transferred to Japan from Spain via France. (See the August 2010 newsletter for more details). He and a male accomplice are also suspected of spraying tear gas at clerks and stealing a necklace worth over a million dollars in another swank jewelry store in the Ginza district.

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THE PINK PANTHER GANG...

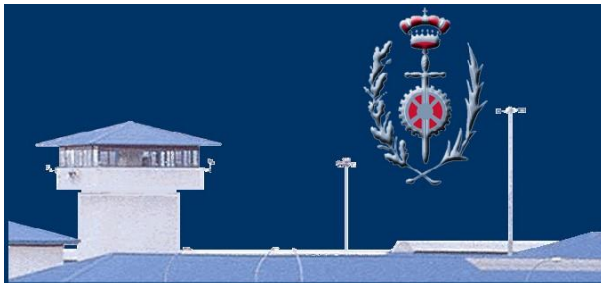
During a recent court hearing in Japan, Hadziahmetovic has refused to make any statements regarding the robbery and stated he was never in the diamond store. The Pink Panther Gang is responsible for high dollar robberies in over 28 countries around the globe.

Just last April, other suspected members of the Pink Panthers gang conducted a heist of a French casino using AK47s and stun grenades, netting about \$160,000 in cash.

Striptease in Prison

On 2 January 2011, a Spanish prison warden treated 300 inmates to a professional strip tease show. The woman in the show felt that she was treated with respect and would perform again if asked. The strip tease was in conjunction with a celebration of the holiday season. Female correctional officers were offended and walked out during the show.

Check out the very interesting website of the spanish Correctional Officer Union (ACAIP).



<http://www.acaip.info/>

NETHERLANDS

Land of Potheads?



Effective 2012, foreigners may no longer purchase „soft“ drugs in the Netherlands. The government has become concerned about the country's pot head image and problems caused by hordes of foreigners coming to the many coffee shops selling hashish.

Back doors of coffee shops have attracted the criminal element, and trash is strewn around places frequented by pot smoking foreigners. While soft drugs have never been outright legal to sell, a 1976 government commission recommended that soft drugs be “tolerated” in order to lessen the burden of enforcement by police and to decriminalize the use of soft drugs.

Each community was allowed to decide on its own whether to permit the so-called coffee shops, and while there are currently around 650 such shops in the country, they are not present in the politically conservative areas of Holland.

With hordes of foreigners coming to NL coffee shops from adjacent countries an even further away, the country has developed a very negative image internationally. The coming changes are one attempt to change this negative image. Perhaps a greater focus on Heineken would be an improvement.

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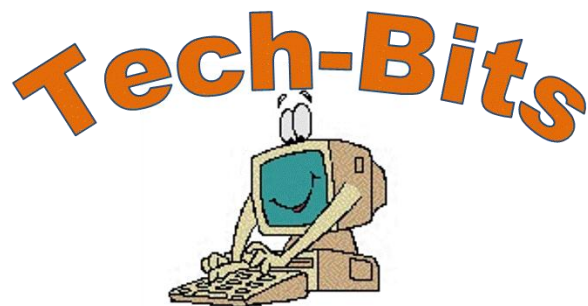
**The Second Downtown Graduate Criminology Program Cohort
M.S. in CRIMINOLOGY
Emphasis in Management & Administration
12 August 2011-13 July 2013
followed by a comprehensive examination**

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You can still apply but must begin your application process before August 2011. Contact Dr. H.O. Schweizer for details. (haralds@csufresno.edu)



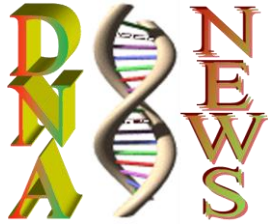
DO YOU STEAL HOTEL TOWELS/LINENS?

Linen Technology Tracking LLC developed and commercialized micro RFID technology to track hotel linen items and prevent their theft. Some hotels report a monthly loss of 5-20% of towels and bath robes. Recent rise in cost of cotton resulted in a near doubling of the prices for towels, linens, bath robes, and related items. Linen Technology Tracking has come to the rescue with its micro RFID technology. <http://www.linetracker.com>.

LINENTRACKER...

One Honolulu hotel is already saving thousands of dollars per month after implementing the RFID technology. You can read more about it at:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/fluensee/linentracker/prweb5173754.htm>



POLICE ELIMINATION DATABASE

To facilitate the proper evaluation of DNA as it relates to the processing and handling of trace evidence, it is important to be able to eliminate DNA contamination by lab and investigative personnel. In one major European DNA puzzle, criminal investigators identified crime scene DNA from multiple crimes across Europe as belonging to the same Eastern European female. The crimes ranged from the killing of a police officer to robberies and rapes in multiple European countries. Police were puzzled why DNA from the same female would show up at crime scenes around Europe, yet nothing in their investigations showed any connection between the actual crimes.

The DNA mystery was solved when investigators and crime lab personnel from multiple agencies in multiple countries met for a conference on the mystery. As a result they learned that the items used to store the DNA trace evidence all came from the same company-manufacturer. Further investigation then showed that the same

company employee, an Eastern European female, packaged all of the items for shipment to diverse agencies across Europe. That female's DNA matched the DNA found in crime scenes around Europe.

As part of their effort to prevent this type of false leads, police agencies in Austria, Switzerland, England, Wales, and Australia have created Police Elimination Databases. The DNA profiles of all police personnel involved in the handling of evidence or the processing of crime scenes are stored in this database. This allows the efficient and timely elimination of trace DNA from consideration in criminal investigations, and also prevents the premature elimination of criminal suspects just because someone else's DNA was found at the crime scene. The storing of police personnel DNA is voluntary. German police is also currently studying the concept.



Document Examination

Investigators are, at times, tasked with determining if a signature on a document was placed on the document already containing text, such as in a contract or agreement, or if the signature was placed on a blank sheet of paper and the text was added after the signature.

One company has developed a patented process for being able to scientifically determine if a signature was placed on a

Document Examination...

blank sheet of paper or if the text on the paper was already there when the signature was rendered. The process is very technical, but part of the process is the use of ATR-FTIR and Raman Spectrometers.

This analysis is further described in detail in the Middle European Police Academy Journal article "Neue Untersuchungsmöglichkeiten von gefälschten Dokumenten" (New Examination Methods for Falsified Documents- ISSN 2079-3464)

The authors are Dr. Tamás Gál, Judit Sándor-Kovács, and Ágnes Károlyné Dombi, of the Institute for Forensic Science in Budapest, Hungary.

RECORDING INTERNET AUDIO WITH YOUR COMPUTER

Have you ever paid for and downloaded software to record audio from the internet only to find out six months later that it is no longer compatible with the quickly mutating latest streaming audio format?

The answer to this problem is so simple that most people do not think of it, nor have I ever read about this very easy process that I discovered on my own.

Nearly every laptop has jacks for things such as headphones or external speakers and for a microphone. Whatever you can hear over the internet with your laptop speakers you can also hear through the OUT jack with headphones. The microphone jack, on the other hand, is to simply record whatever the microphone picks up. The standard recording software with most

laptops then simply records what you speak into the microphone.

The microphone jack does not know the actual source of the audio it picks up. If you want to record off the Internet, then you simply take a stereo audio cable with matching mini plugs on both ends, plug one end into the headphone (Audio Out) jack and the other into the microphone (Audio In) jack.



Then you activate the simple audio record mechanism in the computer and you can record whatever comes in on your hard drive. If you want to listen to it at the same time, you can use a two way splitter that allows you to connect two headphones to one jack. If you have no audio recording software on your computer, then simply download the one below that allows you to record from your microphone jack.

http://download.cnet.com/Free-Sound-Recorder/3000-2168_4-10698910.html?tag=mncol;2