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# **Domestic & International Theft Groups**

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# 28 arrested in multi-agency retail theft blitz in Utah

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3 allegedly tied to international crime organizations arrested in Southern Utah on I-15

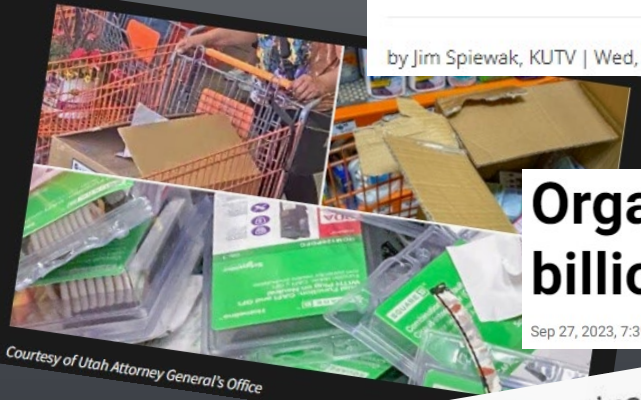
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Utah AG's Office CASE Task Force Continues Crackdown on Organized Retail Theft

## Retail theft ring busted, 7 arrested, thousands of dollars' worth of stolen goods seized

by Jim Spiewak, KUTV | Wed, May 24th 2023 at 5:44 PM



## Organized retail crime costs Utah businesses \$1 billion

Sep 27, 2023, 7:39 PM | Updated: 7:41 pm

NORTHERN UTAH NEWS

## 2 arrested in 'organized retail thefts' in northern Utah

by: Ryan Bittan  
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Courtesy of Utah Attorney General's Office

2 arrested in St. George as part of traveling theft group out of South America

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## Theft gangs roaming St. George area, distracting and preying on shoppers, businesses

Supermarkets, jewelry stores and the elderly are frequent targets.

WASATCH FRONT NEWS

## 2 California women arrested in Taylorsville on suspicion of multi-state theft spree

by: Chin Tung Tan  
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- Roughly 30% of the cases we receive in the CASE Unit are related to Domestic and International traveling theft groups
- Most of the traveling crews we have dealt with are coming out of California, with Utah being a stop on a route often encompassing Las Vegas, Boise, and the Pacific Northwest. The stolen product is then transported back to California where it is either fenced or shipped out of the country.



8 arrested in multi-million dollar retail theft bust in Southern California

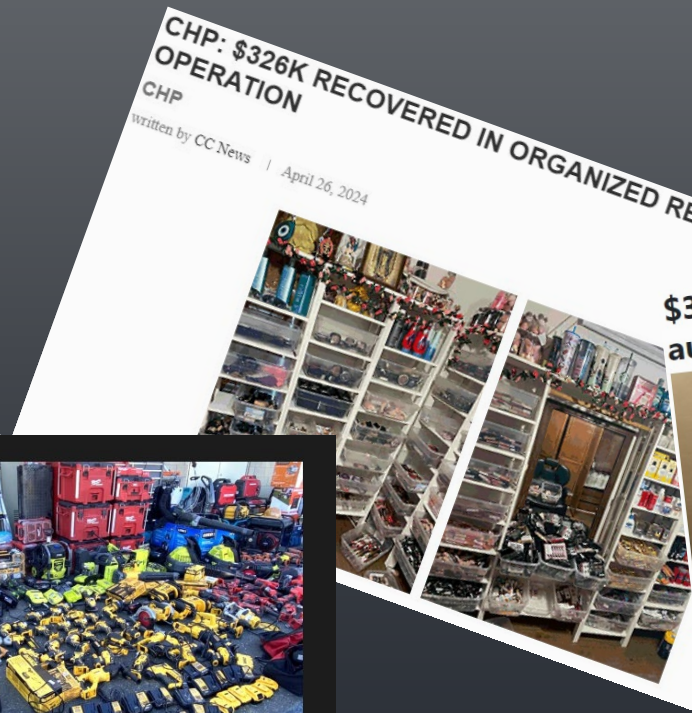
LOCAL NEWS

**Retail theft crew busted with over \$300,000 worth of stolen goods in Southern California**

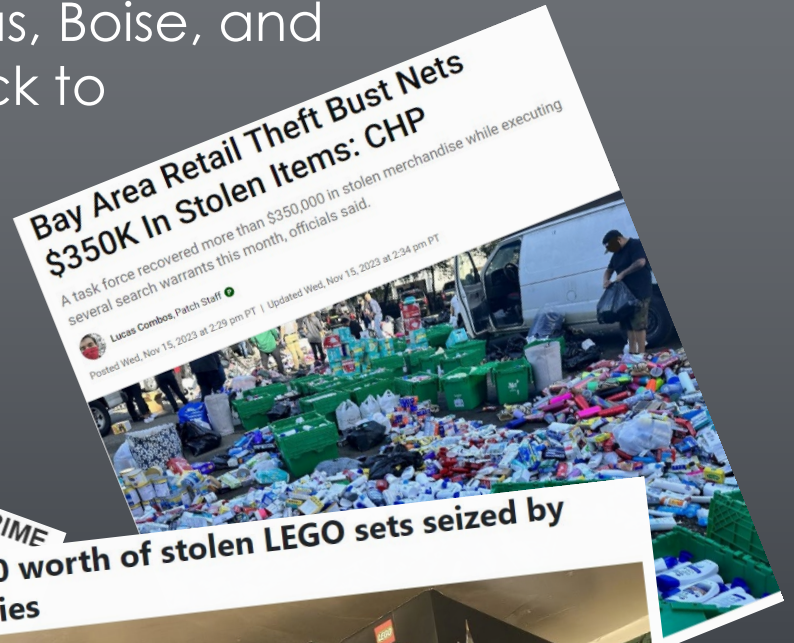
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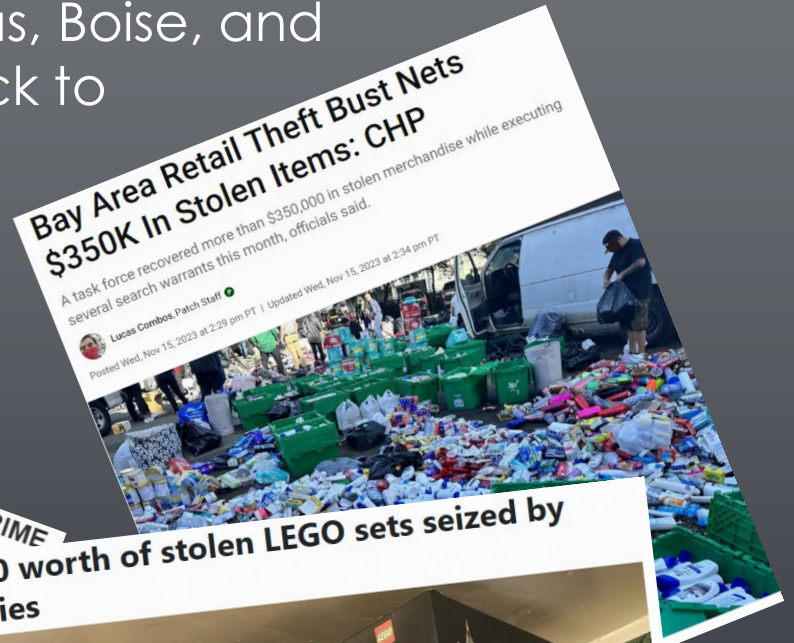
Four suspects of a crime fence operation were arrested for allegedly stealing over \$300,000 worth of tools and merchandise from stores across Southern California. (Los Angeles ...  
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**CHP: \$326K RECOVERED IN ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OPERATION**  
 CHP  
 Written by CC-News | April 26, 2024



**\$300,000 worth of stolen LEGO sets seized by authorities**



**Bay Area Retail Theft Bust Nets \$350K In Stolen Items: CHP**  
 A task force recovered more than \$350,000 in stolen merchandise while executing several search warrants this month, officials said.  
 Lucas Combes, Patch Staff  
 Posted Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 2:29 pm PT | Updated Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 2:34 pm PT



- Most groups specialize in the types of items they steal, and often focus on one or two particular retailers. They also will utilize specialized tools to defeat anti-theft devices such as spider wire, anti-theft tags, and magnet boxes.



## Most Common Types of Schemes used in Utah:

- Straight Retail Theft
- Gift Card
- Card Skimmers
- Fuel Thefts

## Not so Common Here but Should Keep on Radar

- Burglary Crews
- “Bank Jugging”

# How Are We Combating the Problem:

- Conducting Retail Theft Blitz Operations, collaborating with local law enforcement to identify and prosecute suspects impacting multiple jurisdictions.
- Providing the retailers an avenue to bring these high impact cases.
- Working with ERO to detain and deport arrestees where applicable.
- Listing and following through on extraditing suspects.
- Working with the legislature to explore possible organized retail crime statute and other statute changes to improve our ability to impact organized crime.

Questions?