SECURE YARD !
Who Commits Cargo Crimes?

• Cargo crimes are committed more often by ethnic bound rings operating loosely with or outside other criminal organizations

• It is organized crime
Exodus

• The episode started when on April 1, 1980 one Hector Sanyustiz acted on a plan he had been organizing secretly for months. He boarded a bus, and along with four others (including the driver), stopped several blocks from Embassy Row in downtown Havana.

• The driver, who was a friend of Sanyustiz, announced that the bus had broken down and emptied the vehicle, leaving the four others who were privy to the plan inside. Sanyustiz took control of the bus and drove it through a fence of the Peruvian embassy.
• The Cuban government immediately asked the Peruvian government to return the five individuals, stating that they would need to be tried for the death of the guard. When the Peruvian government refused, Castro threatened to remove the guards at the entrance of the Peruvian embassy, and proceeded to do so on **Good Friday**, April 4, 1980.

• The news of these events spread by **word of mouth** and by **Easter** Sunday, there were over 10,000 people crammed into the tiny Peruvian embassy grounds. The Cuban government quickly ordered a large number of guards back into place and blocked access along the perimeter of the embassy. Additionally, travel by motor vehicle was halted in the suburb of **Miramar**, home to most foreign embassies in the **City of Havana**.
• Inside the embassy, people occupied every open space on the grounds, eventually climbing trees and other structures and refusing to abandon the premises despite the lack of basic service infrastructure. The dangers inherent in this situation were allayed somewhat by the actions of other embassies, including those of Spain and Costa Rica, which agreed to accept a small number of refugees.

• Castro ultimately stated that the port of Mariel would be opened to anyone wishing to leave Cuba, as long as they had someone to pick them up. While news of the situation was not broadcast in Cuba, Cuban exiles in the United States rushed to Key West and to docks in Miami to hire boats to transport people to United States.
Mariel Boatlift

Mariel 1 May 1980
USCG rescuing Cuban refugee boat and escorting them to Truman Annex, Key West
Mariel 11 May 1980 – "Big Bruce" bringing in more Cuban refugees to Truman Annex NAS, Key West
Mariel 11 May 1980
Marines helping Cuban refugees dock
at Truman Annex NAS, Key West
Two Marines help an old Cuban lady off the boat at Truman Annex NAS, Key West.
Mariel 10 May 1980 – Cuban Refugees at Trumbo Point refugee center NAS, Key West
Bobby Maduro Miami Baseball Stadium
Arrivals

- April 21: 7665
- May: 86488
- June: 20800
- July: 2629
- August: 3939
- September: 3258
- Total: 124779
Some refugees were discovered to be undesirables; for example, criminals or mental patients who'd been released from Cuban prisons or other institutions. The exact number of undesirables that arrived in the boatlift is disputed, with estimates ranging from as low as 7,500 to as high as 40,000. The generally accepted figure comes from a 1991 Congressional report which estimates that roughly 10 percent of the 125,000 refugees, or 12,500 people, were undesirables of this type.
Crowded conditions in South Florida immigration processing centers forced U.S. federal agencies to move many of the Marielitos to other centers in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, Camp Santiago, Puerto Rico, and Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Riots in the Fort Chaffee center were a factor in the re-election defeat of then-Governor Bill Clinton. President Jimmy Carter was also heavily criticized for his handling of the situation.
Contrary to the media attention given to these alleged criminals and that the Mariel Boatlift was a disaster, only 2% or 2,746 Cubans were actual criminals under United States law and were not granted citizenship. South Florida absorbed these refugees with some adjustment but without long-term affects. Research done by economist David Card of Princeton suggests that the influx of refugees did not drive down wages or raise unemployment among existing Miami residents, but actually increased the area's overall wealth.
Disclaimer

• Over time, the majority of the Marielitos assimilated into American society and went on to productive lives. They became college graduates, business owners, doctors, lawyers, engineers, pharmacists, nurses, writers, and journalists. **Mirta Ojito**, one of the journalists, eventually won a **Pulitzer Prize**.
Status

- Cuban Adjustment Act of 1996
- The Cuban Adjustment Act of 1996 allows Cubans to become permanent residents if they have been present in the United States for at least 1 year. Caps on immigration do not apply and it is not necessary that the applicant use a family-based or employment-based immigrant visa petition.
- Two other immigration rules are also waived. Unlike other immigrants, Cubans are not required to enter the United States at a port-of-entry. Second, being a public charge doesn't make a Cuban ineligible to become a permanent resident.
• In 1995 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Mariel refugees and other foreign nationals never 'technically' admitted into the country cannot be held indefinitely.
Burglary/Cargo Theft Subjects

- Mostly Cuban males, age ranging from early 20’s.
- They were either truck drivers and/or thieves in Cuba.
Mostly unemployed new arrivals or on some cases forced to work by human smugglers.

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• Intelligent and very creative
Cuban Delivery Truck
Cargo Thief Visits Cuba
Human Smuggling
Is it Organized Crime?

YES IT IS

Most subjects know each other from Cuba and/or are related by blood or marriage.

It is almost impossible for a undercover officer to infiltrate the group.
Organized Crime

**Group Leader:** Oversees multiple operations and receives funds from all ventures.

**Crew leaders:** In charge of a specific operation.

**The Crew:** Can consist of 4 to 12 subjects depending on the job and are all assigned specific functions.

**Look Outs:** Surveillance and counter surveillance.

**Entry Team:** Responsible for the actual break-in.

**Lumpers:** Loading and unloading of the property.

**Truck drivers:** Transporting the property from point to point.

**Warehouse Broker:** Responsible for storing the property.

**Fence:** Responsible for selling the property.
What is being taken?
How Is Cargo Taken?

- Robbery
- Burglary
- Theft
Majority of the thefts occur at unsecured locations like rest stops, truck yards and gas stations.
Tractor Trailer Thefts

Easy to by-pass ignitions
Tractor Trailer Thefts

• The company logos and markings are painted over.
• GPS devices are disabled or removed.
Tractor Trailer Thefts

- Company vehicles and trailers are renumbered and the tags are replaced.
Tractor Trailer Thefts

- Total loss or expensive damages to company property
- Total loss or expensive damages to company equipment and trailers
- Total loss of the loads
- Loss of revenue
- Loss of contracts
- Insurance claims
$100 from the Internet and you, too can open any tractor...
1. Fly to Target Locations
2. Rent a Minivan or Similar Vehicle
3. Find a Cheap Motel
4. Surveillance of Location
Quintech Electronics Inc.
250 Airport Road, Indiana PA 15701
- 724-349-1412

VideoTek
243 Shoemaker Rd.
Pottstown PA 19464

Scientific Atlanta Inc
4261 Communication Drive
No cross EA 30091 770-903-5000

Scopus
100 Overlook Center Drive
Princeton NJ 08540 (609) 887-8090

Distributor Motorola
Cable Network Associates Inc
1027 SW 30 Ave
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
- 954-312-1200
How Secure Is This Facility?
FIFE SECURITY AGENCY

FEARLESS FIFE

NOT MUCH GETS BY HIM!
Leakages (Shortages)
Modus Operandi

Trailer / Intermodal Theft
Intermodal Leakage

Bypass Seal
Cut / Reattach Seal
Replace Weight With Sand
Remove Product from Packaging
Who Will Investigate This?

• The vast majority of air and marine cargo transiting port facilities are not physically inspected to verify count or content. Due to the nature of cargo transportation, many losses go unnoticed until final delivery to the consignee; by that time backtracking the exact point where the loss occurred is difficult or impossible. An example was given of a leased container that returned to a U.S. port from overseas.

• The container was supposed to have been empty and placed in appropriate area at the facility. When the container was later opened to be loaded, it was discovered that it contained a large wooden crate. Upon further inspection the crate was found to hold a coffin containing the body of an adult male.
It takes minutes to drill out the rivet.
The seal never gets touched!
The handle is reattached with a bolt.

Paint hides the evidence
Old Storage vs New Storage
Undercover Stings
Jamming Devices
Black Bag Job
Alarm System Bypass

MO # 1
• Subjects have been known to set up their own video cameras in order to capture alarm codes from the keypads.

MO # 2
• Subjects will call the business posing as alarm company employees. This is usually done at opening time. The subject will claim the alarm was activated and ask for the alarm code.
Smile You’re Being Watched
Alarm System Bypass

• With both MO’s the subjects come back weeks or days later, break into the front office and calmly disable the alarm system.

• The point of entry is secured and there is no rush. Subjects have been known to make multiple trips and empty entire warehouse over a weekend.
Cut Phone Lines

• Subjects will cut lines to entire grids over long or holiday weekends.
• MO # 2
• Subjects will also cut a specific business phone line below ground level. They also rip out trunk lines from meter rooms and put them back in the ground were the damage won't be discovered until later.
Cut Phone Lines
Roof Jobs

- Subjects will cut through the roof and lower themselves into an office area where they disable alarm and video systems.

- Subject wait for police response and pre-stage the property to be stolen. There is no visible signs of forced entry.
Loitering And Prowling Arrest
On September 10, 2006, the following subjects were stopped and identified after a commercial burglary in Illinois by Wood Dale Police Department:

- Rigoberto Fernandez
- Armando Fernandez
- Adalberto Valdes
- Jeffry Perez
- Andres Lozano
- Geovanni Gonzalez
Wall Jobs

- With this MO’s the subjects wait for both phone company and police response.
- Subjects have been known to exit and enter the business several times before removing property.
- Subjects have been known to make multiple trips and empty entire warehouse over a weekend.
Torched Doors

Doors don’t cut themselves!!!
Tips on How to Prevent a Cargo Theft

• Require all personnel, including vendors, contractors, maintenance, and clerical personnel, who will have access to cargo areas to provide a detailed employment application which contains a photograph of the applicant and lists his/her residences and prior employment for the past 10 years, as well as references.

• Screen all employment applications to verify address and prior employment.

• Have applicants list all vehicles, including license numbers and descriptions that they use for work.

• Employ a random drug testing program, including "probable cause" testing.

• Implement a "no stop" policy for drivers picking up containers for local delivery.

• Prepare a driver handbook listing the rules so drivers can be held accountable. Make it a part of the hiring procedures so each driver knows that he/she will be terminated if they violate these company policies.

• Make sure each of your drivers has a 24-hour phone number for management.
Operational Practices

- Establish operational guidelines that will reduce the chances of you being victimized. For example, if possible, do not leave containers or loaded trailers in your lot overnight.

- Do not accept late deliveries that you will not be able to off-load that day.

- Do frequent yard checks at different hours.

- Make sure you have complete records of all the equipment that is in your yard overnight, especially license plate numbers, container, and trailer numbers.

- Make your facility a tough target. Take advantage of every trick you can think of to make the thieves' job more difficult.
Operational Practices

• Check Security and alarm (Backups) surveillance systems to ensure proper working order.

• Perform perimeter checks of fencing, windows, doors and roof access.

• Treat all alarm calls with the same vigilance.

• Have law enforcement respond to all alarm calls.

• Hire a contracted guard service or law enforcement if possible.

• Remove all keys from forklifts and place in secure area.

• Lock all office areas to make it more difficult to access.
Tracking Devices

• All tracking devices are only as good as the monitoring.

• Tracking devices can give false sense of security.

• Tracking devices must be monitored 24/7 to perform to their fullest potential.
Box Truck Theft
$17 Million – Computer Chips

• Truck had a hidden tracking device.

• Trucking company was unaware of the value of the product.
CRIME DOES PAY??
Miami Cargo Thief
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