

# “The Elusive Enemy”

## Gypsies/Traveler Crime and the Elderly



Every major metropolitan area in North America has a varied concentration of criminal self-proclaimed “gypsies.” The criminal Gypsy and Traveler select seniors as victims a staggering 92% of the time. Their diverse crimes present more than a significant challenge to law enforcement nationwide. We must protect our seniors.

The National Association of Bunco Investigators (NABI) in association with the Hialeah Police Department is presenting an insightful two day seminar on Gypsy/Traveler Crime and the Elderly.

NABI is dedicated to assisting law enforcement and other first responders through the education and training of officers, detectives, investigators, APS workers, Ombudsman and prosecutors. Con games and scams cost the citizens of this country an amazing \$20 billion dollars every year and these transient career criminals are responsible for a vast amount of this all by themselves. NABI has developed a database with more than 15,000 entries of suspects and it continues to be a source for all law enforcement investigators across North America, in the ongoing battle with these professional criminals. NABI’s main goal is to assist in the identification, apprehension and prosecution of these very types of con artists.

The 2 day course topics will include: An in depth look at: Identification of the Groups, Keys to Effective Prosecution, the Elderly as Victims, Ruse Entry/Impostor Burglaries, “Sweetheart Swindles”, Fortune Telling, Eastern European Gypsies, the Travelers, Resources Available to You, Dealing With Impediments to Your Investigation, the Gypsy and Traveler Crime Groups as Non-Traditional Organized Crime and Who and What Cons Are in Your Area and more.

**Training Site: Hialeah Police Department  
5555 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33010**

**Date/Time:** Thursday/Friday October 21-22, 2010 0800-1630 hrs.  
**Cost:** \$140.00/ person

**To register, call:** Jon Grow at NABI 410-752-8150

**Registration forms are available online at our website:** [www.nabihq.org](http://www.nabihq.org)

For further information, contact: *Jon Grow at: 410-752-8150*

*(All cancellations must be made by October 7, 2010 to be eligible for a refund)*

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## **Gypsies/Traveler Crime and the Elderly**

### **THURSDAY – OCTOBER 21, 2010**

0700 – 0800 **Registration**

0800 – 0900 **Introduction to the World of Criminal Gypsies and Travelers**

Gypsies and Travelers-The Differences

0900 – 1000 **Introduction to The ROM**

ROM vs. Gypsy

1000 – 1030 **Not Corporate America- Seniors as the Victims**

Insight to the Perfect Victim

1035 – 1200 **Fortune Telling and Fortune Telling Scams**

### **LUNCH 1200 – 1300**

1300 -1500 **Impostor Burglars/Ruse Entries and Seal Coaters**

Differences between Ruse Entry and Impostor Burglaries

1500 - 1630 **Sweetheart Swindles**

Dissection of the Scam

### **FRIDAY – OCTOBER 22, 2010**

0800 – 0845 **Communicating With the Elderly**

0845 – 0945 **The Polish Gypsies**

0945 – 1130 **Yugoslavian Gypsies- Store Diversion Burglaries**

### **LUNCH 1130 -1230**

1230 – 1415 **The Travelers**

1415 – 1530 **Impediments to Prosecution**

1530 – 1630 **Regional Alerts/Who’s in Your Geographic Area**

### **INSTRUCTORS**

Detective Gary Nolte (Ret.) of the Skokie, Illinois Police Department, is a judicially recognized national expert in this field, and has been teaching the law enforcement community for more than 12 years. He has made presentations to Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement agencies.

Agent John McMahon of the Orange County, Florida Sheriff's Office is one of the foremost authorities on Travelers in the nation.

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### **Conference Registration Form**

The conference fee is \$140 per person and includes conference handout materials. Accommodations are available at the Ramada Inn, 1950 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St., Hialeah, Florida 33014. When you call, ask for Rosa Villamar and mention the Hialeah Police Training Seminar for the group rate of \$59.00 + tax. Telephone 305-823-2000, ext 603; or e-mail her at: [rosa.villamar@ramada-miami.com](mailto:rosa.villamar@ramada-miami.com). They have a block of 10 rooms at this rate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fee \$140

The fee may be paid by check payable to NABI and mailed to NABI (see below), or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express), see next page, and sent via U S Mail, email to [jon.grow@nabihq.net](mailto:jon.grow@nabihq.net), or fax to (410) 357-5191

NABI  
P O Box 287  
Maryland Line, MD 21105

For further questions please contact NABI at (410) 752-8150

**Federal Tax ID: 52 1364881**

**Please have your enrollments in by October 1, 2010, so that NABI can have an accurate count for handouts. Additionally, we need to know there is enough participation to cover the expenses of conducting this vital training.**

**Enrollments after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be on a case by case basis, providing there is enough seating.**

Credit card Authorization

I authorize the National Association of Bunco Investigators, Inc. (NABI)

to charge \$140.00 to my ( ) Visa ( ) Mastercard ( ) American Express

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**Driving Directions to Seminar Site:**

[Directions from the Hotel to Hialeah Police Station are:](#)

**Exit hotel onto West 49th St, heading east (Main street in front of hotel). Drive east on 49th St until you reach East 8 Ave (Le Jeune Rd). At intersection turn North onto East 8 Ave (Le Juene Rd). Head North to 55th St (2nd traffic light). At East 8 Ave and 55 St turn right into Police Station Parking area. After right turn take an immediate right and go behind the Police Station to the Training Building. There will be signs in front of the Police Station to direct you to the Training Building at 5555 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hialeah, FL. 33010**