

Craigslist Investigations

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Introduction

- Wayne Nichols
- Active law enforcement with over 10 years of experience
 - Henderson, NV Police Department
 - Computer Crimes Unit
- Conduct proactive luring / enticement operations
- Poll Question 2
 - How many of you have ever reactively investigated a Craigslist investigation?




Goals and Objectives

- History of Craigslist
- Understanding how Craigslist works
 - Posting ads
 - Browsing ads
 - Advanced searching
 - Information retained by Craigslist
- Utilities and forms needed
 - The essentials



Goals and Objectives

- What to look for in a Craigslist posting
- How to obtain information from Craigslist
 - Via administrative subpoena or search warrant
 - Requesting information based on different sources
 - Posting ID
 - Email address
 - IP address
- Examination of previous cases / operations
- Tips to make your operation a success




History of Craigslist

- Created in 1995 by Craig Newmark
 - Started off as an email distribution list among friends
 - Featuring local events in San Francisco
- 1996, became web based, featuring free online classified advertisements
- 2000, expanded to major U.S. cities
- Today...



How Does Craigslist Make Money?

- Incoming revenue
 - People who post jobs
 - Major cities -- \$25 to post in one category
 - Apartment listings
 - A brokered apartment in New York -- \$10 a post
 - Therapeutic Services
 - \$10 a post
 - \$5 to repost



How Craigslist Works

- www.craigslist.org OR www.craigslist.com
- Online classified ads forum
 - Allows you to search and post ads in nearly every major U.S. city
 - Canada, Europe, Asia, Middle East

for sale	
appliances	arts+crafts
antiques	auto parts
barter	baby+kids
bikes	beauty+hihi
boats	cars+trucks
books	cds/dvd/hrs
business	cell phones
computer	clothes+acc
fire	collectibles
furniture	electronics
general	farm+garden
jewelry	garage sale
materials	household
rvs	motorcycles
sporting	music instr
tickets	photo+video
tools	toys+games
wanted	video gaming




How Craigslist Works (cont)

- The website is broke down in:
 - Sections
 - Categories
 - Subcategories
- Important to understand the abbreviations of a subcategory

[casual encounters](#) >>> [w/m](#) [m/m](#) [m/f](#) [w/f](#) [t/m](#) [m/f](#)


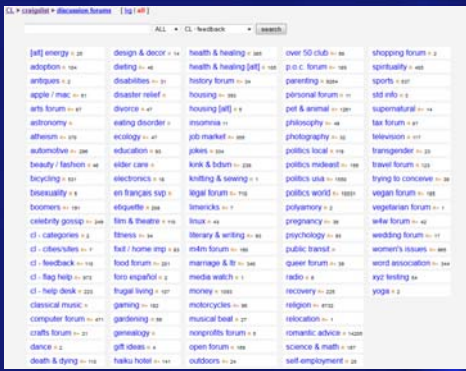
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The Bigger Picture


- Although Craigslist is synonymous with prostitution – much more different types of crime are taking place
 - Drugs
 - Property crimes / Fraud
 - Harassment






Posting to Craigslist

- Free to post (with exceptions of aforementioned)
- An email address is required to post an ad
 - CL is now requiring a verified phone number with certain types of posting
- No limit on number of postings
 - CL has begun to target spammers
- Every post can contain up to 8 photos
- Poster can choose to list additional contact information within the post



Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- A computer is not required
 - Cell phones with Internet access
 - Applications on smart phones
- Majority of classified postings expire after 45 days
 - The following cities have a 7-day expiration
 - Boston, Los Angeles, New York, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington DC



Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- Posters can add additional or specified locations
- There is not a verification process for listed information

Sep 26 - SKYPE FUN? - mfw - 33 - (WEST METRO)

Sep 26 - want me to drop in for a quick fuck? - mfw - 30 - (colorado and backlot)

Sep 26 - Mutual Benefits - mfw - 32 - (SE Denver)


Sep 26 - Any hot moms in littleton? - mfw - 19 - (Littleton)

Sep 25 - Looking for BBW - mfw - (downtown)

Sep 25 - is anyone still up and want sex? - mfw - 34 - (Northglenn)


Sep 25 - Looking for a Kinky/Sub BBW for Chat - mfw - 29 - (Aurora)

Sep 25 - Discreet bobby for special lady - mfw - 37 - (Near Park Meadows) pic




Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- Any posting can be “flagged” by other users or Craigslist
- The poster will receive an email notification if post has been flagged



The screenshot shows a Craigslist notification: "pittsburgh craigslist > housing > apth/housing for rent" followed by "This posting has been flagged for removal. [?]" and "(The title on the listings page will be removed in just a few minutes.)". At the bottom, it says "Copyright © 2011 craigslist, inc. terms of use privacy policy feedback forum".




Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- Reasons a post can be flagged
 - **Miscategorized** - wrong category/site, discusses another ad, otherwise misplaced
 - **Prohibited** - violates craigslist Terms of Use or other posted guideline
 - **Spam** - posted too frequently, in multiple cities/categories, or is too commercial



Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- CL does “restrict” the advertisement of the following items:
 - Weapons, alcohol, drugs, hazardous materials, illegal telecommunication equipment, counterfeit currency, gambling items, enticement of minors




Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- In February 2013, Craigslist has begun to test “2-way email relay” to combat spam
 - It poses issues for the investigator
 - Email communication does not migrate away from Craigslist
 - Keeping the email address hidden from both parties
 - Communication can continue even if the original ad has been removed
 - Up to 6 months



Posting to Craigslist (cont)

- Previous method of communication
 - CL acts as the “middle man” on the initial communication
 - CL creates an email address within the post
 - Subsequent email communication takes place outside of Craigslist
 - Important to not bypass the “middle man” process



Questions Before the ‘Posting’ Demo?




Browsing Craigslist

- No account is required to browse Craigslist
 - No age verification to enter certain parts of the site
 - Banner posted before entering 'Casual Encounters'

[Craigslist](#) - casual encounters - warning & disclaimer

Unless all of the following points are true, use your "back" button to exit this part of craigslist:

- I am at least 18 years old.
- I understand "casual encounters" may include adult content.
- I agree to flag as "prohibited" anything illegal or in violation of the [craigslist terms of use](#).
- By clicking on the links below, I release craigslist from any liability that may arise from my use of this site.



Browsing Craigslist (cont)

- Newest postings always appear at the top
 - Post will also reflect if pictures are included within post
- Browsed postings are highlighted
 - Check settings in your browser

Great Interra 21 speed Hybrid - \$99 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

SS CAPITAL DORTUMPER - \$750 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Tandem triaxle - \$140 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Specialized Mt. Bikes (2) 999.00 each. (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Black hybrid CRO-PIC3 - \$140 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Bicycle - \$235 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

J.C. Kads bike - \$10 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Trek 2700 - \$150 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Trek Bike helmet - \$20 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)

Heart Rate, Sweat/salt, Speed, instruments - \$25 (Abuse) [no reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#) [reply](#)



Browsing Craigslist (cont)

las vegas craigslist > casual encounters email this posting to a friend

Please report suspected exploitation of users to the appropriate authorities

OLDER FOR YOUNGER - m4w - 50 (Vegas/Henderson) please flag with care

CL Post title / heading

Reply to: pers-gbvkj-1234641217@craigslist.org https://www.craigslist.org


Date and Time **Craigslist generated e-mail address to respond to**

Older gentlemen looking for ongoing relationship with a girl under 20. I would love to meet a virgin, but that isn't a show stopper. This would be a mutually beneficial relationship but I don't want hookers, escorts or women over 20. You can reach me here or at will26111 on yahoo messenger to discuss. Hope to hear from you soon.

Will **Post ID**

- Location: Vegas/Henderson
- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

PostingID: 1234641217



Browsing Craigslist (cont)

CL = Boise - all for sale / wanted - sporting goods - by owner

Reply | 404f349262023@craigslist.org | flag | misinterpreted | prohibited | spam | best of | Posted: 2013-03-20, 10:04AM EDT

trampoline frame and springs - S20 (caldwell)

frame and springs for a trampoline. Not sure the diameter, probably 12 feet. 208 eight eight zero 4755.

- Location: caldwell
- It's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

Posting ID: 349304523 | Posted: 2013-03-20, 10:04AM EDT | email to a friend

[Avoid scams, steal locally!](#) **Do NOT wire funds (Western Union, Moneygram)** Beware cashier checks, money orders, shipping, non-local buyers/sellers

Browsing Tips

- Start your browsing or search by choosing a category
 - Then choose subcategory
 - Try to avoid “casting a wider net”

for sale	
appliances	arts+crafts
antiques	auto parts
barter	baby+kids
bikes	beauty+hih
boats	cars+trucks
books	cds/dvd/vhs
business	cell phones
computer	clothes+acc
free	collectibles
furniture	electronics
general	farm+garden
jewelry	garage sale
materials	household
rvs	motorcycles
sporting	music instr
tickets	photo+video
tools	toys+games
wanted	video gaming

Advanced Browsing / Searching

- Advanced search option
 - Allows you to narrow a search by term, price range, and if the post has an included image

cell phones: by owner | by dealer | both


search for: cell phones | Search | title | enter post

price: | has image

let view | get view | grid view | map view

[toggle items] [prohibited items] [EEET] [AVOIDING SCAMS]
 [PERSONAL SAFETY] [The Privacy/Options/CRDS] [CL] [In]
 [More]


Questions Before the Demo?



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Information Captured by CL


- The most important piece of information on any Craigslist ad is the posting ID
- Craigslist captures and retains the IP address associated with **all** postings
 - Including verified phone number
 - CL is also retaining photos included with every post (with a 2 month retention period)
 - Starting from the time the post expires or is flagged



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Information Captured by CL (cont)

- Craigslist logs *every* posting associated with the suspect's email address
 - No retention period
 - A reverse search can also be done
 - By IP or email address
- Craigslist logs *limited* information on all responses to a post
 - Email and IP address only
 - Along with date and time stamps
 - Actual message content is NOT saved



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Information Captured by CL (cont)

- Craigslist will indicate if the posting was flagged, expired, or removed by poster
- Craigslist will indicate if the posting has been modified
 - But only saves the most recent change
 - CL does not track the evolution of an ad
- EXIF data is not saved
 - Photo is condensed to fit size limit standards



Craigslist Contact Information

- Administrative Subpoena / Search Warrant will be accepted by fax, email, or mail
 - Quicker to have the results emailed to you
- Fax
 - 415-504-6394. Attention: Custodian of Records
- Email
 - legal@craigslist.org (please send request as a PDF)
- Mail
 - Craigslist – 1381 9th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122. Attention: Custodian of Records



Questions Before the Demo?



Scenario #1

- Law enforcement has responded to a suspicious ad involving a stolen washer / drier set
 - During email communication, the suspect emails photos which you later confirm are of the stolen washer and drier





Scenario #2

- A fellow Detective in Homicide advises you that a victim was robbed and killed after placing a gold watch for sale ad on Craigslist
 - According to the victim's friends, the victim would often sell items on Craigslist and list his phone number within the posts
 - Phone number: 443-452-5155
- Homicide is requesting assistance since you're a Craigslist "expert"

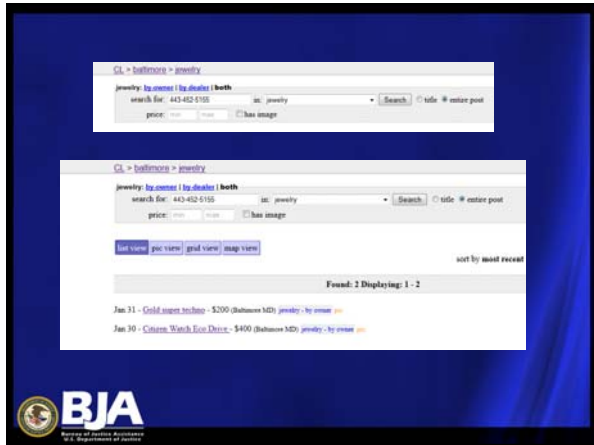


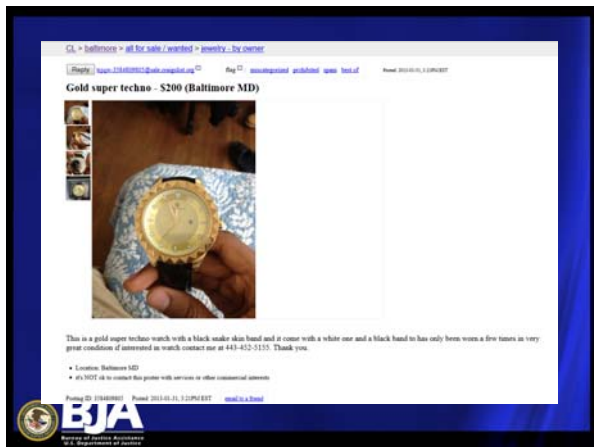
Scenario #2 (cont)

- Remember the advance search feature
- Start with a section (For Sale), then a category (Jewelry)
- Enter a phrase or phone number

for sale	
appliances	arts+crafts
antiques	auto parts
butler	baby+kids
bikes	beauty+skib
boats	cars+trucks
books	cds/dvd/vhs
business	cell phones
computer	clothes+acc
free	collectibles
furniture	electronics
general	farm+garden
jewelry	garage sale
materials	household
n/a	motorcycles
sporting	music instr
tickets	photo+video
tools	toys+games
wanted	video gaming








Scenario #3

- Following a drug investigation that began on Craigslist, your suspect claims that he traded pills to another subject who provided him with Methamphetamine and bragged about having larger quantities to trade





CL > denver > all personals > casual encounters

[Reply](#) efka.3643741101@pages.craigslist.org [flag](#) [miscategorized](#) [prohibited](#) [spam](#) [banned](#) [Post](#) 2013-03-01, 4:03PM MST

Vicodin/percocet - m4w

Pills to trade. Looking for a hot sexy woman for some seccxy fun..... Intrested? send pics and lets this happens asap. 420friendly

- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

Posting ID: 3643741101 [Post](#) 2013-03-01, 4:03PM MST [email to a friend](#)


[Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities](#)



Any Questions?



Utilities and Forms Needed Before the Investigation Begins




The Essentials

- PDF tool
 - ‘Cute PDF’ is free
- Undercover email accounts
 - Gmail
- Google Voice accounts
 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/223277360>
- TLO – LE online research tool
 - As of October, 2012 TLO has begun to charge for advanced searches



The Essentials

- Poll Question 3
 - Are you actively using TLO in your criminal investigations?




Drug Investigations




Drugs on Craigslist

- Reading between the lines is necessary
 - Offers of drugs are subtly embedded within legitimate postings
 - Important to know slang terminology
 - Urban Dictionary
 - Important to know *how* to search for slang terms
- Medical themed advertisements
 - Theme of “Medicinal Marijuana”



Drugs on Craigslist

- Drugs and sex still go hand in hand
 - ‘Personals’ section will most likely yield the most results
- Advanced browsing in Craigslist



Where to Begin

personals

strictly platonic

women seek women

women seeking men

men seeking women

men seeking men

misc romance


casual encounters

missed connections

rants and raves


- ‘Casual Encounter’ or ‘Misc Romance’ section
 - Often no need to go past the main category

casual encounters >>> wfm mfm mfw wfw tfm mtf
 mfwfw mfwf mfwfm wfwfw mfwfw wfwfw mfwfm mfwfm wfwfw wfwfw mfwfw mfwfw wfwfw mfwfw




Common Slang / Search Terms

- Marijuana
 - 420, bud, medicinal, grow, hydro, weed, herb, ganja, kush
- Methamphetamine
 - Tina, crystal, clouds, spun, go fast
- Heroin
 - H, OP8
- Pills
 - Lortab, Perc or Percocet, Valium, RX, Oxy or Roxy, Hydrocodone, Xanax, Zanny, Vicodin, mg
- Ecstasy
 - X, Molly, xtc, E



Common Slang / Search Terms (cont)

- Keeping up on your local crime trends
 - What’s popular in your jurisdiction may not be popular in another



420

CL > phoenix > east valley > all personals > casual encounters

Reply khqz-366051150@pers.craigslist.org flag miscategorized prohibited spam best of


420 then casino !?!? Who's down ? Females only - m4w

I need a company to the casino. I got some medical grade 420 too! Where's my bad girls at ?

- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

Posting ID: 3660051150 Posted: 2013-03-20, 9:22AM MST [email to a friend](#)

Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities



420

denver craigslist > personals > casual encounters

Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities

.... lets party. - m4w - 38

Date: 2012-05-14, 9:53PM MDT
Reply to: rgw8-2993154815@pers.craigslist.org

Vicodin, Percocet, 420, Boozze lets party and have fun.
Looking for an open minded woman

- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

PostingID: 2993154815



“Four Twenty” and Hydro


detroit metro craigslist > oakland co > personals > casual encounters

Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities

four twenty and oral fun - m4w - 50 (troy/urs or mine)

Date: 2012-09-16, 4:29PM EDT
Reply to this post: edfhe-3276033733@pers.craigslist.org

I picked up some really good hydro the other day and would share it with a lady that likesto get a buzz and then get good oral.



No Cops, Please

north_jersey_craigslist > personals > casual_encounters

Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities


stressed out got bars sticks i do.. and many other meds - m4w (parsippany)

Date: 2012-07-30, 12:35PM EDT
[Reply to this post](#) | nf9h7-3172473881@pern.craigslist.org

I have 2mg Xanax available as well as clonopin. Bhaes. And amphetamines. Hit me up serious onlyno cops...


- Location: parsippany
- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

PostingID: 3172473881



Investigative Considerations

- Does your prosecutor approve of the prostitution angle
 - You may not find a “blatant” advertisement
- Do you have an understanding of street value?
- Do you possess training and experience in the area of street level narcotics?
- Deconfliction
 - Be aware of other jurisdictions proactive operations




Stolen Property




Offender Point of View of Craigslist

- Culture of Craigslist
 - Fewer rules and restrictions
- Subject *feels* anonymous
- Transactions occur very quickly
- Transactions are assumed cash-only
- Craigslist empowers the seller to conduct business on their terms
 - Barter



Offender Point of View of Craigslist

- Posting requires very little information
 - Serial numbers and model names are not required to successfully list the item
- Meeting at a public place or parking lot is *not* abnormal
 - Even legitimate sellers / buyers feel safer with the transaction taking place away from their home



Offender Point of View of Craigslist

- Based on item, price, and posting language -- the poster can expect to be dealing with likeminded customers
- Depending on supply & demand, offender may not even need to post an ad
 - Simply looks for "wanted" ads



A Dream Posting for a Thief


IPad 2 - \$300

Date: 2011-11-28, 9:40PM CST
Reply to: sale-vj2fi-2725882895@craigslist.org [Errors when replying to ads!]

Needing ASAP!

- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

PostingID: 2725882895



Locating Stolen Property

- 2 methods
 - Proactive searching
 - Can be time consuming
 - Following crime trends in your jurisdiction
 - Reactive searching
 - Searching out particular items of interest
 - Gift cards
 - Often times a victim will locate their property
 - Following a suspect by his phone number, email, or IP address



Victims Who Locate Their Property

- Scenario
 - Citizen is the victim of a burglary
 - Home
 - Storage unit
 - After reporting the crime
 - Victim begins to search on their own for their property
 - Engage sellers in communication
 - Trying to obtain additional information
 - Photos
 - Contacts police



Victims Who Locate Their Property

- Prioritize identifying your suspect
 - Research the Craigslist ad the victim located
 - Is there additional stolen property within the ad?
 - Review any communication between victim and seller
 - Email
 - Important to remember the “middle man” format
 - Phone number
 - Photos
 - Could offer you a wealth of information



Email Communication

New Nexus 4 - \$400 (Grand Rapids)
 3 messages

From: ka razy <dutybird7@gmail.com>
 To: uc7-3692816678@sale.craigslist.org

Hey I'm very interested. Could I trouble you to email me a few pics, it's hard to see them on my phone. Thanks.
<http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/sya/3692816678.html>

From: craigslist 3692816678 <uc7-3692816678@sale.craigslist.org>
 To: 220dc962cb3381e87dda363ea2a03c9@reply.craigslist.org

I do not have the phone with me currently, but it looks brand new, so I will send you pictures of the phone new as well as the case.
 If you have any other questions please let me know!

On Wed, Mar 20, 2013 at 3:29 PM, ka razy <220dc962cb3381e87dda363ea2a03c9@reply.craigslist.org> wrote:
 Hey I'm very interested. Could I trouble you to email me a few pics, it's hard to see them on my phone. Thanks.
<http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/sya/3692816678.html>



Reoccurring Trends

- Fraudulent auto sales
 - Buyer
 - Potential buyer is instructed to wire money, usually via Western Union
 - Potential buyer is advised that the vehicle is being shipped from another location
 - Potential buyer is given a “sob story” or told they are leaving town immediately
 - Departing armed services



craigslist > cars & trucks

3 ways to view car/truck ads:

- **ALL CARS & TRUCKS**
(dealer - by-owner)
- **BY-OWNER ONLY**
(private party, no dealers)
- **BY-DEALER ONLY**
(no private party)

[personal safety tips](#)

How to recognize a vehicle scam attempt on CL:

- Shipping a vehicle to you is suggested by seller
- eBay Motors or another intermediary is specified by seller
- Payment by Western Union or a money wire is requested
- Price is unusually low (fraction of blue book value)

If you see these tell-tale signs, flag ad as "prohibited" and avoid

Offers to ship a vehicle are virtually 100% fraudulent

eBay has no involvement in craigslist for sale ads, and any eBay or similar emails or web pages you receive are fake


Never use Western Union or wire transfer to pay for goods - only a scammer will ask for this, and any funds sent will be lost

Do not buy vehicles sight-unseen, regardless of low price. The vehicle does not exist, and any money you send will be lost.

Stories about divorcees or departing servicemen needing to sell quickly at a low price are generally fraudulent


If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

More information is available for [avoiding scams](#)



Reoccurring Trends

- Housing
 - Scammers are taking advantage of large inventory of rental properties or vacant homes
 - Very easy for scammer to search legitimate sites for to gather info
 - Potential Renter / Leaser
 - Not able to see the property in person
 - Due to owner travelling or recently relocating
 - Instructed to wire money via Western Union or MoneyGram



Case Study

spokane.craigslist > for sale / wanted > sporting goods email this posting to a friend

Avoid scams and fraud by dealing locally! Beware any deal involving Western Union, Moneygram, wire transfer, cashier check, money order, shipping, escrow, or any promise of transaction protection/certification/guarantee. [More info](#)

Interceptor body armor/Bullet Proof Vest sz M - \$200 (north spokane)


Date: 2012-02-10, 11:29AM PST
Reply to: bvvgp-2844848415@sale.craigslist.org bjas@crslisting.usak/

The Interceptor body armor's lighter weight provides more mobility than the older flak vest. The new armor also has an outer tactical vest made of Kevlar weave that's capable of stopping a 9 mm bullet, plus the webbing on the front and back of the vest permits attaching other small pieces of equipment. The small-arms protective inserts are made of a boron carbide ceramic with a spectra shield backing that's an extremely hard material.

kevlar plates only, 200 bucks or best offer


please flag with code: [2]

[mis/category](#)
[prohibited](#)
[spam/crapst](#)
[best of craigslist](#)



Investigative Considerations

- Mass sellers are flocking to Craigslist
 - Proactive measures based on the quantity of sale items may in fact be legitimate
- Are we encouraging victims to search on Craigslist?
 - Never attempt to be get back your property yourself




Harassment




Harassment

- Poll Question 3
 - Have you ever investigated a harassment investigation involving Craigslist?
- Police departments are seeing an increase with harassment cases via Craigslist
- Typically the harassing ad will be in the Personals section
 - Casual Encounters
 - Misc Romance




Harassment

- Typically involves a disgruntled:
 - Ex-spouse
 - Employee
- The suspects are being mindful of how they post certain information
 - Phone numbers
 - Spelled out versus traditional numeric



Harassment

- The suspects are being mindful of covering their tracks
 - Using an open Wi-Fi signal
 - Starbucks
 - Library
- Craigslist *typically* requires a phone number when posting to the Personals
 - This will often be your best lead when conducting the follow up



Case Study


[las vegas craigslist > personals > casual encounters](#)
[email](#)

[Please report suspected exploitation of minors to the appropriate authorities.](#)

rub down - w4m - 29 (strip)

Date: 2012-11-09, 7:26PM PST
 Reply to this post: [qzqxs-33 \[REDACTED\]@pers.craigslist.org](#)

Hey fellas is up for hanging out tonight at [REDACTED] with me!!
 I'm offering full service lap dances
 See you soon!!!
 Danielle
 Ate o [REDACTED]



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need spice - mw4w - 28 (strip)

Date: 2012-11-08, 9:06AM PST
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We are a married couple that is looking to spice things up we are looking for a hung black guy it's been my fantasy to be with a black guy there will be no guy on guy contact but my husband will clean up the cream pie text or call me with your info and will hook up later this afternoon
ate o ate [REDACTED]
look forward to hearing from you
Danielle xoxo



Any Questions?

- Thank you for attending!

- Detective Wayne Nichols – Henderson Police Department
- wan@cityofhenderson.com
- 702-267-4778

