

## Casino Cage & Count Room & Vendor Fraud

Years ago the bank robber Willy Sutton was asked why he robbed banks... He answered...*"Because that's where the money is...!"* In this training session, we will concentrate on Count Room and Cage Thefts. We will also discuss Back of the House Thefts, POS Schemes, Pickpockets and various Vendor Frauds.

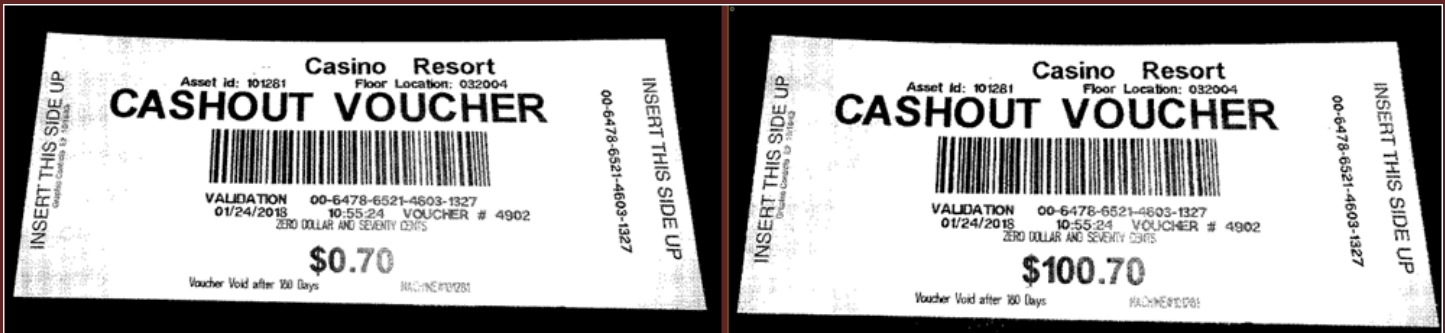


Employee Window Thefts



Short Change Artist

# "What's Wrong With These TITO Vouchers...?"



## Casino Cage Robberies Are Up Industry Wide...

Police arrest disguised man for robbery of casino cage at New York-New York...Makes off with \$23,000.00 March 12, 2018



## As Well As Money Laundering & ATM Schemes...

### Feds target casino money laundering

Curt Pendergast Oct 17, 2015

In one recent case, a Tucson man is suspected of laundering nearly \$250,000 in drug-sale proceeds at the Desert Diamond Casino on South Nogales Highway. Over 17 trips from February to August, the man — whom the Star is not naming because police have not charged him with a crime — **put as much as \$35,000 at a time into gaming machines.** For traffickers, casinos offer the advantage of not requiring them to disclose the origin of the money. One structuring tactic is known as "Smurfing," in which a chunk of money is broken into pieces and several players launder it at different casinos. "Casinos keep an eye out for minimal gamblers, but it's hard for casinos to know that it is a group that is doing this because they're only seeing what's in front of them."

### Mafia's alleged laundering of money in Ontario Casinos was a surprising choice, experts say in wake of crime bust

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Members of the Figliomeni crime group came to the casinos nightly with \$30,000 to \$50,000 in tow. They would not use straw men, Det. Sgt. Mattinen said of the suspects, who liked to gamble. Instead, they brought along a trusted, core group from the organization, and would lose a fraction of their cash in the casino — whether intentionally or not — allegedly pocketing the rest as legitimate wins.





## Thieves Target Casino Count Rooms Because... *"That's Where The Money Is...!"*

### Former Hard Rock casino workers sued over theft of \$831,519

By Steve Green  
Monday, March 22, 2010 | 3:41 p.m.

An insurance company is suing two former Hard Rock hotel-casino employees, charging they were involved in the theft of \$831,519 from the Las Vegas resort. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania filed suit last week in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas against Jhimal Earl Winfield and Sammy Sampson II, both of whom were part of the Hard Rock table game count staff and both of whom have been charged in thefts from the resort.

### Casino Theft Triggers Change In Procedures

#### Mohegan Sun Employee Suspected Of Stealing \$600,000

July 31, 2000 | By LYN BIXBY; Courant Staff Writer

### Detroit thief disguised as security guard makes off with more than \$500,000

Associated Press · November 27, 2015 at 3:11 pm

A Detroit thief armed with nothing more than a convincing costume stole over half a million dollars from an armored truck Friday — and is still on the run, police said.

#### Police say \$500,000 still missing in casino count room theft

By REDLANDSDAILYFACTS | redlands@ofmny.com | August 7, 2007 at 12:00 am

The man accused of masterminding a \$1.5 million casino count room heist was plucked Saturday from a hotel near Los Angeles International Airport and placed behind bars. When Riverside County sheriff's deputies knocked on the hotel door at 3 a.m. Saturday, they found a "cheesy-looking" wig and \$508,000 cash inside.

We will study & discuss...

- Partial Payment Schemes
- TITO Ticket Thefts & Scams
- POS & Cash Register Thefts



On March 22, 2018, the Nevada Gaming Control Board held a hearing to determine whether Joseph Whit Moody (shown below) will become the 32<sup>nd</sup> person to have the dubious honor of being included in Nevada's infamous "Black Book", the *List of Excluded Persons*. To my knowledge, if added, he will be the first to be added due to a TITO (ticket in / ticket out) related crime. More accurately, Moody would distract guests, generally elderly women, at ticket redemption kiosks or ATMs, and steal their cash as it came out of the dispenser. He got away with this scam for some



- Cage & Register Bill Switches



- Laying A Note on a Cage Cashier



- Distract & Grab



- Count Room Security

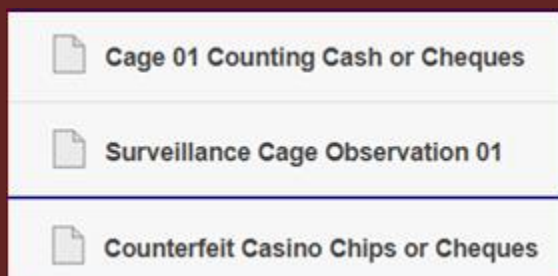


"What's Wrong With These Pictures...?"

**"Who Should Attend?" - Cage Personnel, Surveillance, Security, Finance & Compliance**

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**Vendor fraud falls into three categories:**

- Billing schemes
- Check tampering schemes
- Bribery or extortion schemes

### EXAMPLES:

- "What is Co-Mingling Funds...?"...
- "Could your surveillance staff detect Co-Mingling...?"
- "What is a Count Route Scheme...?"
- "What is the proper procedure to count currency at a Casino Cage...?"
- "What is the proper procedure if a cashier suspects counterfeit money or cheques...?"
- "Do you have an Emergency Contingency Plan for armed robberies...?"
- "How can surveillance assist in the investigation and detection of Vendor Fraud...?"
- "What weaknesses do casino thieves look for in your Cage or Register Cashiers...?"
- "What is the simplest method by which to evaluate your count room security...?"
- And Many Many More...



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