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Global News



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THE PINK PANTHER GANG

I'M NOT TALKING!!!

Rifat Hadziahmetovic, 42, A Montenegrin member of the notorious Pink Panther Gang, was extradicted to Japan where he faces charges in a 3.4 million dollar jewelry heist.

He and a Montenegrin accomplice, Radovan Jelusic, entered the Execló diamond store in the posh Ginza section of Tokyo on 14 June 2007, sprayed tear gas, opened a showcase, removed a tiara and necklace and fled, all within 32 seconds.

Hadziahmetovic was transferred to Japan from Spain via France under high security since on prior occasions other gang members attempted to rescue their captured compatriots. Currently in Japan, Hadziahmetovic has refused to make any statements regarding the robbery. The Pink Panther Gang is responsible for high dollar robberies in over 28 countries around the globe.



JAPTV -NHK Broadcast

Police investigation concluded that an unnamed Italian female jewelry store owner may be part of the Pink Panther Gang, and

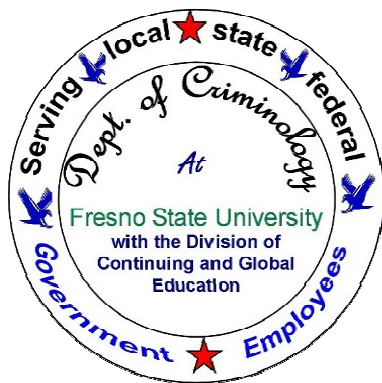
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THE PINK PANTHER GANG...

was on the same flight as Hadziahmetovic from Tokyo to France ten days after the heist. The same female flew to Japan after the heist and stayed in a hotel close to the one occupied by Hadziahmetovic. Jelusic, his accomplice, is detained in Italy.

The extradition to Japan was particularly noteworthy since Hadziahmetovic is not a Japanese citizen and Japan has not signed an extradition treaty with Spain.

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS



OFF CAMPUS M.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY

DESIGNED FOR EXECUTIVE/MANAGEMENT LEVEL POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT

Applications for the second cohort of the downtown Fresno Criminology M.S. degree program are currently being accepted. The downtown (off campus) criminology Master of Science degree program is sponsored and supported by the City and County of Fresno. It is offered exclusively to city, county, state, and federal government employees.

The program provides for 10 graduate level courses leading to the Master of Science in Criminology Degree. The criminology degree program consists of seven graduate criminology courses, and also three

graduate Business Administration courses taught by experienced full time faculty of the College of Business.

The program is specifically designed to provide executive level government employees or those desiring to reach that level, with the skill and knowledge set necessary to function as policy makers.

Each course is taught every other weekend (Friday evening and all day Saturday) for a period of two months, and instruction is spread over 22 months. All Students must begin the degree program as a cohort, with the first class being held in January 2010. Classes are held at the Fresno Police Department Annex.

Students registering for downtown graduate classes must qualify for and successfully complete the formal university admissions process (<http://www.csumentor.edu/>) and also submit the required documents to the department of criminology before beginning their coursework.

Part of the admission's process is the General Graduate Record Examination, which is given at the Testing Center of CSU Fresno and other locations across the state. (www.gre.org) It is important to take the GRE as quickly or early as possible.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any current government employee

ELIGIBILITY ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS:

- Any government employee recently laid off due to budget problems
- Spouses of current government employees

OFF CAMPUS M.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY

For additional information access the downtown program website at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowngraduateprogram2011.htm>

or contact Dr. H.O. Schweizer, the program coordinator at: haralds@csufresno.edu

OFF CAMPUS B.S. in CRIMINOLOGY (Law Enforcement Option)

New students are continually accepted. One class meets for eight Monday evenings and the second class for eight Wednesday evenings with two Saturday day meetings per course. Classes are held at the second floor training room of the Fresno Police Department Annex and another set of classes is scheduled to begin in October as indicated below:

Crim 180 Internship coordinated by Dr. SCHWEIZER.

Students with professional CJ experience do not need an internship placement, but must complete specified written assignments and give class presentations on their experience according to specific guidelines. Students without CJ experience will be given assistance in finding a suitable CJ agency for 120 internship hours. The actual internship hours can extend into December and January. Meetings for this course are limited to the following dates:

0800-1430 Saturdays 2 Oct, 6 Nov
1800-2200 Mondays Oct 4, 25, Nov 22
First day of class: Saturday 2 October

Written assignments and related work will be posted on Blackboard.

Anthr 105W*

Upper division GE multicultural/international* taught by Dr. MOLLOOLY (jmullooly@csufresno.edu)

*Also satisfies the university's upper division writing requirement.

1800-2200 Wednesdays Oct 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov; 3, 10, 17, 24

0800-1430 Saturdays 20 Oct, 17 Nov
First day of class: 3 November

Program Requirements:

Have completed or nearly completed 60 units or more of transferable college coursework at a junior college or be in good standing from prior university study at a CSU campus. Applicants must also meet the regular transfer admission requirements as they pertain to General Education courses in order to be admitted as a degree seeking student. Applicants who do not have the 60 required transfer units can still join the downtown program but must complete their transfer requirements before being classified as a degree seeking student.

Eligibility:

Current employment in any type of government organization and persons recently laid off from such employment due to budget cuts. Spouses of current government employees will be considered on a case by case basis if space is available.

Additional information is posted at:
<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowndegreeoverview.htm>



Countries such as India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have been getting pesky about the seemingly impenetrable security of smart phones like the Blackberry and others. Saudi Arabia even threatened to block Blackberry use there. Governments want access to the data and information stored and communicated through these secure devices.

It is interesting to find that the US Government, for example, did not chime in with the chorus of countries demanding the ability to access your Blackberry data. The only logical reason would be that the U.S. government already can and does access it. Given the nature of smart phone communications, however, communications cannot be intercepted and decyphered while it is between point A and B, but the information is resident in the mobile phone company's server. The problem some countries have with this is that the server is not in their respective countries, which prevents legal efforts to access the data retained by a server that is "out of the country."

Enterprising individuals outside of government have it easier. They simply steal your Blackberry and then hold a treasure trove of information.

Skype, a very secure internet based personal communication mode, is also currently being looked at by the Indian government due to its frustration or inability to access Skype based communications.

Another twist in this saga is that a British hacker at a recent hacker conference in Las Vegas showed how a person investing about \$1300 in electronic hardware and using freely available software can listen in on cell phone conversations without the user on each end being aware of it. The hacker also indicated that iPhones made him particularly hack happy.

It must be noted, however, that the newer UMTS (3G) cell communication system has built-in safeguards which prevented the hacker from intercepting calls from cell phones using 3G communication. Given the fast pace at which communication technology is evolving, it is likely that hacking techniques and equipment will also evolve with it.

For information on a cell phone that the cell phone company cannot track or trace, read the January 2010 criminology newsletter article:

"Cell Phone able to defeat monitoring and tracking attempts by government agencies and cell phone provider."

Dr. Schweizer's Photo Collection



Miyazaki Prefectural Police SWAT Van



Prisoner transport vehicle



Police Officer waiting to assist school

children crossing the intersection. While here in the U.S. such a duty is typically performed by non-police crossing guards, police officers assigned to an area/local Koban or police post routinely perform such duties as part of their job. This function also allows them to learn more about the local community and develop good relations with school age children.



Highway Patrol on Japanese Toll Road

Japanese highways are all toll roads and their operation and construction is privately funded and maintained. The patrol vehicle above belongs to the corporation that is responsible for the highway where this particular photo was taken. It is not unusual for an hour long trip using a Japanese highway to cost upward of \$50.

All Photos taken by Dr. Schweizer in Japan