

Knives & Other Cutting Weapons

MOTORCYCLE OIL TANK KNIFE

An officer in Cumru Township, Pennsylvania reported to the Calibrepress.Com Newslane (a valuable website serving police agencies with information on weapons, training, law updates, etc.) the existence of this 'oil tank knife' that can be purchased to replace the dipstick on Harley Davidson motorcycles. The dipstick is located on the right side of the motorcycle just under the seat. The model shown below is available for most Harley bikes and can be purchased on the internet.



THE HAIRBRUSH DAGGER

This "hairbrush" is sold as a personal defense tool. When the head of the brush is removed, a pointed dagger made of hard plastic is revealed. This potential weapon can be easily overlooked. Be sure to closely inspect hairbrushes for removable heads.



SWITCHBLADE LIGHTERS

An officer on the Eatontown, New Jersey Police Department recently discovered this switchblade/lighter on a shoplifter who had been arrested at a local mall. This is similar to a lighter/knife located on a subject during a traffic stop in another New Jersey town last winter. During that incident the weapon was found after the suspect pulled the lighter from his pocket and asked the officer if he could have a cigarette.

The device has a small silver button on the upper corner of the lighter and, when pushed, a 2-inch blade springs out and locks into position. The device is also fully functional for producing a flame.



This innocent looking cigarette lighter knife was confiscated recently during an arrest by the Holyoke, Massachusetts Police Department.



POLYMER PLASTIC KNIFE

This is a HIGH-STRENGTH POLYMER KNIFE that was recently purchased by a police officer for \$13. at a store in Virginia. **The officer conducted an independent experiment by taking it through airport security and found that it was NOT detectable by the x-ray machines.**

The blade of the knife is reasonably sharp and has a strong point which, according to the literature that comes with it, can be sharpened.



KEY KNIFE

A Waterville, Maine police officer encountered a subject in February, 2002 after responding to a call from a local firefighter that a suspicious person was digging around in the donation dumpster of a nearby charity organization. The subject fled when he saw the officer, but was located a short time later and arrested on several outstanding warrants as well as for BURGLARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE & THEFT. No weapons were found during the initial pat down search; however during a second search in the booking room the officer found this "key knife" hanging from a clip on the suspect's belt. The key-knife had a 1-inch blade, which folds into the side of the key. Not extended, the weapon appears to be a regular key -- approximately 2.5 inches long.



THE LIPSTICK KNIFE

An Indianapolis, Indiana school teacher confiscated this "lipstick knife" from a 9-year-old girl in her class. It seems the girl had brought it to school to "cut up" one of her friends. The lipstick knife is widely available through mail order catalogs.



BIKE SEAT KNIFE

This "Bike Seat Dagger" was discovered by an officer on the New Haven, Connecticut PD after a suspected gangbanger abandoned his bicycle and fled during a street stop.

The "dagger" consists of a 10-inch piece of solid steel, machined down to a spear-like point and then welded to the end of the bicycle seat post. It is easily concealed when the seat post is clamped in place in the bike's vertical seat-post tube.



FOLDING KNIFE WITH PUSH BUTTON RELEASE

This is a 'TACTICAL FOLDING KNIFE' equipped with a 420 stainless steel blade and a push button handle release. It is available on the internet for \$44.95 and has been brought to our attention by an Intelligence Officer at the ATF office in Phoenix, Arizona. He advises the knife has a 3 1/4" long blade and is extremely well crafted. It reaches 8" overall length when opened and fits easily in an average size wallet. The knife, made in Argentina and Germany, is close to what could be described as a switchblade, and, although it is legal for law enforcement to carry, can be purchased by anyone.



“Twine Knife”



“Twine Knife” found by an officer with the New York State Department of Conservation. This knife is worn around a finger like a ring and can easily be concealed from your view. As always, stay alert to suspect’s hands and keep your eyes open for a “ring” that may really be a concealed knife.

UMBRELLA DAGGER

This fully functioning umbrella comes complete with a 12” dagger in the handle and is sold as a “personal protection device”.



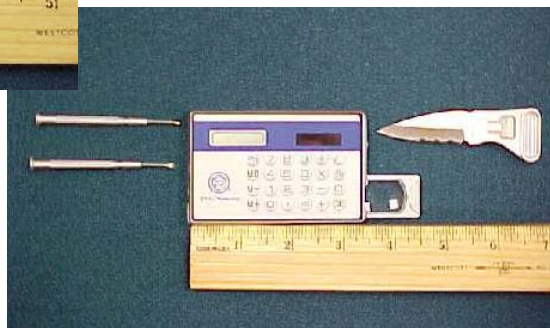
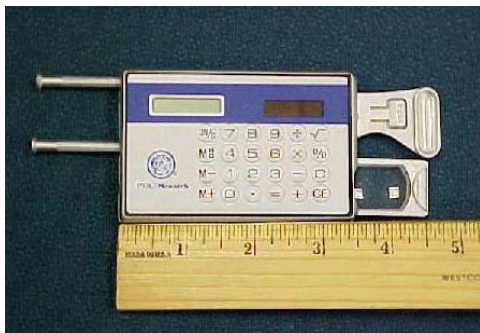
MONEY CLIP KNIFE

Please take a look at this money clip. It's available through www.zippo.com/products/pocket/pocketknives/index.html



Anchorage, Alaska Airport Police advise the calculator/knife shown below was distributed by their local phone company as a 'gift' for new subscribers last year. It has also shown up in many other cities.

Calculator Knife



COMB KNIFE

This is yet another plastic weapon concealed as a comb. Unlike some of these 'self-defense' weapons that are easily available through the internet and at flea markets, this one is made up of completely plastic components that would not show up on any security X-ray scanners.



RING KNIFE

Source: MAGLOCLN (Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network) & The Homeland Security Group

This Officer Safety Item is a "Ring Knife". The overall length is 3-1/2 inches with a 2-inch steel blade. This item is sold with a sew-on leather sheath for the capability of greater concealment. The knife when cupped inside the hand could easily be mistaken for a regular ring worn on the finger.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

OFFICER SAFETY CORNER

Officer Safety Item: A small keychain with a hidden knife blade within the barrel of the holder measures approximately four inches in length and could easily be missed during a pat-down/security check. Law Enforcement and Security personnel encountering common looking keychain items like this should check to see if the keychain is threaded, which would indicate a possible hidden weapon.

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CERAMIC KNIVES

This is the latest thing in gourmet cooking – **CERAMIC KNIVES**. They are now being sold over the Internet as well as on TV via the Home Shopping Network and QVC. They come in sizes ranging from 2" paring to 8" butcher knives. The good part is that they are razorblade sharp and do not dull easily....the bad part is that they do not show up with security wands and metal detectors.



KEY CHAIN FOLDING KNIFE

Info courtesy of MAGLOCLLEN (Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network)

This is a photo of a key chain knife with a folding lock blade. The blade locks into place and is two inches partially serrated. When held properly, it can be used like a trench knife. This knife was found at the Monterey Airport in California and is for sale commercially in many locations including sporting goods stores and on the internet.

