

ASIS Show on May 9

Mark Berger of Securitech has once again generously arranged for NYAIL to have a booth at the annual ASIS-NYC show on May 9th at the Javis Center. Thank you, Mark!

You can register to attend the show for free by going to:
<http://www.asisnyc.org/tradeshows.htm> Look for us at booth 635.

Toro's Tips

When installing the new Marks institutional knobs (tapered), and you have existing Glynn-Johnson paddles on the door, guess what?

You don't have to install the new latch, the old latch works with the new lock. If you have a 5" backset & your vendor is telling you he only has it in 2 3/4", do not be alarmed. You are the in-house locksmith with this new knowledge and the job can still be done!

-Angel Toro, CIL

CORPORATE MEMBERS FOR 2006

The following 15 companies have rejoined NYAIL as Corporate Members for 2006. We thank them for their support.

Abloy Door Security	800 465-5761
Accredited Lock Supply	800 652-2835
Door Security Solutions of NY/NJ	201 489-3709
Fried Bros., Inc.	800 523-2924
IDN Hardware	800 837-5625
LP Security Maintenance	718 837-1632
Majestic Lock Co.	800 441-9324
Marks USA	800 526-0233
Mayflower Sales	800 221-2052
Medeco Security / Arrow Locks	631 451-1951
PJ Polke	973 777-7500
Sargent Lock Company	800 727-5477
Schlage Lock/IR Security	718 267-7666
Securitech Group	800 622-LOCK
Security and Hardware Associates	201 447-1209

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Locksmith Pleads Guilty To Fraud

A Chicago suburban locksmith accused of making a senior citizen pay \$1,700 to get back into his locked home pleaded guilty Tuesday to home repair fraud and was ordered to make partial restitution.

Lior Dinar, 23, of Oakbrook Terrace, entered the plea on the misdemeanor charge at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse before Judge John Scotillo. Dinar was ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution and was sentenced to one year probation, prosecutors said.

Dinar originally had been charged with aggravated home repair fraud, a felony.

According to Streamwood police, Dinar came to Ray Miller's home on July 15 after the 67-year-old had locked himself out. Miller said Dinar claimed the lock had to be drilled out, and after Dinar did the work he presented Miller with a bill for \$1,709.20 -- about 17 times the price most locksmiths charge to open a house.

Police say Dinar was affiliated with Price Line Locksmith Inc. of the Bronx in New York City, a company that has run afoul of city regulators in Chicago.

The local locksmith association has long complained that Price Line and other out-of-state companies flood local telephone listings with fake business addresses to make consumers feel they are calling a neighborhood locksmith for help.

In numerous cases, consumers have complained that locksmiths dispatched by Price Line charged fraudulently inflated prices.

The Chicago Department of Consumer Services has a lawsuit pending in Cook County Circuit Court accusing Price Line and its president, Gilad Gill, of ignoring an administrative law judge's order last August requiring Price Line to stop using phony business addresses.

The lawsuit seeks 180 days of jail time and a \$500 fine for each day the defendants are found in violation of the judge's order, plus community service.

In other cases, Price Line has been ordered to pay thousands in restitution to Chicago consumers who allegedly were overbilled.

NYAIL sent an e-mail to the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs asking what his agency intends to do about these NYC locksmith companies that were found to be using bogus addresses in Chicago.

The Department's response? Silence. Total silence. Another indication that the only reason for NYC's license requirement is because it's a revenue-maker.

What Day For Our Meetings?

At our March 8 meeting, we discussed and voted on which day of the week our monthly meetings should be held. Since there was only one email response to our request last month on comments, and the vast majority of members present at the March meeting were happy with the second Wednesday of the month, it will remain that way.

CIL Test in Late May

We've set a date for the next ILCP sitting. It will be on Sunday, May 21. If you'd like to take the CIL test, let us know ASAP. The Institutional Locksmiths' Association requires one month advance notice. The cost to paid-up NYAIL members is \$50., payable to the ILA. Are you interested? If you did not pass the test last time, and would like to retake it, there is no charge. Let us know soon. Contact Wai Kin Ng at 212 639-7853 for more information.

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Next Meeting
Wednesday April 12, 2006
55 Lexington Ave
Room 14-285
6:00 PM

This month's sponsor:
IDN Hardware Sales

Lou Mazza and Trine Access Technology will be presenting many of Trine's products, particularly electric strikes.

