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HEIST INSIDERS. CARD #01

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## BRAZIL CENTRAL BANK CASH HEIST

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AUGUST 2005 • FORTALEZA, BRAZIL

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**EX-SECURITY  
GUARD**

MARCH 2016

The Brazil Central Bank Cash Heist, where a 700-foot tunnel was dug from a nearby “synthetic grass company” to access the bank, was aided by inside information from an ex-security guard in 2005. The guard was recruited by 2 men 6 months prior to the heist, who asked about his access to the bank and information about the vault. Police suspect that the guard was involved in the heist itself, but this has not been proven. The guard was caught by police when his sister-in-law turned him in due to jealousy over the money he had spent on another sister-in-law.

## EX-SECURITY GUARD

37 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE      COMPENSATION

\$84,600,000      ~\$2,100,000

### ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Worked for the security firm that was dismissed by the bank in 2000

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

Measurements between the bank vault and the building that the thieves had rented

### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Convicted of killing his brother in 2002

### INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

None

### OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

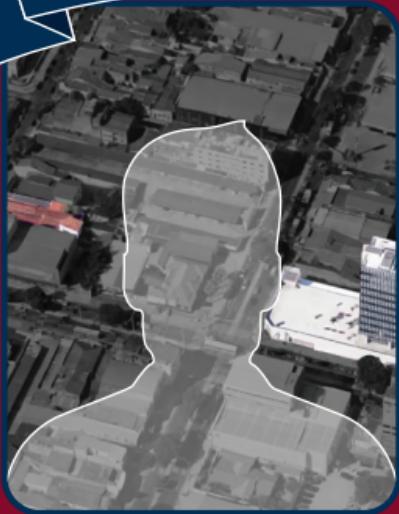
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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #02



OPPORTUNISTIC



ACTIVE  
NONVIOLENT

### BRAZIL CENTRAL BANK CASH HEIST

AUGUST 2005 • FORTALEZA, BRAZIL



### SECURITY GUARD

MARCH 2016

The Brazil Central Bank Cash Heist, where a 700-foot tunnel was dug from a nearby “synthetic grass company” to access the bank, was aided by inside information from a security guard in 2005. The guard talked to the heist masterminds and pointed out that stealing from the vault could be done easily without violence. Before the heist, he used his position as a security guard to gain and provide detailed information about the bank's layout and procedures. After the heist, he had his brother launder some of the stolen cash. The guard was eventually kidnapped, extorted for money, and then killed.

## SECURITY GUARD

AGE UNKNOWN, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE** COMPENSATION

\$84,600,000 ~\$2,100,000

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Contracted Security Guard

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Security system loopholes, money movement and tracking patterns, and that the security camera does not record

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Unknown

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Befriended bank staff to get access to vault, took cellphone photos in vault, and eavesdropped on employee conversations about security

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #03



OPPORTUNISTIC



PASSIVE

### LUFTHANSA HEIST

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DECEMBER 1978 • NEW YORK, U.S.A.

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### CARGO AGENT

MARCH 2016

The Lufthansa Heist (a subdue and seize heist that inspired the film *Goodfellas*) was aided by a cargo agent, an opportunistic insider that approached his bookie (whom he owed \$20k) with a plan to steal unmarked cash from the Lufthansa cargo terminal at JFK. His bookie had been stringing him along waiting for a juicy tip. The cargo agent was eventually caught when his friends turned in information and testified against him.

## CARGO AGENT

46 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE      COMPENSATION

\$29,100,000      \$2,000,000

### ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Lufthansa cargo agent for 10 years - met incoming flights, removed/secured all incoming shipments marked "valuable" or "important," and assigned pick-up orders

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

Security procedures at airport, date and location of loot, and flight manifest (to identify cash containers)

### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

As employee, responsible for \$22,000 in foreign currency that went missing in 1976, and convicted of stealing the \$22,000 in 1979

### INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Made up fake security procedure so that goods stayed in the hanger over the weekend

### OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

See Card #04

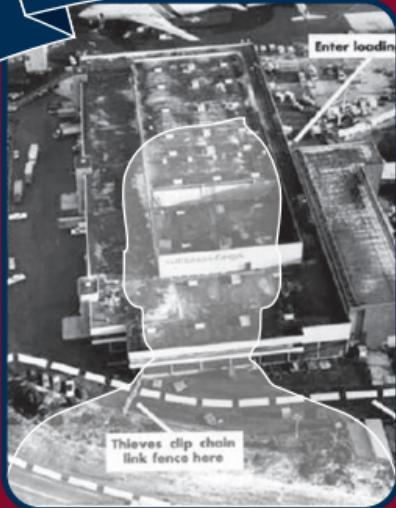


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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #04

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## LUFTHANSA HEIST

DECEMBER 1978 • NEW YORK, U.S.A.



**FREIGHT HANDLER**

MARCH 2016

The Lufthansa Heist (a subdue and seize heist that inspired the film *Goodfellas*) was aided by a freight handler, an opportunistic insider that worked with a cargo agent (See Card #03) to assemble a criminal team. The freight handler was involved in an earlier heist of \$22,000 from Lufthansa in 1976, and had a severe gambling addiction. Also a Lufthansa employee, he provided info about Lufthansa procedures and promised to keep silent about the cargo agent's involvement. He was eventually caught trying to flee the country and agreed to testify against the cargo agent.

## FREIGHT HANDLER

66 YEARS OLD, MALE

► TOTAL HEIST VALUE

\$29,100,000

► COMPENSATION

\$65,000

+50,000 (if he lost his job)

► ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Freight Handler

► INFORMATION PROVIDED

Details about shipment

► PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Stole \$22K from Lufthansa in 1976 (not convicted at that time)

► INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Worked to assemble criminal team

► OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

See Card #03



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #05



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### SECURITAS CASH DEPOT HEIST

FEBRUARY 2006 • TONBRIDGE, U.K.



**CASH  
ADMINISTRATOR**

MARCH 2016

In the Securitas Cash Depot Heist, thieves posed as police officers to execute the tiger kidnapping of a bank manager. They were aided by a cash administrator, who was recruited to provide insider information in December 2005. The cash administrator asked the depot many questions regarding amounts of money stored, wall thickness, loading bay operations, CCTV cameras, and panic alarms. He felt that he was poorly paid at the depot, and had an expected share of \$11,000,000 from the heist, which was planned at least a year before it occurred.

## CASH ADMINISTRATOR

27 YEARS OLD, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**

\$107,400,000

**COMPENSATION**

~ \$11,000,000

### ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Worked for two months at the time of heist (after a ten minute job interview), mainly handling money

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

Hidden camera footage of inside the depot. Believed to have provided a hand drawn map of the depot and information on the abducted manager

### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Illegal immigration to the United Kingdom in 1999

### INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Obtained camera footage of the depot and information on security protocols

### OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #06



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### SECURITAS CASH DEPOT HEIST

FEBRUARY 2006 • TONBRIDGE, U.K.



MANAGER

MARCH 2016

In the Securitas Cash Depot heist, thieves posed as police officers to execute the tiger kidnapping of a bank manager. They were aided by a cash administrator (see Card #05), who was recruited to provide insider information by a fellow Albanian illegal immigrant in December 2005. When the thieves abducted and threatened his wife and family, the bank manager provided all requested security details about the depot and allowed the thieves access after hours.

## MANAGER

51 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE	COMPENSATION
\$107,400,000	His Life
ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY	
Manager	
INFORMATION PROVIDED	
Explicit security details about the depot	
PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY	
Unknown	
INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN	
Convinced control room guard to open the main gate to the thieves and let them in	
OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED	
See Card #05	



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #07



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ACTIVE  
NONVIOLENT

### SUMITOMO MITSUI BANK HEIST

OCTOBER 2004 • LONDON, U.K.



**SECURITY CHIEF**

MARCH 2016

The Sumitomo Mitsui Bank Heist, where key-logging software was installed on fund-transferring computer terminals, was aided by an insider, the Chief of Physical security. He was recruited after overheard bragging in pubs about his job at the bank. Before the heist he even inquired about making extra access badges for the thieves. He used his role to let cyber-thieves install the key-logging software, and was caught on CCTV cameras that he failed to disable completely.

## SECURITY CHIEF

29 YEARS OLD, MALE

► TOTAL HEIST VALUE

\$494,200,000

► COMPENSATION

Unknown

► ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Security Chief

► INFORMATION PROVIDED

Unknown

► PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

None

► INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Cut wires on CCTV cameras, turned down sensitivity on motion activated cameras, and let hackers in to install key-loggers

► OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

Unknown



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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #08

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ACTIVE  
NONVIOLENT

## SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE BANK HEIST

JULY 1976 • NICE, FRANCE



**CLIENT**

MARCH 2016

The Société Générale Bank Heist, where thieves tunneled 60 feet from the city sewers to the underground vault, was aided by inside information obtained by a safe deposit box client. The client, a French army paratrooper-turned-criminal, was able to accomplish the epitome of a stealth raid; welding the vault door shut from the inside. He even inscribed on the wall of the vault the words *sans armes, ni haine, ni violence*, or *without weapons, nor hatred, nor violence*. He was eventually caught when his girlfriend turned in one of the thieves, who then turned in everyone else involved.

## CLIENT

43 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE	COMPENSATION
\$41,700,000	Unknown

### ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Safe Deposit Box Client

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

Alarm system information

### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Court-martialed/kicked out of the army for attempted robbery, and imprisoned for 4 years for hiding weapons in his basement

### INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Placed alarm clock in a box in the vault to see if there were any sound alarms, and drew up maps and floor plans

### OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

Unknown



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #09



OPPORTUNISTIC



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NONVIOLENT

### STARDUST CASINO HEIST

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SEPTEMBER 1992 • LAS VEGAS, U.S.A.

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### CASINO CASHIER

MARCH 2016

The Stardust Casino Heist was aided by a casino cashier. When he first started working at Stardust, he was well liked. However, when he started associating with a big bettor, his attitude changed quickly. He wanted to become supervisor, but the manager didn't trust him. One day on a lunch break, the cashier stole \$800,000 worth of cash and chips in a backpack. He abandoned his Las Vegas apartment after picking up his cat and has not been seen since.

## CASINO CASHIER

34 YEARS OLD, MALE

► TOTAL HEIST VALUE      COMPENSATION

\$800,000      \$800,000

► ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Casino Cashier

► INFORMATION PROVIDED

Knowledge of security systems (walked out without being recorded or stopped)

► PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Unknown

► INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Walked out with backpack full of cash and chips

► OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

Unknown



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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #10

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## CIRCUS CIRCUS HEIST

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OCTOBER 1993 • LAS VEGAS, U.S.A.

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## SECURITY GUARD

MARCH 2016

The Circus Circus Heist was aided by an insider armored car driver. She was recruited for the heist and planted at Circus Circus by her boyfriend, who was previously convicted of murdering an armored car driver during an attempted robbery. After working there for 6 weeks, she stole an armored car full of cash, disguised herself, and flew to Denver with her boyfriend in a private jet. After turning herself in in 2005, the car driver claimed she was somewhat coerced with hypnosis and manipulation.

## SECURITY GUARD

21 YEARS OLD, FEMALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE	COMPENSATION
\$2,600,000	Unknown
ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY	
Armored car driver	
INFORMATION PROVIDED	
Job duties, amounts of money handled, and “big” money days	
PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY	
None	
INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN	
Drove off with armored truck full of cash	
OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED	
None	



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #11



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## HARRY WINSTON DIAMOND HEIST

DECEMBER 2008 • PARIS, FRANCE



# SECURITY GUARD

MARCH 2016

The Harry Winston Diamond Heist, where four men dressed as women threatened employees with a revolver and hand grenade, was aided by a security guard. The guard was recruited at the gym when he was overheard talking about sloppy security at the store. He was eventually caught when police noticed how calm he looked on the security footage. He is quoted as saying that if he had not been caught, “there would have been more robberies.”

## SECURITY GUARD

32 YEARS OLD, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$114,900,000      \$300,000

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Security Guard

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Alarm location, time of police arrival, number of employees, equipment security agents, names/addresses of employees, presence of silent alarms, and secret compartments

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

None

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Opened door for thieves and held it open on their way out

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

Unknown



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #12

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ACTIVE  
NONVIOLENT

## GARDNER MUSEUM ART HEIST

MARCH 1990 • BOSTON, U.S.A.



**SECURITY GUARD**

MARCH 2016

In the Gardner Museum Art Heist, two men posing as police officers handcuffed both security guards, wrapped duct tape around their eyes and mouths, and bound them to a steam pipe. The security guard on duty was an unwitting insider who allowed the thieves into the building because he believed them to be police officers. Some still suspect he may have been a willing insider due to him letting in a man the night before the heist and submitting his two week notice immediately prior to the heist, but the FBI states that those responsible for the heist have been identified and are dead.

## SECURITY GUARD

23 YEARS OLD, MALE

► TOTAL HEIST VALUE      COMPENSATION

\$454,400,000      Unknown

► ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Guard

► INFORMATION PROVIDED

Unknown

► PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

None

► INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Allowed an unidentified man into the museum the night before heist (suspected to have been casing the joint), and let the two thieves into the museum the night of the crime

► OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

None

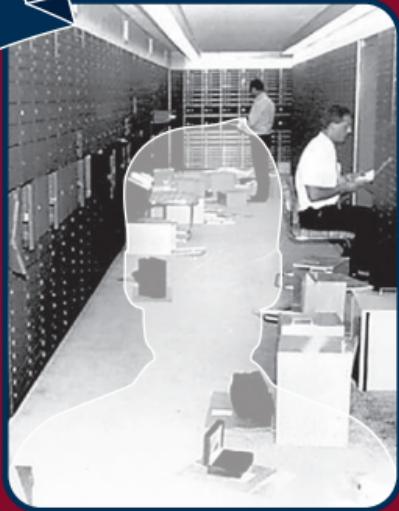


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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #13

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Self-preservation-societies-a-brief-history-of-heists.html?image=12



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## KNIGHTSBRIDGE SAFE DEPOSIT CENTER HEIST

JULY 1987 • LONDON, U.K.



OWNER

MARCH 2016

The Knightsbridge Safe Deposit Center Heist was aided by the owner, who had a cocaine addiction, was heavily in debt, and was recruited to steal from his own property. The owner scheduled new guards the night of the heist so that the thieves wouldn't be recognized. During the heist he led two men to a private viewing room in the center's vault, where a pistol was drawn on him. The two thieves then subdued the security guard and used sledgehammers and crowbars to force open safe deposit boxes.

## OWNER

29 YEARS OLD, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$134,300,000      ~\$50,000,000

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Owner/Manager

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Bank operations and security systems

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

None

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Upped insurance to £1 million, scheduled new guards to work the night of the heist, and led thieves into a private viewing room in the center's vault

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #14

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ACTIVE  
VIOLENT

## KNIGHTSBRIDGE SAFE DEPOSIT CENTER HEIST

JULY 1987 • LONDON, U.K.



**CLIENT**

MARCH 2016

The Knightsbridge Safe Deposit Center Heist was aided by the owner and a safe deposit box client. The client, already an accomplished thief, befriended the owner before recruiting him to steal from his own property. During the heist, the client and an accomplice were led to a private viewing room in the center's vault by the owner before drawing a pistol on him. The two thieves then subdued the security guard and used sledgehammers and crowbars to force open safe deposit boxes.

## CLIENT

32 YEARS OLD, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$134,300,000      ~\$50,000,000

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Client

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Master planner, got information from owner

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Accomplished criminal (first theft at age 16)

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Recruited the owner and committed robbery

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #15

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ACTIVE  
NONVIOLENT

## NORTHERN BANK CASH HEIST

DECEMBER 2004 • BELFAST, U.K.



**SUPERVISOR**

MARCH 2016

The Northern Bank Cash Heist was aided by the tiger kidnappings of two bank executives, a bank supervisor and an assistant bank manager. Thieves went to their homes and held their families hostage in order to coerce the bank officials into helping them. The thieves then instructed the two key-holding bank officials on what to do at work the next day, with the consequence of failure being the death of their families.

## **SUPERVISOR**

**23 YEARS OLD, MALE**

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$62,500,000      His Life

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Bank Supervisor

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Security and operations info

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Unknown

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Brought out \$1,000,000 in cash during the day then moved the rest after the other employees went home

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #16

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## NORTHERN BANK CASH HEIST

DECEMBER 2004 • BELFAST, U.K.



**ASST. MANAGER**

MARCH 2016

The Northern Bank Cash Heist was aided by the tiger kidnappings of two bank executives, a bank supervisor and an assistant bank manager. Thieves went to their homes and held their families hostage in order to coerce the bank officials into helping them. The thieves then instructed the two key-holding bank officials on what to do at work the next day, with the consequence of failure being the death of their families.

## ASST. MANAGER

AGE UNKNOWN, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$62,500,000      His Life

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Assistant Bank Manager

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Unknown

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Unknown

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Moved cash after sending the employees home

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #17

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## ANTWERP DIAMOND HEIST

FEBRUARY 2003 • ANTWERP, BELGIUM



**TENANT**

MARCH 2016

The vault in the Antwerp Diamond Heist was protected by ten layers of security, but many were faulty (e.g., motion sensors weren't anti-masking, CCTV recordings were stored via on-site videotapes, etc.) and the center did not conduct background checks on tenants. A master thief became a tenant of the facility and then used his position to obtain inside information. Taking advantage of the security faults he discovered, he led a ring of Italian thieves and stole hundreds of millions worth of gold, jewelry, diamonds, etc.

## **TENANT**

**~50 YEARS OLD, MALE**

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**

\$343,000,000

**COMPENSATION**

Unknown

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Tenant in the Diamond Center

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Vault and security system layouts

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Committed other heists before this

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Scouted/took photos of vault and security systems during normal business hours and also scouted nearby locations

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

None



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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #18

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## NASA Moon Rock Heist

JUNE 2002 • HOUSTON, U.S.A.



**INTERN**

MARCH 2016

In the NASA Moon Rock Heist, 3 interns were involved in stealing over \$30 million worth of moon rocks from the Apollo missions. He was the mastermind, and recruited two other interns to help him. They were able to execute the heist by using neoprene bodysuits to elude heat sensors, looping security camera footage, cracking vault codes, and obtaining access codes from other coworkers. He was eventually caught by the FBI when he tried to sell the rocks online.

## INTERN

25 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE      COMPENSATION

\$33,200,000      Unknown

ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Intern

INFORMATION PROVIDED

Location, security procedures, access

PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Stole dinosaur bones from museum in Utah

INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Broke into building and stole safe containing lunar rocks from all Apollo missions, and tried to sell them anonymously online (caught by FBI)

OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

See Card #19 and Card #20



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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #19



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## NASA MOON ROCK HEIST

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JUNE 2002 • HOUSTON, USA

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**INTERN**

MARCH 2016

In the NASA Moon Rock Heist, 3 interns were involved in stealing over \$30 million worth of moon rocks from the Apollo missions. She was recruited by the mastermind (another intern) to take part in the heist. They were able to execute the heist by using neoprene bodysuits to elude heat sensors, looping security camera footage, cracking vault codes, and obtaining access codes from other coworkers.

## INTERN

22 YEARS OLD, FEMALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**  
\$33,200,000      Unknown

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**  
Intern

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**  
Location, security procedures, access

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**  
Unknown

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**  
Broke into building and stole safe containing lunar rocks  
from all Apollo missions

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**  
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# HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #20

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## NASA Moon Rock Heist

JUNE 2002 • HOUSTON, USA



INTERN

MARCH 2016

In the NASA Moon Rock Heist, 3 interns were involved in stealing over \$30 million worth of moon rocks from the Apollo missions. The youngest of the interns was recruited by another intern (the mastermind) to help steal the rocks. Her role during the heist was to be a lookout and watch rewired security cameras while the other two interns stole the rocks.

## INTERN

19 YEARS OLD, FEMALE

► TOTAL HEIST VALUE	COMPENSATION
\$33,200,000	Unknown

► ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Intern

► INFORMATION PROVIDED

Location, security procedures, access

► PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Unknown

► INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Helped break into the building and steal safe containing lunar rocks from all Apollo missions

► OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

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### THE MONA LISA HEIST

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AUGUST 1911 • PARIS, FRANCE

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**EX-SECURITY GUARD**

MARCH 2016

The Mona Lisa Heist was committed by an insider, who was a security guard at the Louvre for only 3 months before the heist. He was able to steal the Mona Lisa by hiding in a broom closet Sunday night and stealing the painting on Monday, when the museum was closed to the public. He stole the painting in order to restore the national treasure to Italy, but later turned himself in while asking for a reward.

## EX-SECURITY GUARD

30 YEARS OLD, MALE

TOTAL HEIST VALUE	COMPENSATION
~\$119,800,000	~\$2,400,000

### ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY

Guard

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

Building layout, procedures, operating hours

### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Unknown

### INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN

Hid in a broom closet Sunday night (museum closed to public on Mondays), masqueraded as a guard, and carried out the painting

### OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED

Unknown



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## HEIST INSIDERS: CARD #22



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### BRINK'S-MAT GOLD HEIST

NOVEMBER 1983 • LONDON, U.K.



### SECURITY GUARD

MARCH 2016

In the Brink's-Mat Gold Heist, insider information from a security guard was used to determine which employees had combinations to the vault. They were doused with gasoline and coerced to open the vault doors, but one employee was too nervous to remember the combination of the inner vault door. The thieves made away with nearly \$89 million worth of gold bullion from the outer vault. The security guard was eventually caught when his brother-in-law, a known criminal who originally recruited him, confessed during police investigation.

## SECURITY GUARD

31 YEARS OLD, MALE

**TOTAL HEIST VALUE**      **COMPENSATION**

\$88,700,000      Unknown

**ROLE AT TARGETED FACILITY**

Security Guard

**INFORMATION PROVIDED**

Photos of the vault, information on security procedures, and the names of guards who had the necessary authority to open vault

**PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Unknown

**INSIDER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Passed out keys to the main security gate, took photos of vault, and helped to disarm security systems

**OTHER INSIDERS INVOLVED**

Unknown



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