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Members are now be able to download news letters, class information and updates as they happen. Links will be provided to our lock manufactures and to the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

<http://www.gclalocksmiths.org/>

**"NEWS LETTERS TO BE POSTED ON INTERNET FOR DOWNLOAD"**

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GCLA usually meets the first Wednesday of every month, except for the month of the ALOA convention. Dinner is served @ 7:00 and; meetings usually begin at 7:30 pm with a guest speaker and a business meeting. Write GCLA, 1261 Humbracht Circle, Unit B, Bartlett, Illinois 60103. E-Mail [gclalocksmith@comcast.net](mailto:gclalocksmith@comcast.net) or visit our website [www.gcla.us](http://www.gcla.us) All locksmiths with personal and professional integrity and industry representatives are welcome.

**\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERS we ask you to please provide your email address to Association\*\*\*\*\***



## **KEYNOTER**

Our monthly **News Letter** "KEYNOTER" and correspondence between members and the Greater Chicago Locksmith Association will be by sent email. We feel at this time everyone has internet service. Members will be able to receive up to date information at a click of a button.

This will allow are members to receive a more professional looking monthly KEYNOTER an to receive any updated information in a timely manor.

## **EDUCATION:**

**Next Month I should have a better Idea on our next up coming classes that we will be sponsoring.**

**Many members are asking for another swap market, We will be sending out flyers in the next few months, with information on date and time an cost of the tables.**

**On the last page of the news letter you will see an article off the internet on Locksmith Scam Using Illegal Aliens , show this to your phone company and ask them are they allowing multiple listing as what was presented in the article.**

**Its that time of the year again are Locksmith License fee's (TAX) are due by May please don't forget all benefits you receive as a License Locksmith.**

**I am asking our members is there any special product line you would like to see as a guest speaker, or would you like a class that we have not sponsored please let your board know.**

**The Greater Chicago Locksmiths' Association is a Corporation The GCLA Logo is free for uses on your web pages, and for your company advertisement as long as you are a paid up member. The GCLA is a corporation and the use of our seal/Logo is rescinded upon failure to pay your yearly dues. If a passed member choose not to remove our Logo from his advertisement legal action can incur. Displaying the GCLA Logo in your advertisement as a past member of the GCLA is not allowed. The GCLA logo can only be displayed as Member of the GCLA.**

**Any paid up member who would like a logo to be used in your advertisement can contact us at [larry@gcla.biz](mailto:larry@gcla.biz) A perfect logo can be emailed to you.**

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**Officers 2010**

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**Members all dues for 2011 need to be paid.**

**Regular Membership \$100.00**

**Company Membership \$200.00**

**What you are getting for your dues.**

**Most of the Classes have been free with free lunch.**

**You are provided a dinner at each meeting.**

**All members are allow free pop, ice tea & coffee**

**Your Membership is a Tax right off.**

**Class Instructors needing to be paid.**

**A locksmith library for your use.**

**Free Internet during our meeting**

**Please don't procrastinate it time to get your dues in.**

**What your dues are doing for the GCLA**

**Paying the TAXES for the Barlett an Chicago property and thanks to our wonderful Politicians for such a large increases in our taxes**

**All utility that have to be paid and any upcoming expenses. Supply that are needed for running of the GCLA. Payment to Class Instructors and hotel expenses for Instructors.**

## GCLA Headquarters—Bartlett, Illinois

**From Chicago** Take Hwy 290 west exit at the Elgin O'Hare Thorndale Ave. Go left west on the Elgin O'Hare to Lake street/ Tt,20 Turn left on Lake street, Rt20 and turn right at first light on Greenbrook Ave . Travel on Greenbrook past Countyfarm.,. Greenbrook Changes to Stearns road, past Bartlett road, past Rt59 and turn right at the first light which is Munger. On Munger turn right on Humbracht Cir. The fourth building on the Right look for 1261 Humbracht Cir, Bartlett IL 60103

**From Chicago on North Ave** Go west on North Ave until Rt59 make a right turn going north to Stearns @ Stearns Rd make a left turn and proceed to the next stop light Munger Rd make a right turn until the next stop sign @ Humbracht Circle make a right turn and proceed down to the fourth building on the right 1261 Humbracht Circle / Unit B.

**From Rt59 and Stearns** go west on Stearns make a right at the 1st light which is Munger and take the 1st right which is Humbracht Circle. Look for 1261 Humbracht Circle, Unit B.

# Guest Speaker for the Month

## CAMERA AGENT

The mission of Camera Agent is simple: to provide our customers with cost effective managed hosting solutions that allow them to focus on the core aspects of their business. From hosted video systems to business-class email solutions, we have a package and proven strategy designed help you meet your goals, no matter how simple or complex they may be. With dedicated support provided by our knowledgeable customer service agents and technicians, you can count on us to walk with you every step of the way on the path to success.

Some firms specialize in IP cameras, some lend their talents to colocation, and others limit their activities to email hosting. CameraAgent.com offers the most highly demand solutions under one roof to cater to customers with wide ranging requirements.

Whether you need a surveillance system, a website, or a more efficient communication system, feel free to get in touch and find out how we can help with your branding strategy.

<http://www.cameraagent.com/>

## Calendar of events



**March 2nd . General meeting.**

**Dinner will be starting at 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker from 7:30 to 8:15**

**General Meeting 8:15**

**Board meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month**



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## **Support our Associate Members—They support you!**

## Inside Story Headline off the internet

### Florida Locksmith Service Indicted In Scam Using Illegal Aliens

<http://downtown.fox2now.com/news/crime/florida-locksmith-service-indicted-scam-using-illegal-aliens/49945>

The United States Attorney's Office announced today that the owners of a Florida based locksmith service were charged in a superseding indictment on multiple federal charges involving a scam to overcharge customers for locksmith services, as well as employing and harboring illegal aliens.

According to the superseding indictment, Dependable Locks, Inc., headquartered in Clearwater, FL, managed a national network of locksmith technicians, operating from major population centers across the United States, including St. Louis. It also maintained a full-time staff of telephone operators and dispatchers, who were on duty 24 hours per day in Clearwater. The dispatchers received phone calls electronically forwarded from hundreds to thousands of telephone numbers listed nationwide for emergency locksmith services, all of which forwarded consumer calls to the call center in Florida. The dispatchers received the calls and the business dispatched locksmith technicians from the area of the call to respond. Many of the locksmith technicians working for Dependable Locks were aliens who were unlawfully present in the United States and were not authorized to work as locksmith technicians.

The indictment alleges that the locksmith company engaged in deceptive marketing by purchasing directory listings and advertisements in cities across the United States that identified the business to the public as a set of local locksmith companies. The company's listings used multiple business names, local phone numbers, and fake local addresses that had no affiliation with the company. Phone calls to the listed phone numbers were automatically routed to the company's call center in Clearwater, Florida. In addition, telephone operators for Dependable Locks were instructed by managers to mislead customers to believe that they would be charged around \$54 for a car lockout, while the responding technician was instructed by managers to charge up to \$179 for a lockout. Technicians used techniques such as accusing the consumer who objected to the overcharge of "theft of services," threatening to call the police, withholding the customer's keys or driver's license to compel payment, or following the customer to an ATM machine to ensure payment.

The locksmith technicians allegedly were allowed to split the profits of the fraudulently procured locksmith services with the company and were required to remit the company's share of the proceeds by regularly purchasing and shipping cash, checks, and money orders to the Dependable Locks location in Clearwater, FL.

"After more than a year of following numerous leads with ICE and the Missouri Attorney General's Office, we are pleased to see this case continue to progress," said Postal Inspector JR Ball of the St. Louis Field Office. He added, "The US Postal Inspection Service is vigilant in investigating allegations where the mail or postal products are used to conceal or further a crime."

David Peer, 32, Clearwater, FL; and Adam Olivkovich, address unknown, were indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, five felony counts of mail fraud, one felony count of conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens for private financial gain and one felony count of engaging in a pattern of hiring unauthorized aliens. Moshe Aharoni, 30, Clearwater, FL, was indicted on one felony count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and one felony count of conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens for private financial gain.

Conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000. Mail fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000. Conspiracy to harbor unlawful aliens for private financial gain carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000. Engaging in a pattern of hiring unauthorized aliens carries a maximum penalty of six months in prison and/or a fine of \$3,000 per alien. In determining the actual sentences, a Judge is required to consider the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide recommended sentencing ranges.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Missouri Attorney General's Office, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Assistant United States Attorneys John Sauer and John Ware are handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In Illinois where we are required to carry a Locksmith License, Florida is unregulated I have been informed that at the present time the State of Florida's legislators have a bill in the House and in the Senate to allow a state wide Locksmith License.



## Bill Status of HB3091 97th General Assembly Illinois

**Short Description:** CONSUMER FRAUD-LOCKSMITH

**House Sponsors**  
Rep. [Arthur Turner](#)

**Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/23/2011	House	Referred to <a href="#">Rules Committee</a>

**Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance**

815 ILCS 505/2LLL new

**Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that no person who engages in the business of a locksmith shall commence work involving the keying, rekeying, installation, repair, opening, or modification of locks, for compensation that **exceeds \$100**, without first providing to the consumer a written price estimate or a written price limit. Provides for a number of disclosures on any written price estimate or limit. Provides that the person who performs a locksmith service shall retain the original copy of the written price estimate or limit for a period of 2 years. Provides that a violation is an unlawful practice under the Act. Effective immediately.

**Actions\_**

Date	Chamber	Action
2/23/2011	House	Filed with the Clerk by <a href="#">Rep. Arthur Turner</a>
2/23/2011	House	First Reading
2/23/2011	House	Referred to <a href="#">Rules Committee</a>

**People step up and smell the roses, if this bill get passed expect to be doing a lot more paper work, and making less money. I do understand why this is being introduced but to have the locksmith provide the customer with a written estimate for all work starting at \$100.00 is a joke. A price of \$300.00 would have been a lot better price to start from.**

**Most Service calls with parking just into the downtown area of Chicago is between \$125-140 with the increases in parking in just the last month.**

It's the people in our government who don't know anything about the Locksmiths. Who are trying to get these laws passed. I attend one of these meetings last year to voice the locksmiths opinion an at that time I realized they had no idea what a locksmith really was they were using the guide lines from the auto industry as a outline for there structure on writing quotes. All of the locksmiths whom were at the above meeting with the states attorney all said the same thing it's not going to work.

**I don't know if this bill has passed, but please get in contact with your state rep**

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