

Descriptions of Common Theft and Diversion Methods and Schemes

Scheme	Description
Breakout Scheme	<p>Description: Acquiring and using an existing company to acquire materials, usually with no intent to pay.</p> <p>Example: A person assumes ownership of a manufacturing business that produces or makes use of hazardous materials and places an order using the existing business name.</p>
Co-opted Customer	<p>Description: Using an existing company's or person's payment information or ordering system without approval or knowledge to acquire and possibly pay for materials. Also referred to as False Flag.</p> <p>Example: A person obtains and uses a corporate credit card for an existing business and places an order.</p>
Dummy Company	<p>Description: Creating a fictional or front company to hide the identity of its principal(s), usually to conduct an illegal activity.</p> <p>Example: A person creates a front company to place and even pay for orders or conduct illegal activities. The front company may have a physical address but usually does not conduct any legitimate business.</p>
Hijacking	<p>Description: Forcibly halting and seizing a conveyance making a pick-up or delivery in order to rob it. High-value shipments are particularly susceptible to hijacking.</p> <p>Example: A person with inside knowledge of a shipment might stop and seize a delivery truck and take the contents or share that information with individuals who would commit the crime.</p>
Pretext Purchase	<p>Description: Using false statements to acquire restricted or monitored materials.</p> <p>Example: A person places an order, claiming to be in an occupation or position with a legitimate need for the materials.</p>
Robbery	<p>Description: Taking the property of another, with the intent to permanently deprive the person of that property, by means of force or fear. Robbery differs from simple theft in its use of violence and intimidation.</p> <p>Example: A team of armed thieves overpowers a security guard to steal property from a secure storage facility.</p>