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**OFFICIAL INFORMATION LOST AND STOLEN !**

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NEWS:  
THE COMPUTER AND INTERNET CRIME CONFERENCE 2005

The Annual International Conference on Computer and Internet Crime took place in London on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th January, 2005.

There were some new products not yet advertised elsewhere and surprisingly, a back-to-basics-type firm which is producing solid, heavy, steel cases and locks for keeping laptops when on the road. There are fourteen thousand government laptops that are stolen and/or lost every year. Can you imagine how much secure DATA is lost or stolen this way? Encryption is the answer, as well as locking up the equipment in a solid box chained into your car. Encryption software costs no more than £100 pounds, a tenth of the cost of a computer. What is most surprising, is that none of the officers who lost their laptop computers were punished, put on a risk list or given encryption on their computer after these incidents.

A most impressive exhibition was given by Prevx on intrusion prevention. Awareness about blackmail and electronic bullying was raised. Prevx showed how easy to install are the programs that are proactive and preventive. There are many malicious incidents in UK companies, especially where a disgruntled ex-employee sabotages the company's data. How many businesses have a security officer or a fraud policy?

The most surprising and depressing point about this conference was that police could be counted on one hand, instead of being the major part of the delegate list.

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