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FBI catalogs possible concealed weapons

By Curt Anderson
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WASHINGTON — The FBI is warning security personnel about dozens of everyday items — from belt buckles to keys to a deadly deck of cards — that can conceal knives or other weapons terrorists could use to hijack an airliner.

Many items cost less than \$20 and can be difficult to detect using airport screening devices, according to an FBI statement accompanying the 89-page catalog obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The catalog has been converted into a CD and circulated to airport screeners and law enforcement around the country amid heightened vigilance aimed at preventing another suicide hijacking by al-Qaida.

"It was designed to raise security awareness for law enforcement and airline security," FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said.

U.S. law enforcement officials previously have warned that al-Qaida might use improvised or easily obtained substances to mount attacks, especially chemicals that are dangerous when mixed. What makes the FBI weapons list unusual is that most of the concealable knives, pepper spray devices and other items are inexpensive and can be purchased from manufacturers in the United States, Taiwan, Japan, Italy, Sweden, China and elsewhere.

Knives are concealed in belt buckles, hairbrushes and combs, working cigarette lighters, crucifixes, lipstick cases, canes, umbrellas, keychains, pens, mock credit cards and money clips. While many of the blades are small, others are at least four inches long and some are sword-length.

Among the more exotic items is a deck of fake playing cards made of metal, with sharp edges, that can be thrown with deadly

results. One fake key made in Japan conceals a knife and a smaller key that could be used to escape from handcuffs.

One device, called a "shuckra," is a metal tube containing a wire that, when locked into place, becomes a hardened spike that could be used as a dagger.

There are false name-brand soap, hair-spray, shaving cream and cleanser cans with hidden compartments — the FBI calls them "can safes" — where weapons or dangerous substances could be placed. Fake books with hollowed centers are used as safes.

Each item in the catalog is shown with a ruler to give security personnel a sense of scale and an X-ray image of how it might appear when viewed in an airport screening device.

The FBI's collection was purchased through catalogs, at knife shows and through other commercial outlets.

The 19 men who hijacked four jetliners on Sept. 11, 2001, used common boxcutters as weapons, and the FBI catalog is circulating at a time of increased security at airports based on intelligence collected from captured al-Qaida operatives and al-Qaida safe houses about plans for another attack using the nation's air travel system.

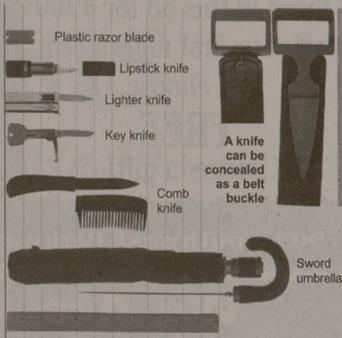
The Transportation Security Administration forbids air travelers from carrying sharp objects into an aircraft cabin. The agency bans such items as boxcutters, metal scissors with pointed tips, meat cleavers, swords and ice picks.

But the FBI catalog notes there are many other razor knives and penknives that are used in construction and other businesses that could be just as deadly in the hands of a terrorist. Even plastic knives are included.

"Each of these tools was designed to cut and is fully functional in that respect," the FBI statement says. "Whether used to cut paper, cardboard or other material, these knives should be treated as potentially dan-

Airport screeners beware

An FBI list of concealed weapons is being distributed to airport personnel. It includes a wide array of inexpensive, creative and in some cases undetectable instruments of violence.



SOURCE: FBI

gerous weapons."

The Homeland Security Department on Tuesday warned travelers to expect greater scrutiny of cameras, cell phones and other electronics because of evidence al-Qaida had experimented with using cameras to house stun guns or explosives.

The government also recently tightened visa rules for international travelers passing through U.S. airports after warnings in late July that al-Qaida teams might try to hijack international flights.

The FBI concealed weapons catalog is unrelated to these latest warnings. Officials say a worker at the FBI lab in Quantico, Va., began the catalog shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks so that security personnel would be aware of the vast array of dangerous items that can be legally purchased and might be difficult to detect.

Italian scientists say they have cloned a horse

By Rick Callahan
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Scientists in Italy say they have created the world's first cloned horse, raising the possibility of a sequel to the next Seabiscuit or a carbon copy of Kentucky Derby champion Funny Cide.

The small, sturdy work horse is now two months old, weighs about 220 pounds and is in excellent health, said its creators. Their announcement beats a Texas A&M team awaiting the birth of its own horse clone.

The cloned Haflinger horse is named Prometea after Prometheus, the character in Greek mythology who stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans.

Now that horse-cloning has arrived, it could allow the replication of valuable horses or endangered breeds, said Cesare

Galli, director of the Laboratory of Reproductive Technology in Cremona, Italy.

"The most obvious use is to give a sterile animal or animals that die or can't breed because of some disease a chance to reproduce," Galli said.

Prometea was born just two weeks after the first member of the equine family — a mule — was cloned at the University of Idaho.

The mules were cloned from cells extracted from developing mule fetuses. But Prometea's DNA came from her adult mother's skin cells. Cloning adult DNA has proven more difficult than copying fetal DNA.

The Idaho team harvested fertile eggs, one at a time, from mares. They then removed the nucleus of each egg and inserted DNA from cells of a mule fetus. Those reconstructed eggs were surgically implanted into the wombs of female horses.

Galli's team, however, harvested hundreds of eggs from mare carcasses at a slaughterhouse. They cultured the eggs, removed their DNA and replaced it with DNA taken from either adult male or female horse skin cells.

Of 841 reconstructed embryos, 22 developed to advanced embryos within about a week. Seventeen of those were introduced into nine mares, resulting in four pregnancies, but only Prometea developed to full term.

Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, was euthanized this year after she contracted a common livestock disease and her cells showed signs of premature aging.

Gordon Woods, who led the University of Idaho mule-cloning team, said the successes in cloning equines could open the door to cloning racing champions.

For example, Funny Cide, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness races, is a gelding.

Geldings were widely thought to be uncompetitive. Funny Cide otherwise would've been a lucrative stud horse. Cloning him would keep his champion genes in play.

"If one could clone Funny Cide, the clone of him could be the stud. He could pass on the genetics," Woods said.

But Texas A&M research veterinarian Katrin Hinrichs, leader of the rival horse cloning group, said clones would be rejected by the Jockey Club, which registers thoroughbred horses.

Hinrichs is awaiting the birth of a cloned American quarter horse in mid-November. She believes cloning's most obvious use in the horse industry would be cloning such show horses.

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