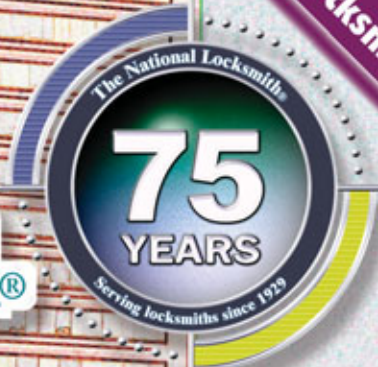


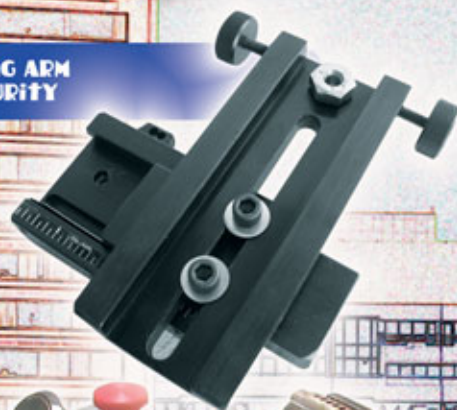
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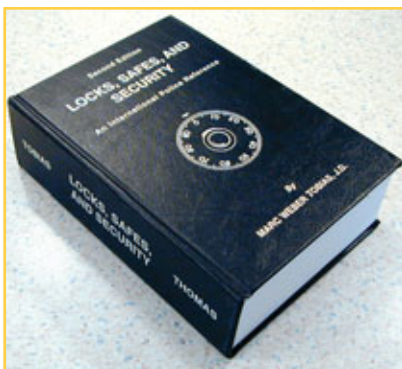
Information is a powerful thing. With it, almost anything is possible. Without it, you will be held back by the limits of your own ability and imagination.

There are many sources of information. You may find a little here or a little over there. Some in this book and some in that book. You could spend a lifetime acquiring information. Then you would have to ask yourself how you would sort through the mass of information to find exactly what you are looking for.

What if someone else found and compiled over a million words of written information for you. Not good enough? Well, let's add approximately 100 hours of audio and video information. Still not interested?

Let's go one step further. What if you could sit in front of your computer and watch someone show you how to impress a lock or decode a masterkey system? No kidding!

Well, Marc Weber Tobias has done just that. He has compiled an information treasure trove in a massive book called *Locks,*



1. This is where it all started. *Locks, Safes and Security*, published on December 27th 2000, is a 1400 page work of art. It covers every conceivable aspect of physical security. The book has well over a million words and around 550 photos and illustrations.

*Safes, and Security* (see photograph 1). (See the September 2001 issue of *The National Locksmith*)

Next, he put all of this information in a database to make searching for information quick and easy (see photograph 2). (See the July 2002 issue of *The National Locksmith*)

Now for version 5.0 Marc has added over

100 new audio and video interviews and demonstrations (see photograph 3). There are more than 100 additional photos. He has also added approximately 150 new sections to the book with numerous updates and additions to existing sections.

There is no other collection of information like this anywhere in the world, nor is there likely to be. Who is this guy? Let me give you a brief overview of Marc and talk about some of the controversial information in this book.

Marc Weber Tobias has authored four law enforcement textbooks dealing with criminal law, police communications, and security. Tobias received a



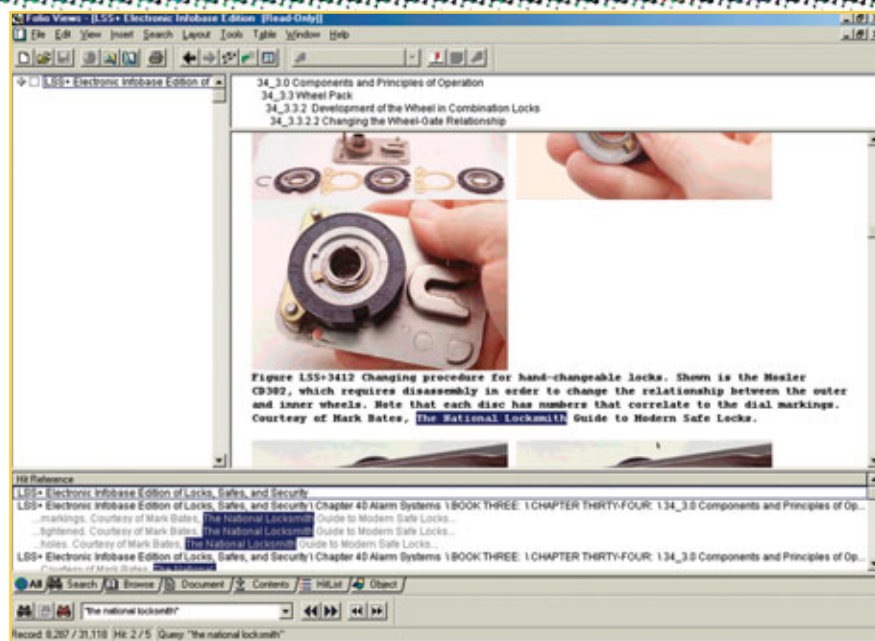
2. Photos in the electronic version are good. The search engine makes it easy to find what you are looking for.



Bachelor's Degree in 1970 from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Creighton Law School in 1973. He is an attorney in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with Investigative Law Offices, P.C.

As part of his practice, he routinely conducts technical fraud investigations and consults with corporations and government agencies throughout the world regarding the bypass of locks, analysis of design defects, and security liability issues.

Tobias is also a technical advisor to the Association of Firearms and Tool Marks Examiners (AITE). Tobias has provided technical support and investigative services involving surveillance, covert entry, interrogation, polygraph, and crime scene documentation to many law enforcement agencies throughout the world.



3. The first screen of version 5.0 introduces you to the product.

Now that I have told you a little about who this guy is, I want to bring up one of the most controversial topics that I have heard in many years. A topic that is covered in extreme detail in both text and video information by Marc Weber

Tobias. This is the topic of the masterkey system.

Exactly how secure is a masterkey system and should we even be discussing such a thing? There are those that believe ignorance is bliss. The less it is discussed, the fewer people there will be that know how easy it is to break.

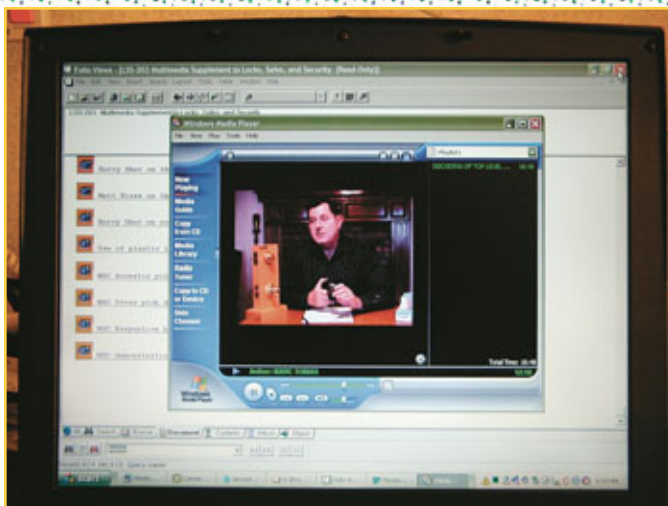
There is also the other extreme that consists of individuals that can see a law suite coming in the future. That law suite will be directed at some well insured locksmith shop that failed to inform a client of the shortfall of the masterkey system. A shortfall that cost the life of someone that was supposedly secured by that masterkey system.

I have paid little attention to the masterkey issue since it popped up a year or two ago. That is until now.

While talking with Marc on the phone, he mentioned that the problem with masterkey systems was covered in his ready to release update. He explained how easy it would be to create a top level master key for an entire facility by anyone with the most basic knowledge of how a lock worked.







4. Video is viewed much like it would be on a home video player. Here you can see a video file playing at its normal size.

I have to say that it just didn't sink in until I watched the first two minutes of an eight minute video featuring Brian Chan that was included on the update. I couldn't believe that this simple process had never occurred to me.

I immediately watched a 14-minute video featuring Harry Sher on the same topic that walked you through the process step by step (see photographs 4 & 5).

Next I watched another 40-minute video that featured Matt Blaze. He showed in detail how a high school kid with only the most basic understanding of locks could end up with a key that would open any door in the entire school. Is that scary or what?



5. When the video file is enlarged too full screen, it is almost like sitting at the same table with the person giving the demonstration.

Should these topics be discussed in detail or should they be left in the dark? I have my opinion and I am sure you have yours.

The point of this article is that Marc has no problem with covering the tough issues

that affect our industry. He has put many years of effort into his work and the quality shows.

If you want to know something about a specific lock, system, tool, process or patent, you will almost definitely find it in the Electronic InfoBase Edition (LSS+) of Locks, Safes and Security.

The 14 CD Electronic InfoBase Edition (LSS+) of Locks, Safes and Security is available from two different sources. The cost will range from around \$350.00 to \$600.00 depending on the security level purchased. If you have purchased the book, you may be eligible for a rebate when you purchase the CD-ROM set!

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