

Motor Truck Cargo Fraud and Deceit

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Fraud and Deceit are a growing problem in the trucking industry

Government sites and data bases are
keyed toward Safety (NOT Security)

FMCSA / DOT / NHTSA / DMV

MTC Fraud

- Identity Theft
- License Abuse
- Subcontracting and Double-Brokering
- Fraudulent Fuel Advances
- Ransom / Hostage Loads

SUBCONTRACTING AND DOUBLE-BROKERING

- Perpetrators apply and acquire an internet posting/load
- They then sub-contract the load to a legitimate carrier
- They instruct the legitimate to deliver the load to an address of their choice

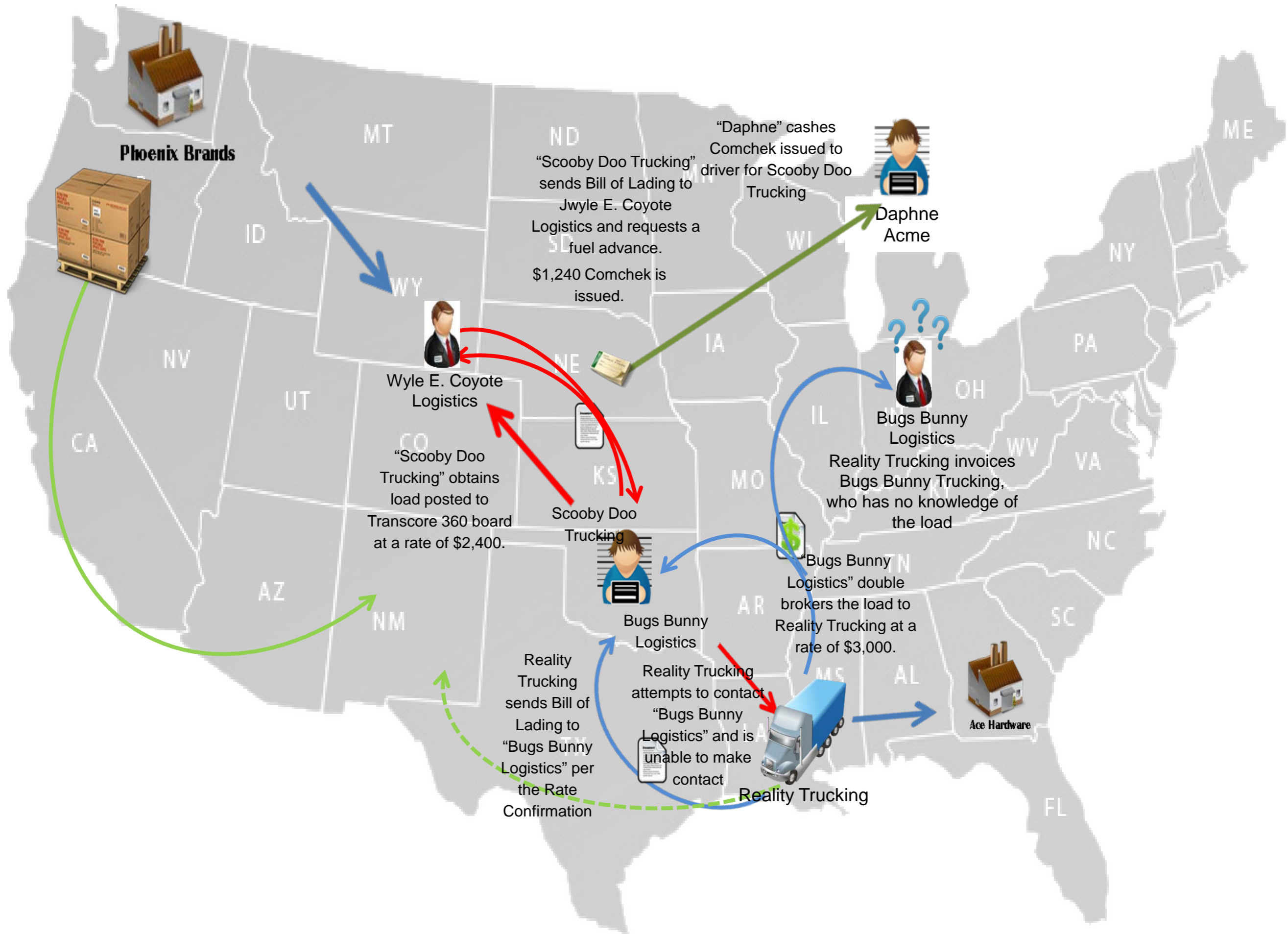
SUBCONTRACTING AND DOUBLE-BROKERING DUE DILIGENCE

- Use organizations and databases to verify age of trucking company/avoid using recently established ones
- Check insurance history on FMCSA

SUBCONTRACTING AND DOUBLE-BROKERING DUE DILIGENCE

- Instruct Shipper to check MC # on side of tractor
- Verify driver's Identity and License Number

FRAUDULENT FUEL ADVANCES



MODUS OPERANDI FOR COMCHEK FRAUDS

- Perpetrators search for Cross-Country loads with larger fuel advances
- Preferred day is Friday
- Spoofed phone number and IP addresses are used to communicate with broker, gain carrier information and create fraudulent documents

MODUS OPERANDI FOR COMCHEK FRAUDS

- Comchek fraud occurs in various States across the country
- Use outside operatives to cash the fraudulently acquired Comchek



Operative inside Truck Stop Cashing
Fraudulently Obtained Comchek
in April 2015

FRAUDULENT FUEL ADVANCES COUNTERMEASURES

- Communicate directly with the “driver”
 - If not at truck stop, instruct driver to call back from a truck stop landline for advance payment

Phone number should geographically match area where driver claimed he was.

FRAUDULENT FUEL ADVANCES

COUNTERMEASURES

- Compare contact information provided by caller against KNOWN contact information. Compare **EVERYTHING**.
- Communicate directly with the “driver”. Ask for driver’s identity. Ask for driver’s location – specific truck stop.

FRAUDULENT FUEL ADVANCES

COUNTERMEASURES

- Speak to truck stop employee and confirm identity of person requesting payment

FRAUDULENT FUEL ADVANCES BEST PRACTICES

- If the rate seems “too good to be true”...IT IS.
- When picking up, ask shipper for Carrier of Record. Is it the broker who “hired” you?
- Compare destinations between BOL and your rate confirmation
- Take the time to confirm – this is your source of payment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THANK YOU