* * * IMPORTANT DEALER NOTICE * * *

FRAUD ALERT

TO:      CADA Members
FROM:    Tim Jackson
RE:      Fraud Alert: Be on the lookout for parts scam
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It has come to our attention that at least a few dealerships have been defrauded by parts thieves posing as “representatives” of other dealerships. They have targeted higher-value diesel fuel injectors for trucks, but could certainly broaden their target to other parts as well.

The perpetrators call the parts department of the targeted dealership, representing that they are affiliated with another dealership, to ascertain the availability of fuel injectors and have them set aside for pickup. Shortly thereafter, a "driver" from the supposed dealership shows up to pick up the parts—armed with a fictitious purchase order number. The driver takes off with the parts, and all contact information provided turns out to be invalid. The signature is illegible, but those compared between two dealerships were somewhat similar and included below. A note of caution, however, at the third dealership, no signature was obtained as the thief grabbed the parts and ran.

The occurrences reported to CADA have taken place in the Denver Metro area, but certainly the thieves may broaden their radius, especially as they realize that other dealerships have been made aware of the scams.

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