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## **Scathing New Book Exposes Dangers of Illegal Street Racing and More**

*Michael Bender Shares Information Needed to Prevent Illegal Street Racing, Protect Lives*

SAN DIEGO – “New Model. Original Parts.” The only thing missing from the tagline for the latest installment of the action-packed “Fast & Furious” movie series is “Same Illegal, Dangerous Game.” Frequently, the concept of street racing, drifting and stunting is glamorized to the point of ignoring obvious signs of fraud and increased rate of deaths by car crashes. With over 30 years of experience in law enforcement, Michael Bender offers readers an exclusive look into auto theft and fraud as it relates to the modified sport compact scene and illegal street racing in his new nonfiction book, ***The Fast, The Fraudulent & The Fatal: The Dangerous and Dark side of Illegal Street Racing, Drifting and Modified Cars*** ([published by AuthorHouse](#)).

Comprehensive, well-researched and timely, ***The Fast, The Fraudulent & The Fatal*** provides law enforcement, educators, parents and insurance companies with the information they need to prevent this illegal, costly, destructive activity from happening. The dilemma is made more complex by the unacceptable percentage of vehicle modifications that are underwritten by insurance fraud and the increased danger in terms of injuries and lost lives as an unrecognized impact by the perpetrators.

Bender points to the statistical fact that when the economy is down, vehicle fraud goes up. “By cracking down on the auto theft and fraud aspects, as well as providing continuous and updated education, it is our firm belief that lives will be saved,” Bender writes. “By reading and understanding the information contained in this book, the reader will be better prepared to recognize the theft and fraud involved in the Fast and the Fraudulent scene.”

***The Fast, The Fraudulent & The Fatal*** divides its attention between statistics about the magnitude of this destructive activity, the socio-economic problems associated, and a list of the various theft and fraud schemes and how to identify and prevent many of the crimes and crashes that might otherwise occur.

In 2001, the first “Fast and the Furious” movie was released and at least 135 people died in accidents from possible races; almost double that from the prior year. Many other statistics support the claim that these kinds of movies only exacerbate the problem, instead of taking steps towards its solution. Bender writes, “If it is predictable, it is preventable.” The implementation of information contained within ***The Fast, The Fraudulent & The Fatal*** is vital to save lives as well as prevent injuries and fraud.

Michael Bender has over 30 years experience in law enforcement and training. He is an internationally recognized expert in the area of illegal street racing-related crime and advanced auto theft investigation. He has worked with and trained numerous task forces across the country from an operational standpoint and as an educator. He created [www.VINtrack.com](http://www.VINtrack.com) software and the Fast and the Fraudulent educational training series.

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