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# Police drive away Caravan thieves

Three vehicles in Ettenheim before removal

Ettenheim (red/tom). In the early morning hours of the 9th. On October 1, several thieves attempted to steal a total of three caravans from the premises of a caravan dealer in Ettenheim. As the Offenburg Police Department announced yesterday, a patrol from the Lahr police station thwarted the removal of the high-quality caravans at the last minute.

At 2:35 a.m., a patrol car crew noticed several suspicious individuals near the caravan dealership. Upon seeing the patrol, the individuals fled on foot across the adjacent fields. An immediate manhunt was unsuccessful.

The investigation revealed that the perpetrators had initially attempted to overcome the electric entrance gate by manipulating it.

Since this did not succeed, they tried with more success on the northern side

of the site at the perimeter fence. Here, the massive fence, including the posts, was cut with a grinder, and then a section of the fence measuring almost four meters was removed.

However, because a guardrail behind it also blocked the way, this was also removed using a specially brought-in cutting machine.

A total of three caravans were towed from the company premises through the gap thus created. Two caravans were already attached to the perpetrators' vehicles when the patrol arrived, and a third was prepared for transport on a nearby site.

The caravan and the fence sustained damage in the high five-figure range. The Ettenheim police station has begun an investigation and is asking witnesses for information at 078 22/44 6950.



Burglars target slot machines. However, the photo does not show a stolen device. Archive photo

# Thieves steal many ATMs

Series of burglaries in Ried, Rench and Kinzig valleys

Ortenau (red/tom). Between October 1 and 10, several similar break-ins occurred at restaurants in Ortenau. In all cases, the burglars targeted slot machines and vending machines, the Offenburg Police Department announced yesterday. **Case 1:** In Neuried-Ichenheim, two vending machines were stolen from a snack bar on the night of October 1 to 2, between 11:15 p.m. and 10 a.m.

in the Kinzig Valley. Here, the perpetrators dismantled and removed a slot machine and an amusement arcade machine from a restaurant in Haslach on October 10th between 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

According to police, damage in the high five-figure range has been caused so far. The police do not rule out the possibility that the crimes are related. The analysis of numerous leads is still ongoing.

### Multiple perpetrators

What is certain, however, is that several perpetrators were involved in each case, and at least one large vehicle was used to transport the stolen goods. It can also be assumed that the burglars must have scouted the premises before committing their crimes.

The police are therefore asking the operators of such restaurants for assistance if they notice anything unusual. Witnesses who have noticed suspicious persons or vehicles that may be connected to the above-mentioned crimes are asked to call 0781/

**Case 2:** In Oberkirch, burglars succeeded in breaking into a house in the early hours of the morning on October 9, to break into two restaurants and dismantle and take away the vending machines. Witnesses observed three foreign-speaking men near the crime scene who may be connected to the crime. All wore so-called peaked caps.

**Case 3:** In the early morning of October 9, two restaurants in Renchen were visited. The perpetrators found something in each. Between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., a total of six vending machines were stolen. **Case 4:** The most recent recorded crime occurred

21-0 asked.



Mittelbadische Presse .TV A video about this topic can be found at: www.mittelbadische-presse.tv

## Serious accident on the B36 near Lahr leaves three injured

Lahr. Three people were injured yesterday shortly after 11:30 a.m. in a serious traffic accident involving several people on the B36 near Lahr-Langenwinkel. According to the Offenburg Police Department, citing witness statements, an Audi was driving onto the B36 from Langenwinkel.

towards Lahr. At the beginning of the acceleration lane on the B36, the driver suddenly and illegally turned towards the motorway. A small van loaded with mice and rats coming from that direction had no chance of avoiding the Audi. A collision occurred, and the driver was

Sacher was trapped. The force of the impact caused the van to veer into oncoming traffic, resulting in a sideways, head-on collision with a VW. The driver and passenger of the VW and the driver of the van sustained minor injuries, while the driver of the van sustained serious injuries. He had to be taken to the fire department.

Lahr was rescued. 14 firefighters, an emergency doctor, and the crews of three ambulances rescued and cared for the injured on site. The damage is estimated at 40,000 euros.

The B36 was closed for hours while the accident investigation and vehicle recovery efforts were carried out. Photo: Wolfgang Schätzle

# "Don't just raise the alarm"

Police psychologist Adolf Gallwitz comes to Offenburg / Discussion about sexual violence

By Florence-Anne Kälble

the association »Outcry – the city of Offenburg and violence on children and adults“ are hosting a panel discussion on Monday, October 22nd. Among those participating in the discussion is police psychologist Adolf Gallwitz, who teaches at the police academy in Villingen-Schwenningen and works both as an expert witness at the International Court of Justice in The Hague and as a consultant on police operations.

He initiates nationwide prevention campaigns against sexual violence against children. He calls for more prevention and better training for educators, teachers, and pediatricians.

### What is sexual Abuse?

Adolf Gallwitz: That's a problematic term. Abuse implies that there is also use. Therefore, sexual violence is a better fit. Because it involves sexual acts that are carried out on the victim against their free will. One can speak of a violation of boundaries and abuse of power against minors, which serves the sexual gratification of the perpetrator and does not necessarily have to include sexual acts on the victim. **What are the most common**

### Cases of sexual violence?

Gallwitz: There are figures in the reported data. But they are not representative, because the number of unreported cases is much higher. Sexual violence occurs primarily in families and among peers. Child pornography also falls under this category: every picture and every film documents abuse. **Who is most frequently**

affected by sexual violence?



Psychologist and psychotherapist Adolf Gallwitz. Archive photo

Gallwitz: In the bright field, it's definitely girls. They also report sexual violence more often than boys.

Towards the end of childhood, i.e. upon reaching the age of 14, violence decreases significantly. However, assaults by peers increase from this point onwards, particularly in the area of modern media and social networks. **Can sexual**

### Recognize violence?

Gallwitz: That is very difficult. At certain ages, non-abused children exhibit more behavioral problems. There

are many explanations for behavioral problems. Sexual violence is just one of them and often leads to conformist behavior in victims. They are perceived as introverted, withdraw, and do not want to attract attention. **How should one behave in**

### a suspicion behave?

Gallwitz: If a suspicion arises: simply listen to the child! Pay attention to the quiet tones, simply be there for the child, listen and

Above all, offer opportunities to talk. And please don't just raise the alarm. We simply have too little education, too little prevention here in Germany when it comes to sexual violence. One could even speak of a failure of society as a whole when it comes to dealing with suspicions. **How can we**

### Prevent violence?

Gallwitz: Through more information: What is sexual violence, who are the perpetrators, how do they proceed, and how do they try to conceal their actions? Educators, social workers, teachers, and pediatricians must be more specifically informed and sensitized. Knowledge must be disseminated so that normality can be established in dealing with suspected cases of sexual violence. Prevention centers should also be more strongly supported. **How can one**

### against sexual violence Defend yourself?

Gallwitz: Children can do it with the knowledge that they are being wronged and with self-confidence. Parents must raise their children to be strong little personalities with sufficient self-esteem. They should learn to listen to their children. Children also only open up to adults they trust.

### What happens after the Reporting abuse further?

Gallwitz: Criminal prosecution only occurs if the sexual violence has been reported. The police must investigate as soon as a report is received. Officers are now more aware of the issue, and there are also special interrogation rooms designed for children. Video recording of the hearing is intended to prevent the child from being exposed to multiple forms of abuse. Organizations

## THEPODIUM

### You participate

In addition to police psychologist Adolf Gallwitz, the panel discussion on sexual violence on Monday, October 22, at 8 p.m., in Offenburg's Salmen will include:

**Sibylle Laurischk**, FDP member of the Bundestag from Offenburg and chairwoman of the Committee on Family Affairs, Seniors, women and youth.

**Isabelle Müller**, author of the book »Phoenix Daughters« (Unterreichenbach).

**Klaus Michael Böhm**, Judge at the Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe, Chairman of the Victim Protection and Prevention Treatment Initiative for People Prone to Crime, Karlsruhe.

**Dagmar Stumpe-Blasel**, social worker, Gestalt counselor, and trauma specialist at the counseling center "Outcry – against sexual violence against children and adults." **fk**

However, they are reluctant to share their information with the police. Therefore, such cases rarely result in a report being filed. **What is your personal**

### Motivation to participate in the panel discussion?

Gallwitz: I've been dealing with this topic extensively for 20 years now. I consider myself a pioneer in the proactive approach to sexual violence.

If I am invited to such an event, I do not say no and try to convey the police psychological perspective to the audience.