

## Re: Fraud Alert!

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R > From: ratboy99@aol.comet (Ratboy99)

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R > Subject: Re: Fraud Alert!

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R > My point is that if you've read William Gibson's **\*\*Neuromancer\*\*** (and if you

R > haven't, well, let me say you should), in a cashless society, once you become

R > an "outlaw" all they have to do is to cancel your credit chip.

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R > This not only stops you from being able to pay as you go, but can also tell

R > exactly where you are when you are trying to use it. 1984ish if ya axe me. And

R > I'm no luddite, either.

You may NEED that charge slip to prove you were at the time far from a crime scene you're accused of being at.

There is in the US for traffic and transit a tracking system of sorts. It's routinely used in police inquiries. First, the better one (for tracking you around) is the EZPass for cars. By a small radio transponder you clock thru toll booths without stopping to toss money in the basket or hand in tickets. At the end of the month you get a printout of all the places you clocked thru. The payment is automatic, like with a debit card. In case of police inquiry you can be traced thruout the city — more like a large part of the Eastern US! — by plotting your clockings via the EZPass records.

This can help you or hurt you, depending on the instant case.

The other is a bit looser but still workable if you paid for it by CC. It's metroCard for the NYC transit system. Similar fare controls apply in other transit systems, but I'll stick with NYC for the example. You buy the card with a credit card. As you clock thru the turnstiles, you are logged at the central depot. When you deplete the card of its value, the turnstile locks. So, if the police can get your credit card, it can match the MC logs for you.

Same deal; you can be screwed or saved by this information. In fact, in a certain case of theft last winter, a person I know was claimed to be witnessed at the scene. On inquiry it turned out that at the time he was deep in other part of NYC, proved by having logged in on a certain bus that runs far from the crime scene.

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