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ISSUE BEHIND FAKE IDS

The fake ID business is thriving. Even though it is not being taken seriously by most who know about it. On the other hand those who are not aware of this business are in total bliss. It is those who have encountered its consequences, either positively or negatively, know the importance and the penalty the society has to pay for tolerating the fake ID business. Many, especially those who are underage, have benefited from this business by buying counterfeit driving licenses in order to get into adult pubs for drinks. Such apparently harmless activity of obtaining a fake driving license has much greater implication than it seems. We are in fact indirectly encouraging a business which can harm lives, including your own.

Those who have set up such business with such high technology and cost are not going to settle for producing fake diving licenses only, though the sale is quite substantial. They will look for other opportunities for pushing their ware. There are other clients who are looking for more sophisticated IDs that are used for serious crimes. These fake IDs along with similarly other counterfeit documents, with some one else personal data, have been used to obtain credit cards. After getting the credit card, the swindler uses the card without compassion until the fraud is discovered. He then moves on in search of the next victim to be fleeced.

With the fake IDs one can get social security benefits and even insurance, again by stealing some one else identity. In the bargain the actual person is deprived of all the benefits. Fake IDs can also be used for more hazardous purposes, like terrorism, which does not target an individual but targets the nation. Terrorists use these fake IDs to move around safely in order to accomplish their intention and when their objective is fulfilled, they use these fake IDs to escape.

Getting a fake driving ID to enable you to have a drink or two may be fun for you and you may be considering yourself innocent, since you are not harming anyone or fleecing money from anyone. Whatever may be the reason for getting a fake ID, we are indirectly encouraging identity theft and in the bargain encouraging terrorism as well. If people stop buying fake ID from them, the business will eventually close down. This act might not be able to shut down all such establishment but the number will certainly get reduced, which will make the task of the police to track them down and cleanse the system out.

In many countries, at present, it is lawful to produce and trade fake IDs as mementos. This is lawful in those countries so long as these are used as keepsake and are not used in a fraudulent way. Until proper laws are enacted in these countries, we should do everything to make people aware of the consequences of fake ID. If we do our best, eventually a time will come when these businesses will be forced to close shop.