

# Paraben's CSI Stick Copies Data from Cell Phones

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Beware the next time someone borrows your cell phone or you leave it unattended. You may become the next victim of having all your cell phone data copied to the CSI Stick.

How valuable and confidential is the data on your cell phone? Unless you are actually watching the person use your cell phone, they might just be plugging a CSI Stick into your phones data-port to grab all your personal information.

There is a new electronic device that captures ALL the data from a cell phone, even deleted data that has not be overwritten. The device is called Cellular Seizure Investigation Stick or CSI Stick for short. The device is primary aimed for Law Enforcement and Security Professionals but can be purchased by anyone.

At a recent Techno-Security conference, held in Myrtle Beach, Florida, over 1500 Law Enforcement and Security Professionals were briefed on the latest cyber-security vulnerabilities. The CSI Stick caught the attention of many because it can grab all data from a cell phone very quickly.

The CSI Stick is about the size of a BIC lighter and its tip is color coded to work with certain model cell phones. By plugging the CSI Stick into the data/charging port of a cell phone, it can quickly download all e-mails, instant messages, dialed numbers, phone books and everything else stored in memory.

It's most likely that this device will find wide acceptance by parents who want to monitor what their children are doing with their cell phones. The CSI Stick will give parents the capability of reviewing all instant messages, contacts, and incoming and outgoing calls on their child's cell phone.

The CSI Stick sells for \$200 and requires Paraben's Device Seizure or DS Lite software installed on your computer. The software deciphers the encrypted data and presents it on your computer in a readable format.

The CSI Stick is sold by Paraben Corporation and is labeled as "The Portable Cell Phone Forensic and Data Gathering Tool". The CSI Stick opens the world of digital forensics to anyone that needs to gather forensic quality data from cell phones.

The CSI Stick currently supports certain Motorola and Samsung cell phone models with additional models coming soon. Paraben's CSI Stick includes everything you need to acquire valuable cell phone data.

So the next time someone asks you to borrow your cell phone because theirs is not working; be sure you are watching them use your phone and that there is nothing connected to it.

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