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ANDY EDWARDS, Head of Loss Prevention, Iceland Foods



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THREAT MANAGEMENT: SEEING THE WARNING SIGNS BEFORE THEY BECOME THE HEADLINE



FRANK PATERCITY, Director of Crisis & Security Consulting at Control Risks and former Director of Corporate Security at a Fortune 25 retailer

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AMBER BRADLEY, Editor-in-Chief, TalkLPnews

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KRISTEN ZIMAN, former Chief of Police, Aurora, Illinois, Safety & Security Consultant, Organizational Disruptor

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GREG BUZEK, President/Chief AI Orchestrator-IHL Group, President-RetailROI RETHINK RETAIL Top Retail Expert, NRF's 'The List' of People Shaping Retail, RIS News Top 10 Influentials

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ZACH "EASI" MANNING, former US Air Force Fighter Pilot



MICHELLE "SONIC" RUEHL, Combat Pilot & former Pentagon Director of Communications

LUXURY RETAIL BREAKOUT: FACILITATED BY JOHN KIM



JOHN KIM, Security Director for the Americas, Balenciaga

THE RESET: HOW TWO LEADERS REBUILT THEIR SHRINK PROGRAM FROM SCRATCH AND WHAT IT TOOK TO TURN THE NUMBERS AROUND



MELINDA BLACK, Vice President of Retail Operations, ULTA Beauty



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SUPPLY CHAIN UNDER SIEGE: WHAT'S ACTUALLY WORKING WHEN THE THREATS KEEP GETTING SMARTER



SCOTT MCBRIDE, Chief Global Asset Protection Officer, American Eagle Outfitters



CLAY THRASHER, Director of Supply Chain Integrity, Walmart



MITCHELL JACOBS, Head of Corporate Safety & Security, Lennox

HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL PILOT



RYAN O'HARA, Vice President of Asset Protection, Burlington



CHRIS MCCARRICK, former LP Executive & Technologist



DARIAN GRIFFIN, Vice President of Asset Protection, Superior Grocers

ASSET PROTECTION EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PANEL

Asset Protection & Safety Leaders discuss their most critical challenges in today's environment



JAVIER LEAL, Vice President of Asset Protection & Security, Vallarta Supermarkets



EDDIE FOLEY, Vice President of Asset Protection, Tractor Supply Company



ALISA DART, Vice President of Asset Protection & Safety, Family Dollar

CONVENIENCE STORE BREAKOUT: FUEL THEFT INVESTIGATION TRENDS



LAUREN FREEDE, Director of Investigations, 7-Eleven



KHALIL SALEM, Head of Loss Prevention & Corporate Security, The Kent Companies

RESTAURANT EXECUTIVE BREAKOUT: FACILITATED BY NELSON COOPER



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