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### Forcing Round Locks with Gaurds on Roll-Down Gates

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**Background:** When conducting forcible entry operations at commercial occupancies, especially taxpayers and/or strip malls, members may encounter roll-down gates which are secured with circular padlocks which are **protected by steel guards that are welded to the channel rails (Photo 1)**. Quite often, the quickest way to defeat these locks is to use a forcible entry (circular) saw to cut the channel rails above and below the locks and bend the locks out of the way to release the pins from the gate. This can be done using the following steps:



Photo 1

1. Make two cuts at a 45 deg. angle to form a triangular-shaped section in the channel rail, with the narrow end of the triangle at the outside edge of the channel rail. **(Photo 2)**.
2. After completing the cuts, slide the fork of the Halligan on to the cut section **(Photo 3)**.
3. On thicker channel rails, the flat head axe may have to be utilized to drive the fork around the cut section.
4. After the fork is in place, the Halligan bar can then be used to bend the cut section of the channel rail out and away from the gate, thus pulling the pin out of the gate **(Photo 4)**
5. The pike end of the Halligan can also sometimes be placed between the lock and guard and used to bend the cut section away from the gate **(see Photos 5 and 6)**.
6. It should be noted that in some instances the pins will not be completely pulled free from the door due to their length. In these cases, an additional cut of the pin itself may have to be made to free it from the door.



Photo 2

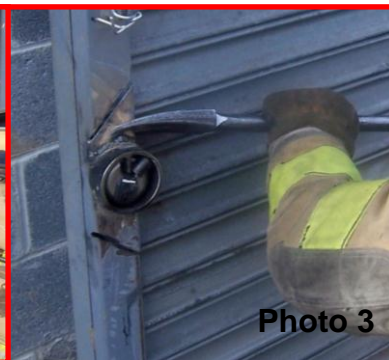


Photo 3

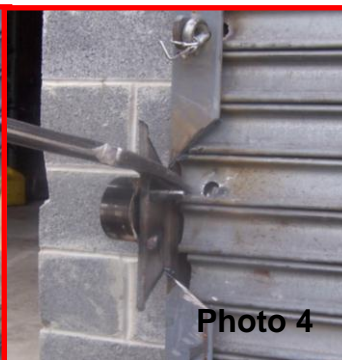


Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6