

Finding People and Assets: Tips, Tricks, and Insights from a Private Investigator

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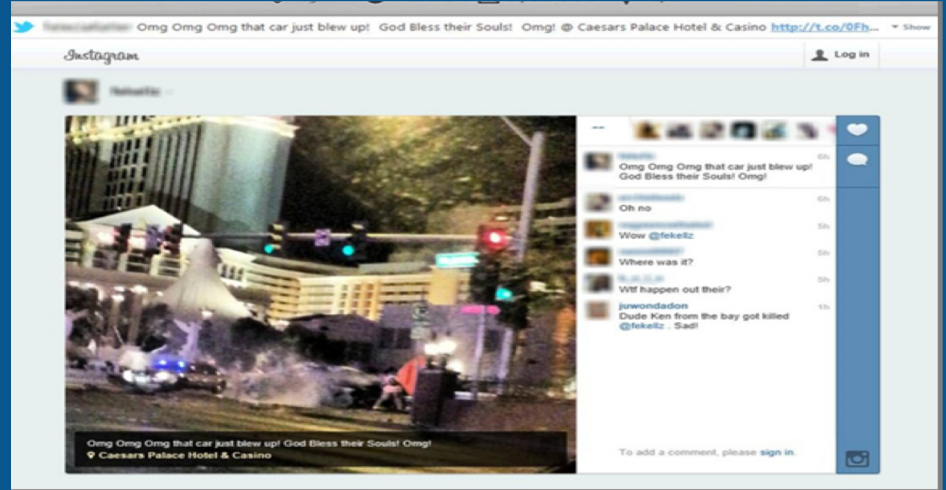
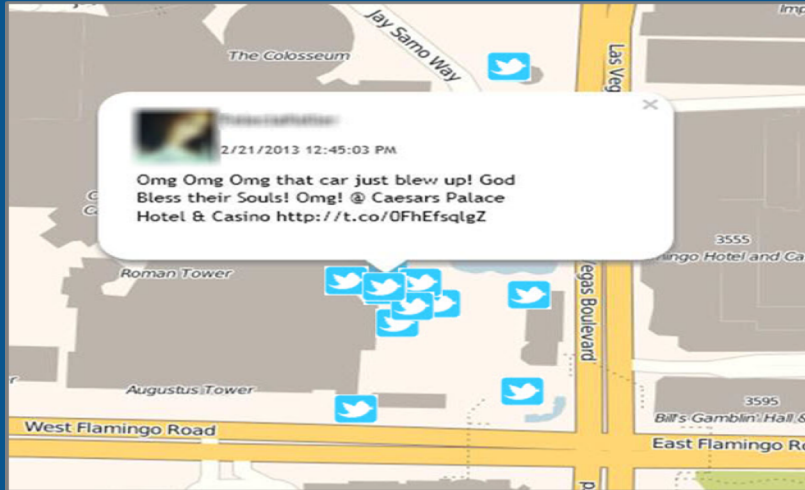
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Finding People: Where to Start

- Databases
 - TLO, Clear, Lexis, Westlaw
- Property Records
- Mail Forwards
 - <https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/foia/coa-or-boxholder-form.pdf>

Social Media



FOR THOSE WHO THINK THEIR FACEBOOK CONTENT IS “PRIVATE”

<https://findmyfbid.com>

www.facebook.com/search/usernumber/photos-of

www.facebook.com/search/usernumber/photos-commented

www.facebook.com/search/usernumber/stories-by

www.facebook.com/search/usernumber/stories-tagged

OSINT

- **REAL** internet searching
 - Boolean search terms - use your “ “ and NEAR(15)
 - Using OSINT tactics

What is the True Cost of Finding Someone?

- Your time is valuable
- Why databases can be unreliable
- Know your limitations

Thinking Outside the Box

- Utility Locate
- Pretexts
- Neighbors (especially children & the elderly)
- Employment Locates
- Creditors/ Ex's
- GPS Tracking
- Cell Pings (is this a thing?)

Locating Assets

- Vehicles
- Properties
- Businesses
- Bank/Brokerage Accounts

A Quick Word



Vehicles

- What does it cost to seize a car?
- Are you seriously going to want their vehicle?
- The value isn't always with the vehicle itself.



Properties

- Properties are great for leverage
 - Unlike vehicles, they can be great for seizure
- Most common mistake, looking for what they own
- Name variations and children
- Look for past properties and follow the paper trail

Business Affiliations

- Databases and the Secretary of State
- Who are their customers
- What are people online saying about them
- Who's running the show

Bank Accounts & Brokerage Accounts

- This is where it gets really spooky!



How to Find Bank & Brokerage Accounts

- Where the information comes from
 - Check companies
 - Data vendors
 - Background checks
- For informational purposes only!

How To Find Bank & Brokerage Accounts

- What you need to know before hand
 - If it was easy, everyone would do it
 - SSN, EIN, & known banking affiliations
 - Accounts may not always be set up the way you expect

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