

BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THE WEB OF THE INTERNET

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SUMMARY

The "Web" of the Internet is now a wonderful way to do background research on people. However the various Web sites that do these checks are fraught with both misinformation and attempts to trick you into spending more money than you had planned to spend!

TOPICS

- "MYLIFE" IS INITIALLY FREE AND USEFUL BUT..
- ALL OF THE MAJOR BACKGROUND SITES DEMAND A SUBSCRIPTION SO..
- sentrylink.com DOES NOT REQUIRE A RECURRING SUBSCRIPTION

"MYLIFE" IS USEFUL BUT IT IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION

- For free, you can create an account at mylife.com and put all sorts of misinformation in your "profile" page there:

"mylife.com" gives you a great way to be creative about your online identity! but you have to pay them monthly forever for the privilege

"MYLIFE" IS USEFUL BUT IT IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION

- If you go to <https://mylife.com>, it will run you through a 5-minute process, then it will demand that you give them an you email address. If you do so, they will send you emails and tell you to sign up for a recurring monthly or yearly payment before telling you anything about the person that you are asking about. ⁶

"MYLIFE" IS USEFUL BUT IT IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION

- To get mylife to tell you something for free about a person, go to google.com or bing.com and search for `site:mylife.com <name of person>`

"MYLIFE" IS USEFUL BUT IT IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION (continued)

- So take the information at a "Mylife" profile with a big grain of salt!!
In many cases, Mylife has provided incorrect current physical addresses, incorrect religious preferences, incorrect place of work, etc. and attempted to extract a monthly/forever fee for the inaccurate service!!

ALL OF THE MAJOR BACKGROUND SEARCH SITES DEMAND A RECURRING SUBSCRIPTION.

- .. you have two strategies for using them:
- Strategy 1: Get a month-to-month forever subscription, do your search and report on a person, then try to cancel the subscription as soon as possible
- Strategy 2: Use them for an initial free search only

ALL OF THE MAJOR BACKGROUND SEARCH SITES DEMAND A RECURRING SUBSCRIPTION.. (continued)

- The background search sites that place ads all over the Internet will be the ones that demand a recurring subscription
- The background search sites that do not demand a recurring subscription do not place very many ads on the Internet

EACH "BACKGROUND CHECK" SERVICE FINDS DIFFERENT RESULTS..

- So you often have to use multiple background search services to get an honest background check on a person
- The cost of using multiple not-free background search services adds up quickly, especially when a person has used multiple names in their activities.

USE INTERNET SEARCH ENGINES IN ADDITION TO BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES

- Most of the online background search services do not find foreign marriage licenses but "raw searches" using google.com can often find information that is not available for the various online search services.

USE INTERNET SEARCH ENGINES IN ADDITION TO BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES (continued)

- For example, but I found information on a foreign marriage license in an IRS court document.

This information was not available in any of the not-free search services that I also attempted to use in support of this client's (second) divorce proceedings:

IRS DOCUMENT EXAMPLE

<quote from my email message:>

The IRS court judgement against

██████████ David W. ██████████ is still located
as a legal case studies at

[https://law.onecle.com/tax/1997/██████████.tc
m.wpd01.html](https://law.onecle.com/tax/1997/██████████.tc
m.wpd01.html)

and many other legal Web sites. This
document describes some of his
travels and activities after your
divorce. <end of quote>

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

DAVID W. [REDACTED], Petitioner v.
COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, Respondent

Docket No. 5197-95.

Filed April 30, 1997.

David W. [REDACTED], pro se.

Jason M. Silver, for respondent.

MEMORANDUM FINDINGS OF FACT AND OPINION

GALE, Judge: Respondent determined a deficiency in
petitioner's 1990 Federal income taxes in the amount of
\$5,211.20 and additions to tax under section 6651(a)¹ and

IRS DOCUMENT EXAMPLE

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- Page 6 of the IRS document suggests that David W. [REDACTED] may have been married to a "Shere-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or a "Shere [REDACTED]" during the tax year 1990.

(2) A document denominated "Annual Statement of Account for 1990" and "Substitute Form 1098", listing the recipient's/lender's name as Bank of America and the payer's/borrower's name as David [REDACTED] or Shere-[REDACTED], and showing an account number (marked as petitioner's Exhibit 9); and,

(3) Copies of receipts bearing the logo of "Goodwill Industries", and dated within the 1990 calendar year, with the names of David [REDACTED] or David [REDACTED] and Shere [REDACTED], listed and a description of various items (marked as petitioner's Exhibit 10).

IRS DOCUMENT EXAMPLE

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- Page 14 of the IRS document mentions the existence of an "ex-wife" in 1990 which implies that back in 1990, David W. [REDACTED] was married to Shere [REDACTED] but divorced from her between 1990 and April 1997

he paid the real property taxes claimed on his return. In fact, petitioner indicated in his testimony that he was uncertain whether, and to what extent, he or his ex-wife paid the 1990 real estate taxes. We conclude that petitioner has failed to substantiate the payment of real estate taxes in 1990 and is therefore not entitled to any deduction for them.

Mortgage Interest

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH IN "GOOGLE.COM" IS OFTEN BETTER FOR DIGGING UP DIRT ON AN INDIVIDUAL

- If you search on the various aliases and nicknames of an individual, you can often find dirt on an individual that the paid background search services cannot and perhaps are unable to find.

<Start of quote from email message:>

The reason I asked you if you were a drug addict is someone has accused your former boyfriend of being a methamphetamine addict.

See the fine print at

[http://internet.forumsee.com/a/m/s/p12-27166-019311--vito-\[REDACTED\]-stealing-frauding.html](http://internet.forumsee.com/a/m/s/p12-27166-019311--vito-[REDACTED]-stealing-frauding.html)

<End of quote from email message:>

- If you go to <https://archive.org> you can still pull up the previously-mentioned discussion group post as follows:

INTERNET ARCHIVE Explore more than 446 billion web pages saved over time

DONATE



http://internet.forumsee.com/a/m/s/p12-27166-019311--vito-[redacted]scrut

- Calendar Collections Changes Summary Site Map

Saved 1 time April 7, 2014.



2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020



JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

Calendar grid for 2014 showing days of the month for JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, and AUG. The date 7 in April is highlighted.

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

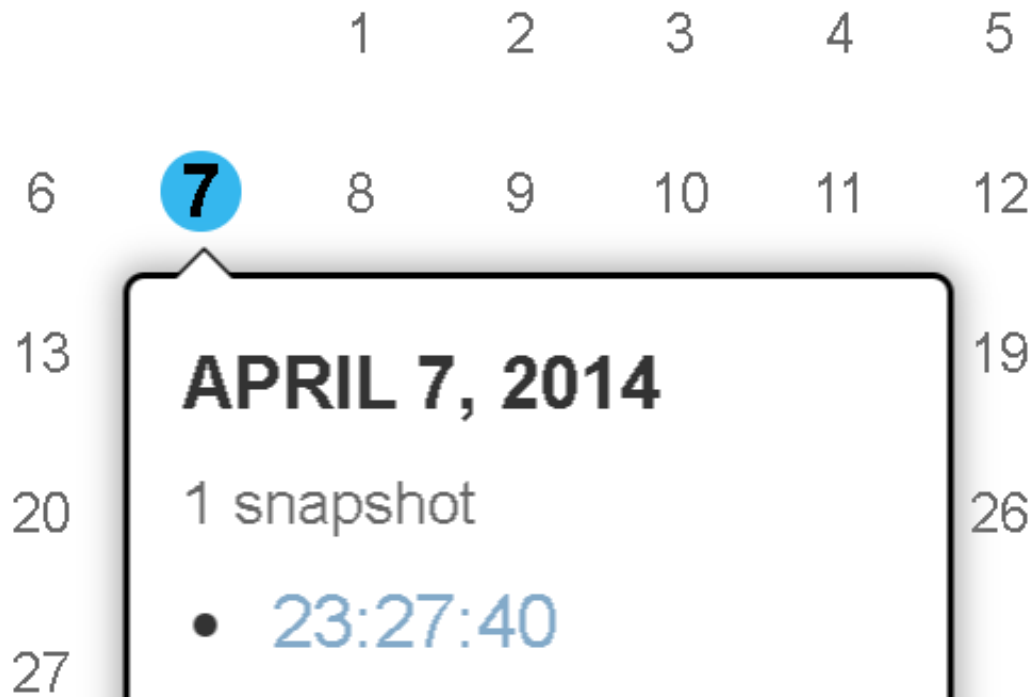


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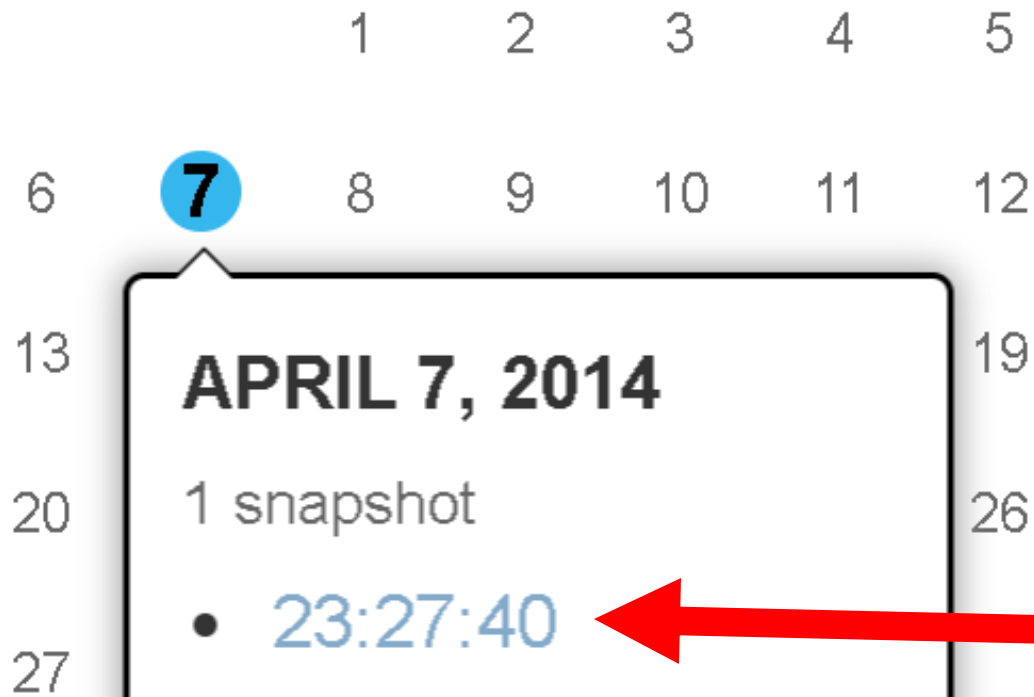
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APR



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<html>
<head><script src="//archive.org/includes/analytics.js?v=cf34f82" type="text/javascript"></script>
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v=archive_analytics. analytics.send_pageview({});});
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<script type="text/javascript" src="/_static/js/wombat.js?v=nWgLPXRB" charset="utf-8"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
if (window._WBWombatInit) {
  wbinfo = {};
  wbinfo.url = "http://internet.forumsee.com:80/a/m/s/p12-27166-019311--vito-glazers-scrubbing-stealing-fraudng.html";
  wbinfo.timestamp = "20140407232740";
  wbinfo.request_ts = "20140407232740";
  wbinfo.prefix = "https://web.archive.org/web/";
  wbinfo.mod = "if_";
  wbinfo.is_framed = false;
  wbinfo.is_live = false;
  wbinfo.coll = "web";
  wbinfo.proxy_magic = "";
  wbinfo.static_prefix = "/_static/";
  wbinfo.enable_auto_fetch = true;
  wbinfo.auto_fetch_worker_prefix = "https://web.archive.org/web/";
  wbinfo.wombat_ts = "20140407232740";
  wbinfo.wombat_sec = "1396913260";
  wbinfo.wombat_scheme = "https";
  wbinfo.wombat_host = "internet.forumsee.com:80";
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    "http://archive.org/",
    "https://archive.org/",
    "//archive.org/",
    "http://faq.web.archive.org/",
    "http://web.archive.org/",
    "https://web.archive.org/"
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  window._WBWombatInit(wbinfo);
}
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<Quote from text of previous slide:>
Not to mention that Vito  is
also a known crack/meth addict
<End of quote>

USE "SAVE TO PDF" OR "BULLZIP
PDF PRINTER" OR "ADOBE
ACROBAT.." TO GRAB ANY
INFORMATION YOU FIND ON THE
INTERNET

- If you find an interesting tidbit of information on the Internet, save it immediately to a PDF file since the information will usually be deleted by the time you need it for anything

USE "SAVE TO PDF" OR "BULLZIP
PDF PRINTER" OR "ADOBE
ACROBAT.." TO GRAB ANY
INFORMATION YOU FIND ON THE
INTERNET (continued)

- For example, most arrest records and mug shots disappear after about 30 or 365 days.

USE "docketalarm.com" TO FIND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS THAT YOU WOULD NOT FIND OTHERWISE IN THE "GOOGLE" OR "BING" SEARCH ENGINES

- "docketalarm.com" IS FREE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN UP OR SIGN IN WITH AN ACCOUNT THERE. IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT THERE, SIGN OUT BEFORE RUNNING A SEARCH.

USE "docketalarm.com" TO FIND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS THAT YOU WOULD NOT FIND OTHERWISE IN THE "GOOGLE" OR "BING" SEARCH ENGINES (continued)

- Use the "Opera" Web browser with ad blocker turned on to prevent "docketalarm.com" and other background services from using a pop-up ad to block your use of their sites for free searches

USE "docketalarm.com" TO FIND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS THAT YOU WOULD NOT FIND OTHERWISE IN THE "GOOGLE" OR "BING" SEARCH ENGINES

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- Our step-by-step instructions for installing the free "Opera" Web browser and then turning on it's free pop-up and ad blocker are available at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhard_sig/background-checks/Opera-install.pdf

USE "docketalarm.com" TO FIND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS THAT YOU WOULD NOT FIND OTHERWISE IN THE "GOOGLE" OR "BING" SEARCH ENGINES (continued)

- State of California, Employment Development Department vs. G [REDACTED], H [REDACTED] Y.
- Docket 2017-9 [REDACTED], California State, Sacramento County, Superior Court (Nov. [REDACTED], 2017)

USE "docketalarm.com" TO FIND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS THAT YOU WOULD NOT FIND OTHERWISE IN THE "GOOGLE" OR "BING" SEARCH ENGINES (continued)

- Additional non-Internet information provide by former neighbors and analyzing former junk mail

AFTER YOU LOCATE A "DOCKET
NUMBER", USE LOCAL "COURT
DOCKET LISTINGS" TO FIND
DETAILS OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
COURT ACTIONS

- <https://wcca.wicourts.gov/case.html>

AFTER YOU LOCATE "DOCKET
NUMBER", USE LOCAL COURT
DOCKET LISTINGS TO FIND DETAILS
OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT
ACTIONS (continued)

- <http://occourts.org/online-services/case-access/>

USE "IMMATE SEARCH" WEB PAGES TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON OF INTEREST IS INCARCERATED

- <http://www.inmatesearch.mkesherriff.org/>
- <https://appsdoc.wi.gov/lop/>

USE "IMMATE SEARCH" WEB PAGES TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON OF INTEREST IS INCARCERATED (continued)

- <http://ws.ocsd.org/Whoisinjail/Search.aspx#>
- <https://inmatelocator.cdcr.ca.gov/>

sentrylink.com DOES NOT REQUIRE A RECURRING SUBSCRIPTION

- <https://www.sentrylink.com/>
- Our experience with sentrylink.com is that you have to do multiple searches to get all of the crime records of any individual who has multiple names listed in arrest records

sentrylink.com DOES NOT REQUIRE A RECURRING SUBSCRIPTION

- Example:
John Tarpley
John C. Tarpley
John Clifford Tarpley
John Cliffard Tarpley

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

- When possible, use non-Internet sources along with Internet sources: Junk mail, in-person interviews, phone calls, and bar visits to query people with anecdotal information from neighbors and relatives, etc.

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- YouTube-based information can be misleading:

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=J69fC-9_bBE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J69fC-9_bBE)

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- <https://paycharts.militarytimes.com/petty-officer-advancements/PR1/YN1>

NMCB=Naval Mobile
Construction Battalion

Andrew 

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- <https://www.tapology.com/fightcenter/fighters/217583-andrew-lynn>

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- Public relations information posted by colleges on their Web pages can be misleading: they often omit negative information on an individual

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS

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- /5371">https://goairforcefalcons.com/sports/mens-water-polo/roster/alec-/5371
- ">https://www.facebook.com/alec.n

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING
ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES
CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE
CONCLUSIONS (continued)

- Information about an individual posted by an unscrupulous individual can be misleading unless you look at the history tab of a Wikipedia page to see the struggles of volunteers to remove the misleading information

BACKGROUND SEARCHES RELYING
ONLY ON INTERNET-BASED SOURCES
CAN RESULT IN INACCURATE
CONCLUSIONS (continued)

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vito>
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