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What's New at IRBsearch

NEW PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Our coverage of professional licenses has expanded with additional professional license types in Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Nevada, and West Virginia. A full listing of professional licenses by state can be found by clicking on the coverage icon inside our online locate product.

WE'VE ENHANCED OUR WATERCRAFT AND BANKRUPTCY SEARCHES

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide our customers with the most current technology and data, we have applied new search logic to our Watercraft Search. We have also added new fields to the Watercraft Report such as SSN/FEIN, DOB, Gender, Title, and Lien Information.

We've also made changes to our Bankruptcy Search. We will now roll up the Bankruptcy filings to the Case Number, which will put all of the filings for a particular case together in the Bankruptcy Report. A separate search box for searching by FEIN has been added, as well as additional search logic allowing us to return a potential SSN for some subjects. Remember, you can also find the link to Real Time Dockets and Images at the top of the Bankruptcy Report.

DEATH RECORDS SEARCH AND REPORT

IRBsearch is now offering a comprehensive Death Records Search and Report. This search returns records from the Social Security Administration (SSA) as well as participating state data repositories to identify death details such as cause, condition, location, and time. States currently participating include California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. States will be added on a continual basis as data becomes available.

Typical uses of this Data are to verify death, identify benefits received, search death details for insurance and collection purposes, or to verify improper uses of a Social Security Number.

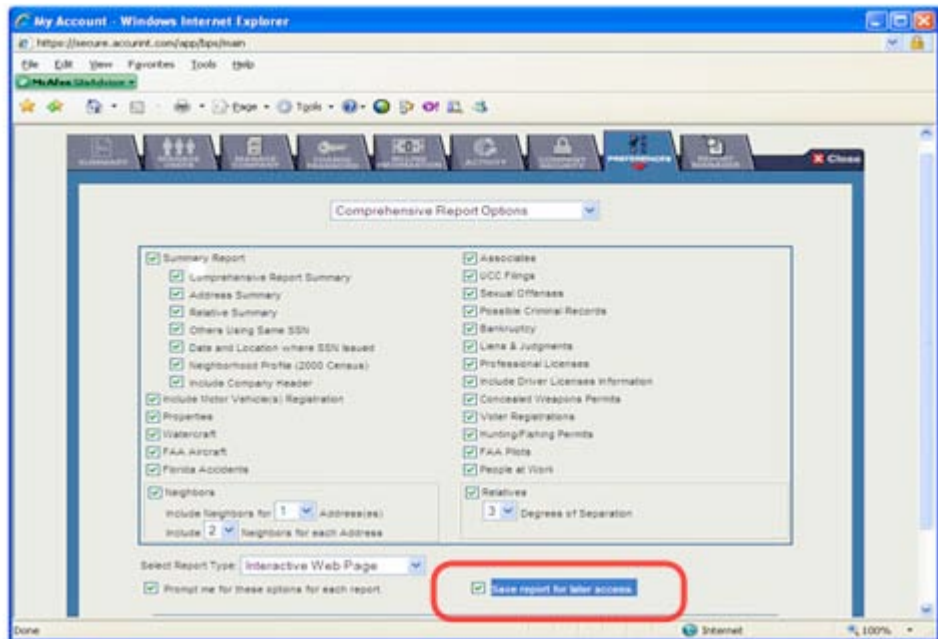
Click [here](#) to login or for more information, email us at marketing@irbsearch.com



REPORT MANAGER IS YOUR DESTINATION FOR SAVING REPORTS

To make sure your reports are showing up in the Report Manager, you will need to ensure you have checked the "Save report for later access" box. This can be found in two different areas:

- The Report Options menu that opens immediately before you purchase the report
- The Preferences section, found in the Main Menu under "My Account" (see image below)



After you purchase the report, it will automatically go to the Report Manager, which is also under the "My Account" section in the Main Menu, and stay there for seven days.

To save your report permanently, open the Report Manager and choose "View Report." When the report opens in .PDF, you can use Adobe to save directly to your computer.

NOTE: While it may be possible to save your report using various methods, different browsers work differently and the report may not save correctly or it may refresh, causing an unnecessary charge.

For questions, contact customerservice@irbsearch.com.

Did You Know?

WILDCARD SEARCH FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TAG NUMBERS

Did you know that you can perform a "wild card" search on a vehicle tag number? If you are unsure of the entire vehicle tag number or only have a partial tag number, you can use a wild card indicator (*) at the beginning or end of the tag number. For example, *123 will search for all vehicle tag numbers ending with

123, and 123* will search for all vehicle tag numbers beginning with 123. You can perform this search with or without identifying a state in your initial search criteria.

If your search returns a long list of results, we recommend adding the following criteria, if known, in this order:

1. **First Name or First Initial** - If you are not sure of the entire first name, type the initial or the first few letters in the **First Name** field.
2. **State** - Entering a state narrows the results to subjects living in the state.
3. **City** - Entering a city, in addition to the state, further narrows the results to subjects living in that specified city and state.
4. **Middle Name or Initial** - If your results return multiple listings with the same first and last name, add the Subject's middle name or initial. Remember that some records do not contain middle names or initials and will be excluded.

For more information about wild card searches, call us toll-free at 1-800-447-2112, or email customerservice@irbsearch.com.

In the News

THE BAIL BOND FAIRNESS ACT OF 2007 PASSED IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REP.

*Article from PBUS' "The Bail Agent's Perspective"
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More than a decade ago, PBUS relocated its home office from Texas to Washington, D.C. The focus of that move was to reaffirm the message of that time: If you are in bail and not in politics, get out of bail. That message resonates



clearer today than ever before. In the intervening years, PBUS has mounted public information and educational programs aimed at informing the general public and subsequently Members of Congress about the role of the bail agent. Also we have informed our members about legislative initiatives to endorse, as the Bail Bond Fairness Act beginning in 1997 and legislative initiatives to be wary of, The Bounty Hunter Accountability Act.

Monday, June 25, 2007, marked a significant milestone. PBUS witnessed the passage, in the U.S. House of Representatives, of an amazing and wonderful piece of legislation, The Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2007. The bill had fourteen original sponsors and had, as its single purpose, to affirm that your role is about insuring the appearance of

the defendant in court. Certain federal judges had taken it upon themselves to forfeit bail bonds, even when the defendants were present in court, for violations of conditions.

In summary: The Bail Bond Fairness Act will do the following:

1. The bill mandates that a bail bond may only be forfeited if a defendant fails to appear in court as ordered. If the defendant violates a condition of bail, for example, use of narcotic drug, failure to maintain a job, travel beyond a certain area, the defendant's bail may be revoked and they would be returned to jail. The cash value of the bond posted by the bail agent cannot be forfeited for this violation of condition.
2. This legislation allows professional bail agents to return to the federal court system to provide bail for defendants. Bail agents have been locked out of the federal system since the 1980s by the "violation of conditions" interpretation, as bail agents cannot guarantee behavior.
3. The bill allows bail to become available to all defendants, not just those with significant assets. The bail agent system allows a broader spectrum of defendants to have the benefit of pretrial release, not just those who are affluent.

As you know, the bill must now be introduced in the U.S. Senate. Continuing updates may be found on the PBUS website at www.pbush.com.

PROTECTING IDENTITY

Article excerpt from the SCALI Journal

Author: Monty Clark

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This may come as old news to some, but new news to others. Over the years I have received numerous telephone calls from people wanting to locate someone for one reason or another. If this service is something that you provide, I hope that you keep in mind the purpose of locating the person and just exactly who is on the other end of the telephone call.

It is very important that certain criteria is ascertained before you conduct the research and submit a report to the caller. One factor is why does this individual want to locate this person and just exactly who is this person you are talking to? It is a known fact that in certain domestic relationships, one party or the other may flee and hide. This person could be in a domestic violence situation that could result in bodily harm and sometimes death.

If you choose to locate a person and you submit your findings to the caller, and if this person uses your information to visit them causing them harm or death, you could be held responsible.

When I receive these types of calls, I will explain to the caller that I can attempt to locate the missing person but there are no guarantees. If the missing person is located, I will not submit any of the information back to the caller. I will further explain to them that I will contact the missing person and advise them that someone is trying to locate them. I will then provide the missing person with contact information provided to me by the caller.

It is my experience that in using this approach, the caller will terminate the call or fail to submit a written request that includes their personal information. You may also get a response from the caller stating that this is not how they want to handle the situation. Either way you will get an idea of the caller's intent.

With today's technology and databases, you as the investigator can locate almost anyone, anywhere and at anytime. How you deliver this information could cost

someone their life.

I have a similar situation now where the client's wife fled with their child. I am assisting this client, but only through their attorney. We have agreed that no information will be provided directly to the client and that I will report only to their attorney. This stipulation was discussed prior to signing the contract.

When a caller disagrees with my procedures, I ask them how they would feel if the role was reversed and someone was looking for them. That seems to get my message across.

Be smart when you are dealing with anyone over the phone. Unless you know the individual personally and have a legitimate reason to check personal information, don't do it. It could cost you several thousand dollars in defense, your business, and a lifetime of remembrance.

To read the complete article, please click [here](#).

Conferences and Seminars

UPCOMING EVENTS IRBSEARCH IS ATTENDING

Oct. 7-9 -- Bail USA Convention 2007 -- Savannah, GA

The Hilton De Soto Hotel, located in the historic district of Savannah, hosts this year's convention. **Be sure to attend our seminar, "Gathering Information to Better Secure Your Liability," Monday and Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the Breakout Room!** Visit www.bailusa.net for more information.

Oct. 25-28 -- Grand Canyon Super Conference -- Mesa, AZ

Come check us out in the Exhibitor's Pavilion at the Phoenix Marriot Mesa Resort & Convention Center. As a Silver Sponsor of this event, we encourage all attendees and guests to attend the Welcome Reception Thursday evening, and stop by our booth to visit with us. Go to www.aalpiccsc.org for additional info.



Nov. 2-3 -- GAPPI 2007 Southeastern Investigators Conference - Marietta, GA

Taking place at the Double Tree Hotel Atlanta NW/Marietta, this is GAPPI's 4th year to host the SEIC. Be sure to attend the Opening Session to hear updates on new IRBsearch products. For questions regarding this conference, visit www.gappi.org.

Nov. 2-3 -- PICA Annual Meeting & Conference - Pomona, CA

Being held at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, seminar topics include Environmental Investigations, Forensic DNA Identification and Analytic Interviewing. Come check out the IRBsearch booth and see a live demonstration of our online locate product. For more info about the conference, go to www.pica-association.org.

Please continue to visit our website to keep up to date with all the upcoming conferences and seminars that IRBsearch sponsors and attends.

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CLOSING COMMENTS

IRBsearch continues to develop more products and services that benefit our customers. Whether you are a private investigator, process server, repossession or bail agent, or in the judgment recovery business, we strive to find new ways to support you and your business. As we continue to fulfill the needs within these professional industries, we welcome all comments and suggestions.

IRBsearch values all the relationships we have with both our individual clients and the various state associations within the industries that we serve. We have a huge range of promotions, giveaways, and door prizes at conferences. We love to see our customers face-to-face so be sure to stop by our booth and say hello!

We value your feedback! If you have any comments or concerns about the contents of this newsletter, please share them by emailing us at marketing@irbsearch.com.

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