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What's New at IRBsearch

NEW PRODUCT - CONTACT CARD REPORT!

The *Contact Card Report* provides a new way to obtain instant access to key contact information available on an individual! Now you can easily identify relatives and associates closest to your subject AND determine their possible relationship to your subject (i.e. mother, father, sister) for more effective results.

Save time! Instead of running multiple searches, Contact Card can be accessed directly from your Person Search or Advanced Person Search results, as well as the newly redesigned Report Selection screen.

NEW PRODUCT - PEOPLE IN THE NEWS & BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS!

Aid your investigations with information that can't be found in public records by accessing over 13,000 news sources. For \$5 per search, you can search for People in the News and Businesses in the News.

- Limit your search to a specific U.S. region by selecting from the "Source" drop-down menu
- Search for specific words you'd like included in the articles
- Specify the words you'd like excluded from articles
- Specify a date range for when the article was published by selecting from the "Date" drop-down menu

Look for these searches on the Main Menu under "People" and "Businesses."

NEW COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ENHANCEMENTS

We are returning more fields in the Custom Comprehensive and Comprehensive Reports for several datasets including, motor vehicles, UCC's, bankruptcies, liens and judgments, and property.



NEW CRIMINAL RECORDS

We have added more data to our Criminal Records search. In addition to those already online, you can now search for criminal court records in Adams and Hardin Counties, Ohio; York County, South Carolina; and Hamilton County, Tennessee.



Arrest logs in Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho; Denton County, Texas; Lafayette Parish, Louisiana; and Clark and Thurston Counties, Washington have been added.

County court records in Noble County, Ohio are now available.

We have also added Tennessee Methamphetamine Offender Registry records.

NEW OFFICIAL RECORD COUNTY

We have added a new county to our Official Records search. You can now search for Official Records in Monroe County, Florida.

MORE PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Our coverage of professional licenses has expanded with additional professional license types in New Mexico, Ohio, and South Carolina. A full listing of professional licenses by state can be found by clicking on the coverage icon inside the online locate product.



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

Summer Webinar Schedule

COMPLIMENTARY ONLINE TRAINING!

Registering for your complimentary training session is easy! Visit irbsearch.webex.com to view upcoming Webinars, register for sessions, and join meetings. Check out our summer webinar schedule!

Date:	Time:	Topic:
June 4, 2008	2:00 PM	Best Practices
June 11, 2008	2:00 PM	Popular Searches
June 25, 2008	4:00 PM	Comprehensive Report
July 2, 2008	2:00 PM	Best Practices
July 9, 2008	2:00 PM	Running Reports
July 30, 2008	2:00 PM	Popular Searches

All times are Eastern Standard Time.

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Up Close & Personal

JAMES P. CARINO, JR., CPP, VSM FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTELLENET

Jim is a retired USAF Lt. Colonel who served 20 years with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) as a Special Agent. In his last position he served as Director of Criminal Investigations. Post retirement employment was as a Security Consultant for two firms prior to establishing his own company. He currently provides security consulting services, security training, expert witness testimony (security cases), and investigative services including background investigations.



He holds a BA from Colgate University and an MA from the University of Hawaii. He has taught security courses at both Alvernia College (baccalaureate) and St. Joseph's University (masters level).

He is a licensed PI in Pennsylvania and is an active member of ASIS, NCISS, AFOSISA, HAPS, NALI, CII (among others) and is Past President of the Montgomery County (PA) Private Detectives Association. He was co-founder of the Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators (PALI), serving as Chairman of the Board (1997-2001 and 2008-2010) and President (2003-2007). He is also a Region Director/Board Member for NCISS (1998-2010), a Lifetime CPP and served as a member of the ASIS Investigations Council from 1999-2007.

Jim also founded Intellenet, a world-wide network of investigators and security consultants. They are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year by holding their annual conference in Sorrento, Italy June 4 - 7.

For more information about Jim and Intellenet, please visit www.intelnetwork.org.

Did You Know?

MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT

It is easy to manage your account online with IRBsearch. Once logged in you have a variety of options.

- Summary: View a summary of your account, including company and user information, and company ID number
- Manage Users: Add and manage users. You may also enable and disable the types of searches to which users in your company have access. This is one way to change passwords as well.
- Manage Company: Enable and disable the types of searches the company can perform.
- Change Password: Easily change your password without calling customer service.
- Billing Info: Request detailed billing activity. You can choose to have your usage automatically emailed to you daily, weekly, or monthly.
- Activity: View activity and manage your saved reports
- Company Security: Monitor company security
- Preferences: Set your report preferences here. You'll never forget to save your reports again!
- Report Manager: Retrieve saved reports in an easy to read PDF format.
- IRBsearch Customer Support: Need additional help? Click here to retrieve our contact information.
- Frequently Asked Questions: Answers to commonly asked questions

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

In the News

ADDITIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MISSISSIPPI BAIL AGENTS

From the Mississippi Bail Agents Association, www.msba.org

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On April 14, 2008, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour signed into law changes to Miss. Code Ann. 83-39-3. These changes require any professional, soliciting or bail enforcement agents have eight (8) hours of continuing education every year with a total of sixteen (16) hours per licensing period. All agents have until September 30th of each year to complete their eight (8) hours.



Important: Bail Agents must have 8 hours each year; they cannot take 16 hours in one year. If they fail to complete 8 hours of continuing education by September 30th each year their licensing will no longer be valid and they will have to take the pre-licensing class to get it reinstated.

How will this work? In September of each year the Mississippi Bail Agents Association, MBAA, will electronically submit to the Mississippi Department of Insurance (DOI) the names of everyone who completed the continuing education class that year. Everyone will continue to receive a Certificate but it is for their records. MBAA will not mail it to the DOI and is still talking to the DOI on how renewals will be done in 2009.

Click [here](#) to read Miss. Code Section 83-39-3. MBAA will continue to post updates on their website (www.msbaail.org) as information becomes available. Continuing education schedule and registration forms are also available on the "Education" page of their website.

To learn more about MBAA, go to www.msbaail.org.

GPS AND THE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

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A mother calls a private investigator wondering whether or not she can help track where her footloose, wild, and tight-lipped 16-year-old daughter, a bit reckless with her newfound freedom, goes in her car on Friday and Saturday nights.

A suspicious husband calls asking the PI to track his wife, whom he suspects of having an affair.

Old-fashioned gumshoe surveillance works in these situations. Hang low nearby, and when the subject enters the car, follow him. But "getting made," where the subject becomes aware you are following them, or losing the tail at a stoplight, can derail these investigative efforts. Besides, it is expensive.

Clients might be able to afford to pay \$75 per hour times many hours of human surveillance. Global positioning system technology can do the job for much less, as it takes perhaps 10 seconds to place one of these magnetic units under a car. But, with the recent arrest of a Colorado PI caught planting a GPS tracking device on a car in a public parking lot, many PIs are wary of using them.



Law enforcement has used GPS devices for years, and private investigators have used them for surveillance to detect misuse of equipment, and in child-custody violations, insurance fraud and marital infidelity cases.

The GPS listens for satellite radio signals and calculates how long the signals take to arrive. The tracking units must receive signals from at least three satellites to triangulate. This provides a highly accurate estimate of latitude and longitude through a cellular network (real-time GPS units) or is recorded on the device that is retrieved later (passive GPS units).

PIs who use GPS attach these devices to a vehicle, then monitor and track the vehicle's movements, sometimes from a web site. They can also program them to

transmit signals from a cellular tower to a base unit to report location in terms of longitude and latitude, tracking how long the vehicle stays at that location, and report where the vehicle is headed next.

Should a PI embrace this technology, originally developed to assist U.S. military forces, or shun it? What would be legal to do to accomplish investigative missions, and where do the legal landmines lie? Could it be considered wiretapping (usually not) or cause violation of privacy statutes (maybe, depending on the state law)?

What would happen if a PI gives the client minute-by-minute updates on the location of a tracked spouse's vehicle, and the husband ends up shooting the wife based on this information?

Would each new genre of case call for a legal opinion before proceeding?

The short answer is, "be careful." Since the technology is new, case law on the topic is in its infancy. GPS surveillance may or may not be legal depending on the type of device and on the location.

Two cases in the western U.S. have said that police using GPS without a warrant did not violate the Constitution based on so-called Bird Dog cases. U.S. v. Knotts (1983) said using this technology, a lower-tech predecessor to the GPS, amounted to simply "augmenting the sensory faculties" these officers had since birth. Next year, in U.S. v. Karo, the Supreme Court ruled that more Fourth Amendment oversight



was justified when the Drug Enforcement Administration attached a bird dog device to a delivery to a drug house. The court said this action crossed a threshold under the federal constitution from monitoring things in public view to continuing to monitor after the device entered a private residence. Law officers must also consider whether their actions are legal under their state constitutions.

The California Scott Peterson investigation was one case where investigators used this technology to track Peterson to the ocean several times after he murdered his pregnant wife, and this evidence was admissible in court.

Can these law enforcement cases provide similar justification for PIs who primarily use GPS in domestic investigations and in civil cases? Might PIs track vehicles in the open, but come up against a potentially litigious situation if they track the vehicle all the way into someone's private garage? Would they be permitted to install and retrieve GPS devices in a public place, but not on private property, as long as they did not commit a crime -- such as breaking into the car, tapping into the car's power supply, or altering the car's driving characteristics?

Keep in mind that police have a much higher standard to meet than PIs do because the U.S. Constitution and most state constitutions prohibit government intrusion onto private property without a warrant. Even so, PIs can be sued if their actions are perceived to violate one's rights.

What can PIs do, and what can they not do, with these devices? Most states would permit the following:

- Businesses tracking their own vehicles or materials, with informed consent of the employees.
- Domestic applications where husband and wife jointly own the vehicle. However, if the spouses have separate residences, this could pose a problem.
- Use without consent of the subject in all public areas.
- Use on the investigator's vehicle to track routes during mobile surveillance.

To ensure he or she is on the right side of the law, the PI or police officer must get permission to install the device, either from the courts or from the property owner. And, morally speaking, the PI must inform his or her client of the device's proposed use, as clients can be held liable for illegal use as well. It would also not be a bad idea to contact the state's attorney general to see what state laws might preclude or limit this approach to surveillance.



Some PIs attempt to distance themselves from responsibility for missteps by requiring clients to install the devices themselves on cars they own, or have the units installed at dealerships during routine maintenance visits. A contract may spell out that the client cannot use the information to confront, stalk or harm the tracked person.

Even so, in marital fidelity/integrity check cases, the PI should search police, sheriff and court files to ensure no restraining orders exist, as well as no history of domestic violence. They should also be keenly aware of privacy, trespass and criminal mischief statutes, and the local police attitudes toward use of this technology by PIs.

From a legal and financial standpoint, some PIs require clients to purchase the devices outright in case they are discovered, lost, stolen or damaged.

With all the above caveats, technology is still not a solution that replaces time-tested investigative techniques and real eyes, ears and brains. A piece of equipment cannot tell anyone what the wife did after she left her car and went inside the bar, or whom the child talked to or what he or she did along the route while being monitored.

GPS is one more tool in the kit bag, but PIs must use it only after understanding legal issues that could expose the investigator to arrest or lawsuit. Remember, even murderers, child molesters and cheating spouses have rights.

To learn more about Dave, visit his website at www.tacforensics.com.

Conferences and Seminars

UPCOMING EVENTS IRBSEARCH IS ATTENDING

- GAPB Annual Conference, June 9 - 12, The Lodge, Callaway Gardens, GA, www.gapb.org *
- NALI Annual Conference, June 11 - 14, Double Tree Crystal City, Washington, DC, www.nalionline.org
- RSIG Conference, June 18 - 20, The Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, TX, www.rsig.com

- CALI 41st Annual Conference, June 29 - July 2, The Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA, www.cali-pi.org
- MBAA General Assembly, July 6 - 7, Natchez Conference Center, Natchez, MS, www.msbaill.org
- PBUS Mid-Year Meeting, July 13 - 15, The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL, www.pbud.com *
- IAPI Annual Conference, July 24 - 25, Holiday Inn & Suites, Des Moines, IA, www.iowa-investigators.com *
- Southwest Super Conference, August 7 - 9, Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX, www.2008swsc.com *

* Indicates IRBsearch seminar

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CLOSING COMMENTS

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IRBsearch values all the relationships we have with both our individual clients and the various state associations within the industries 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 welcome 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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