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Jean ,

Does it seem as though anyone could be a PI! Don't we all use the internet? Some clients even go to the inexpensive databases relying on old, unreliable and flawed information prior to calling me. Silly people.

Even though acquiring records has become faster and there is more availability, relying solely on the Internet and databases without utilizing a multi-pronged investigative approach is not giving clients the total picture.

A lot of time, database searches through criminal record and database repositories do not identify any criminal record information on the subject of a background investigation. However, if records are searched at the local courthouse, it can disclose that the individual had been previously arrested but maybe not convicted. You do not have any way of knowing that! Sometimes, it's even misspelling and inverted names that are the cause, but that is where an experienced legal investigator can be useful.

Ultimately, as trained legal investigators we gather

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You are looking for an online date and scammers are looking for you

Again? How many times must you be told to be diligent about who your online interactions and moreover, never give money over the internet to anyone you are not absolutely sure of.

So you online looking for a date and you can't imagine how that could be a dangerous activity, especially if you are just looking. You know, like window shopping. No biggie if you are not buying. You are sadly incorrect and here's a scenario that will chill your bones.



A mother and daughter, Karen and Tracy Vasseur of Colorado had quite the scam going on when they were conning hundreds of people out of more than one million dollars. The two, together with people they had working for them, bilked unsuspecting people on dating sites and social networks. Naturally they

the most relevant and - now hear this - the most recent supporting information from various sources to provide intelligence for our clients to make those critical decisions.

Jean Mignolet

A reminder that prior issues of the newsletter are viewable from the website.

Crime Prediction and the



Constitution

Here we go gang...are we chipping at the Constitution once again and how does one level this one?

Usually police arrive at a crime scene after that crime occurs unless they are conducting a sting or on surveillance. However, law enforcement is using computers to predict tomorrow's crimes in hopes of preventing those crimes. Oh, how do they do this? They do it with software that measures statistics that happened before and they say it has worked well in predicting certain crimes.

In Los Angeles and soon to be in Seattle, the police have predicted property and gun crimes with success by learning of it today and showing up before it happens tomorrow. That's pretty incredible and has many good points to it.

An anthropologist at UCLA, Jeff Brantingham, created

looked for and found the most vulnerable out there by tricking them into thinking they were talking to members of the US Military needing money.

The duo had a full staff working their victims once they established individual relationships with these potential pawns. They simply said they were serving in Afghanistan and they needed money to get home or for other expenses. Let's face it, most Americans are very generous and if they are naive... it's victim time!

Luckily the deranged duo was caught and have will be spending at least 27 years in jail. That was the good news. The bad news is that their staff has not yet been caught and this crime is a serious one.

Court documents state that they "did unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conduct or participate in said enterprise, directly or indirectly, through a pattern of racketeering activity" according to law. Can you say RICO?

the software during a research project when he became interested to know if computers could predict crime similar to the way that earthquakes are predicted.

"It predicts twice as much crime as any other existing system, even going head-to-head with a crime analyst," Brantingham says.

"The model will actually predict other locations, that effectively say, even though there was a crime somewhere else in your environment, the risk is still greatest in this location today for the next 10 hours or the next 12 hours," Brantingham explains.

Seattle police officer Philip Monzon patrols an area where the department's predictive policing software has indicated car thefts are likely to occur.

The software will not tell you who will commit the crime but it will tell you where it's likely to happen. It is the first in place to predict property crimes and gun violence in Seattle where they began using the software earlier this year.

A map with "red boxes" on it shows the predictions of where the next crimes may occur. At the beginning of their shifts, patrol cops head to those areas in a proactive attempt to prevent crimes.

With such police visibility criminals are at least deterred to commit a crime. But what about "reasonable suspicion?" Lawfully stopping someone becomes a sticky situation. A person(s) would not be stopped simply because a red box says something may be happening there so unless there is other information to cause reasonable and lawful suspicion, the police cannot utilize it for stopping someone.