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GUIDON

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WELCOME

Greetings and welcome to the first issue of the PALI Guidon. This newsletter shall attempt to pick up where the PALI Informer left off several years ago.

You may ask why the PALI Guidon?



The significance and importance of the **guidon** is that it represents the unit and its commanding officer. Since the early days of warfare, the guidon has served as the talisman of unit identity. A Guidon is symbolic. It helps units develop a sense of pride and Esprit de Corps, as well as serving the more practical purpose of providing a rally point for soldiers during formation and the heat of battle.

As editors it is our hope that this newsletter shall grow into a rally point for PALI Members and Private Investigators, Law Enforcement, and Industry personnel from around the country and perhaps the world. The PALI Guidon is aimed at providing PALI members, and the industry information, initiatives, incentives, and the occasional interesting bit of worthless information.

You will also notice that this newsletter is completely digital by design. It is produced in this fashion to direct traffic to the PALI website. Members will be able to share it by copying the PDF

as well as direct traffic to the PALI site by simply sharing the link in the hopes of creating increased awareness of the Association, what it stands for and what it does. As we grow as a digital footprint, so shall the newsletter reaching Attorneys, District Attorneys, Law Enforcement, Security and others who share the same or similar passion, vocation and avocation of PALI. Spread the word, share the link. <https://www.pali.org/>

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GUIDON FORMAT IDEAS

As you will see in President Law's corner, it is our desire here at the GUIDON to enlist input, ideas, articles, pictures and items of interest from the members of PALI.

We envision the newsletter to consist of the following format once we get this up and running.:

Section 1- Letter from the President should be included in each issue. 2 or 3 paragraphs on the topic de jour!

Section 2- The History of PALI from inception to present over a period of issues. This will be broken down into several articles over a period of issues.

Section 3 - Articles pertaining to our PI Industry from members and or outside sources willing to be published. (Not all submissions will make the newsletter but perhaps we can have a link on the website).

Section 4- PALI Member Spotlight - Submissions of the member to be spotlighted will come from members (Not Self Submitted) and one shall be selected each issue. This will be a brief bio of training and accomplishments.

Section 5- Attorney column. Each month I shall solicit articles from PI Solicitors, District Attorneys, and the like pertaining to current case law, not so current case law, laws of interest and areas where District Attorneys find themselves in contact with PI's. Current case law of interest such as House Bill 37 or your favorite and mine " GPS APPS on cell phones. Legal or not?!"

Section 6- Odd PA LAWS that are still on the books – Submissions in this category are always appreciated.

Section 7- Of Interest: Section pertaining to non-law but still of interest things for PALI members

Section 8- Upcoming EVENTS SCHEDULE: PALI and abroad training, webinars, special events special happenings

Section 9- For The Good of the Order: Section where members can submit items of interest such as photos, when they have published books, testified as Experts, Speaking publicly as well as when their children or families have received scholarships, awards, recognition etc.

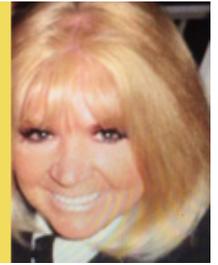
I would ask that Articles submitted by members be no more than 1200 words (ish)

Section 10 – Secret Recipe – Each issue shall include a Secret Recipe that only the most discerning Investigator would be able to uncover, discover, prepare and then share. Many will be able to be eaten with one hand while on surveillance. Others will need a bib and towelettes I am sure!

Section 11 - Once per year- hopefully at the beginning, we will list a PALI "In Memory" page for members who have passed in the previous year.



PRESIDENTS CORNER: EILEEN LAW



Dear Colleagues:

Spring, 2020

I'm hoping that you are well and keeping your heads above water during this COVID19 pandemic. Life, as we know it, will never be the same. We sure live in an uncertain world. Sadly, my sister passed away quite suddenly during this pandemic. While it was disheartening that only immediate family came to her service, I understand it was necessary. On behalf of my family and her son, we wish to thank PALI for the donation made in her name to her favorite charity.

I wanted to thank members Frank and Sandy DeAndrea for taking over our newsletter. I have no doubt that they will keep us informed of events. However, they will need our collective help. I'm betting that they would covet articles and photographs from you and things that are beneficial to all. Their e-mail address is Frank@DeAndrea.biz.

I have taken this time of quarantine and social distancing to finish writing my second book, *From A Different Chair*. It was a joy to write, unlike my first book. *Somewhere Out There ~ Unlocking Secrets In The Journey To Find Biological Parents and Families* is finally in print. It is an educational "how to" book I was persuaded by a client to write. The client, whose mother passed away suddenly, was cleaning out her mother's home and found adoption papers which were redacted. She had no clue she had been adopted. She and her husband searched for the bio mom for ten years, then hired an attorney, then another private detective to find her, to no avail. She heard about me, hired me and two weeks later, I found both of her parents. As a "gift" to me, the client wanted me to write this book to help others. He told me he owned a publishing company and wanted to publish it at no charge to me as a thank you. I didn't want to do it, but reluctantly did. It's been a frustrating experience, most especially dealing with publishers who aren't on the up and up. PI Magazine will have it for sale and it will also be available at our annual conference September 16th and 17th. Eventually, it will be sold on Amazon. For those of you who have already written a book, you already know it can be very nerve wracking but therapeutic. I would encourage everyone to consider doing so, most especially during this "down time."

Our new and revised website is up and running, although we are still tweaking some things. Special thanks go to Janice Flowers, Chris Finley, Lindsay Kowalski, Bill Everman and Chuck Kleber. If you haven't already done so, browse through it.

God willing, we will be back at the beautiful Hershey Lodge Resort. On behalf of my fellow Board Members, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all Licensed Private Investigators, Law Enforcement Personnel, Loss Prevention Professionals and those affiliated with Security-related fields to attend.

Our conference is designed to raise the bar by providing education, updated training and a myriad of topics associated with our profession. We typically have anywhere from 75 to 125 attendees. We have speakers from all over the globe, as well as vendors and sponsors who will show you the newest equipment used in our trade, software programs that will benefit you, as well as insurance brokers who will not only educate you, but save you money. It is a two-day

event packed with education, great food, and a hospitality suite complete with a Karaoke D.J. so you can either sing or dance the night away. Forgetting the wonderful gift bags and door prizes, the best thing about our conferences is the camaraderie, marketing and friends you will make for life. Will you be awarded our Professional Investigator Award”?

We hope you will be able to join us this year and take advantage of the early-bird rates and consider staying at this first-class resort. Enjoy a libation or Chocolate Martini by the fire and regale us with your war stories. We look forward to seeing some old faces and many new ones.

Please stay safe.

Best Regards,

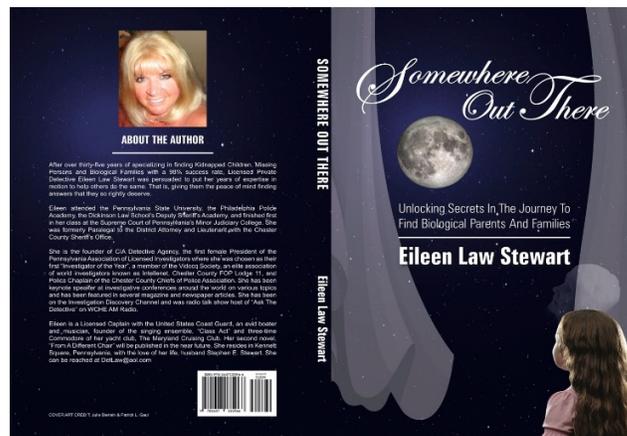


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Bill Everman, Eileen Law and Marc Bourne

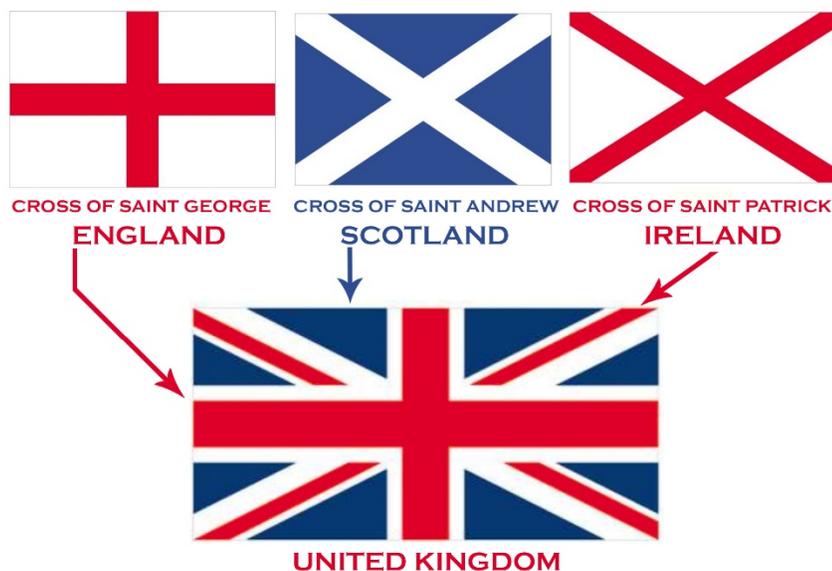




WHAT DOES YOUR FLAG STAND FOR? BY: FRANK V. DEANDREA, JR.



The art and practice of designing flags is known as vexillology. Much time, effort and consideration go into the design of a National flag. The colors are not picked at random but represent the history, religion and culture, of the country. A national flag is designed with specific meanings for the colors and symbols chosen. The oldest European flags still in use are those that display the Christian cross, which was first extensively used in the Crusades. Of note is the British flag, the Union Jack, which incorporates the Crosses of St. George (England), St. Andrew (Scotland), and St. Patrick (Ireland).



The design of a national flag may be altered after the occurrence of important historical events such as the adding of a star to the canton of the United States Flag each time a state is ratified. Specifically, Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state.

Flag etiquette states the flag is never to touch the ground and in battle, should the guidon bearer become disabled, the nearest brother or sister in arms must take up the cause and carry the banner because that banner is much more than a piece of colored cloth, it is the symbol of our nation. It is what we as a people and individual believe in. A symbol men and women have died for.



Johnson's new chart of national emblems, published c. 1868. The large flags shown in the corners are the [37-star flag of the United States](#) (flown 1867–1877), the [Royal Standard of the United Kingdom](#), the [Russian Imperial Standard](#), and the [French tricolore](#) with inset [Imperial Eagle](#).

We all know of Betsy Ross but how many of us know Mary Pickersgill? Mary Pickersgill was a talented seamstress whose mother sewed flags for the United States Army during the revolutionary war. During the War of 1812, Mary, born in Philadelphia and living in Baltimore, was commissioned to sew two flags for Fort McHenry in 1813. One, a storm flag, measuring 17-feet by 25-feet, and the second, a garrison flag measuring 30-feet by 42-feet. The commanding officer of Fort McHenry, General George Armistead, specified he wanted a flag so large that the British would have no problem seeing it from the Baltimore harbor.

This 30-foot by 42-foot garrison flag contains fifteen stripes, each two feet wide. With fifteen stripes, this flag remains the only official American flag to bear more than thirteen stripes. The garrison flag weighed 50 pounds and took nine men to hoist it over Fort McHenry, but Armistead's wish for a flag that could be seen far in the distance was realized.

As luck would have it on the 12th of September 1814 an attorney from Maryland and a British Prisoner Exchange Agent, Colonel John Skinner were on a mission to negotiate the release of American prisoners to include Dr. William Beans. To do this, the attorney and the Colonel dined aboard the British ship HMS Tonnant as the guests of Vice Admiral Alexander Cochrane. After successful negotiations, the attorney, Beans and Skinner were not allowed to return to their own ship due to them knowing the size, location and attack plans of the British. The three Americans were unable to do anything but watch the bombardment of the American forces at Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore September 13- 14, 1814.

The British touted Congreve rockets on their brand-new British bomb ships. At the time these were the most sophisticated naval weapons in the world.

The barrage of cannons firing these stick guided rockets was endless. So many guns that there was no break in the report. It was deafening. The smoke from the black powder caused the shore to be cloaked in a veil of white and grey. When there was a break in the smoke, the Pickersgill flag could be seen flying above the wall of the fort. The barrage went on all day, into the evening and all through the night. For twenty-seven hours Fort McHenry was under attack by the constant pounding of rockets and canons. Throughout the evening, as

the bombs would explode close to the flag, their red lights would illuminate the flag showing it was still standing.

At dawn September 14, the American defenders lowered their battered storm flag and raised the large, 30-foot by 42-foot, broad striped garrison flag. The Attorney as well as all the British could see the flag was still waiving on top of the fortress rampart.

That attorney wrote a poem to commemorate what he watched; it was called "Defense of Fort McHenry".

The attorney was Francis Scott Key and the song is the Star-Spangled Banner. Knowing the history of the battle now makes sense to the words we learned as children.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, (*The morning the shelling stopped*)

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming, (*When the flag was last seen at twilight the evening before*)

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight (Each Stripe 2 feet wide and some 42 feet long)

O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming? (*Rampart is a castle wall with walkway*)

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, (Congreve rockets were shot in an arc up into the air and then down onto the target. Showering red sparks as they travelled)

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Why the lesson in vexillology, (the scholarly study of flags) you may ask?

Funny how we can take things for granted. Something is as serious as our national anthem or the symbol of our nation.

These are serious times we are living through in history right now. A time when we all should be banding together and rallying around the flag.

A month or two ago, many of us took for granted simple freedoms such as leaving the house, getting the kids to school, dining at a restaurant, going grocery shopping and even having a job. We often were too busy to stop and or pay attention to the people in the service industry who were driving the bus, waiting on the table, stocking the shelves and working in the cubicle next to us.

We can use this time to do a system reboot. Take a breath and count to ten. We can reconnect with our families, our loved ones and the things that really are important to us. We can appreciate the freedom we have because of what our national flag stands for. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Equally as important, we have time to do a personal reassessment of what our personal flags stand for. Is it time to add a star? Will someone rally around your flag? Is your flag worthy of another carrying it if you should falter?

Does your flag stand for something meaningful that you believe in or are you just reciting words you learned as a child without understanding them? We owe it to ourselves, our loved ones and our organization to be the best we can be. If we do that, when we close our eyes at night, we can rest easy knowing should we falter; someone will carry our flag.

I wish you all fair winds and following seas until we once again rally round a flag.

Stay safe.

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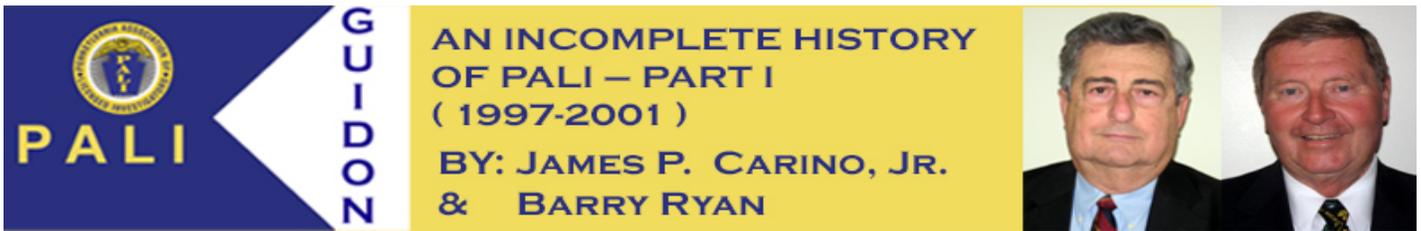
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He designed the first Mobile Computer system for the Pennsylvania State Police along with the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) solution. He also designed the Motorola mobile computer screen in his garage.

He is a subject matter expert on police policy and procedure investigations and how to investigate police departments. He has written multiple regulations for state and municipal police departments and assisted in writing the Pennsylvania Gaming Regulations when he opened and commanded the first Pennsylvania State Police barracks at the first casino in Pennsylvania.

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PRELUDE TO PALI

Since the passing of the updated Pennsylvania Private Detective Act of 1953, a number of private investigators had sensed a need to organize our profession. The primary goals were to gain acceptance and credibility within their communities. There were a number of attempts to form such a professional organization. It was a cumbersome task to organize beyond an immediate geographical area because: the internet did not exist; email was not yet in play; and websites had not yet been envisioned.

Historically the PI Industry had a murky reputation. It had the image of rogue investigators ignoring the law and unethically conducting business. In the late 1980's and early 1990's (some earlier), PI's in several states formed associations to help improve this image by implementing Codes of Ethical Conduct. These associations attracted the more professional investigators and consultants. This resulted in changing the PI culture into the acceptable professional image which it enjoys today.

Pennsylvania reportedly did have PI Association which folded circa 1985 when the last remaining member either passed away or retired and left the state. Efforts to locate any members of this association were unsuccessful. Suffice to note this was before the internet and email were available for information and communication purposes. Websites were just beginning to appear in the early-mid 1980s. In sum, no trace of this early PA PI Association could be found. At the time of PALI's first organizational meeting, there were three known organizations in place:

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Montgomery County Private Detective Association (MCPDA), consisting of about 35 members, was a very pro-active group. Initially formed by PIs in Montgomery County the group later expanded to invite PIs from Philadelphia, Bucks, Delaware and Chester counties. Monthly meetings were held and usually drew 28-30 members to each. This origin and founding PIs of MCPDA are unknown but two old timers (among others) were Bob Godman (d. 1996) and Bruce Snyder (status and location unknown).The person in charge of PI licensing in Montgomery County, a woman by the name of Ellen Dragan, ensured that every new licensee was made aware of MCPDA and urged to join. Ellen, an honorary member rarely missed a meeting. As commented more forth later MCDPA became the "backbone" of PALI and provided the initial funding by making available its treasury as the initial seed money for PALI.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

On August 1, 1991 the Pennsylvania Association of Private Investigators (PAPI) was incorporated as a nonprofit organization by President Daniel J. Benny, M.A., CPP. The initial quarterly publication entitled "Investigative Report" was published in August 1991. Services included a speaker's bureau and referral service. Annual dues were set at \$25. The initial meet was set forth for September 1991.

Initially there was some limited progress to develop and grow PAPI. There were 15-20 members who joined to include PALI charter co-founder and Secretary, Fred Bornhofen, CPP, CFE. Also, Dan lobbied Governor Robert P. Casey to issue a Commonwealth Proclamation declaring October 1991 as "Professional Private Investigators Month". In presenting the Proclamation, Governor Casey urged all Pennsylvania citizens to recognize the numerous contributions and achievements of professional private investigators throughout the

Commonwealth. In a short period of time PAPI faded due to the absence of a formidable path to market its message. PAPI remains a registered entity at the Commonwealth as of this date.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

It is believed Walt Yarnall was involved in a very loosely organized group in the Pittsburgh area. Little else is known but Walt played a very active role in PALI before retiring and leaving the state.

THE BEGINNING OF PALI

In early May 1997, Bruce Hulme, a well-known established leader in the PI Profession and colleague/friend of Jim Carino in a discussion about forming a PI association in Pennsylvania mentioned to Jim that Lynette Revill based in the Pittsburgh area and also an active board member of NCISS was in the early stages of attempting to form a PI association in PA. Jim called Lynette and as can be said the rest is history. A joint email from Jim and Lynette to Fred Bornhofen (d. 2019), Frank Bradshaw (d. 2002), Bob Meinert and Barry Ryan on 15 May 1997 which set the initial meeting is quoted below:

"The initial organization meeting to form a State PI Association will be held at the Pleasant Valley Restaurant (tel 717-987-3678) off Exit 13, Pennsylvania Tpk (Port Littleton). Room reserved under Barry Ryan, on 29 May 1997 at 10:30A. We have picked a location about equidistant for our furthest attendees. Hopefully Bob Meinert will be able to obtain lists of all licensed PIs in counties in 42 of the 45 (sic) counties. All are requested to obtain copies of county lists wherever opportunities are present.

As of 30 April, the State of California has 95 bills that have already been introduced which impact directly or indirectly on our business. As we all know, legislation starts in CA. You will note the PA DMV bill will deny the private sector access to DMV records. One of our considerations should be to enlist support from auto manufacturers, the insurance industry, lawyers, the PA Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, as well as Corporate Security Directors in State to help us oppose this bill.

Lynette Revill and Jim Carino attended the NCISS Conference in Scottsdale AZ 30 April – 4 May and learned much about 1) forming an association, and 2) opposition to the DMV bill. Several State PI Associations have promised to support us in both our efforts. The proposed Bylaws were prepared by Bert Falbaum (Intelnet member) who wrote the Bylaws for the States of VA and AZ. We will need to review and revise. We may want to consider 5 to 7 regions in the State as part of our organization.

Please review all the attached and be prepared to make this a productive meeting. Bring your ideas!!

Thanks for your interest.

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Frank Bradshaw (717) 474-9291
Jim Carino (800) 784-2020
Bob Meinert (412) 364-0101
Lynette Revill (412) 443-9103
Barry Ryan (717) 921-3290

Atch:* Prepared Bylaws

Proposed Logo

Copy DMV Bill

One Page ltr MCPDA"

* Attachments were no longer available. Falbaum forwarded a draft of proposed PALI Bylaws on 5 May! As can be gleaned from the organizational email the catalyst for forming our association was the PA DMV bill which served as a rallying point and drawing card for PIs throughout the state to join.

The original state of officers who served from 1997-2001.

NAME	ROLE	LOCATION
Jim Carino	Chairman	Eastern PA
Barry Ryan	President	Central PA
Lynette Revill	1st VP	Western PA
Bob Meinert	2nd VP	Western PA
Frank Bradshaw	Treasurer	Northern Eastern PA
Fred Bornhofen	Secretary	Eastern PA

NOTES: The PALI Founding Fathers were all Intellenet members.

During this period Lynette Revill relocated to FL and relinquished her position as 1st Vice President. However, she remained a member of PALI for many years. Carl Von Lipsey was appointed as 2nd VP with Bob Meinert moving up to replace Lynette as 1st VP

The name "Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators" (PALI) was suggested by Lynette. Several other existing statewide associations were already using similar names, e.g. TALI, CALI, FALI.

The second meeting took place in November 1997 with approximately 16 PIs attending. Additionally, attending were: Eileen Law (Kennett Square), Tom Maitland and Skip Gouchenour (Harrisburg), Chuck Kleber (Hanover), Walt Yarnall, Bob Kresson and Rich Richardson (Pittsburgh), Jeff Fry (Lancaster), Rick Payton (State College), Karl von Lipsey (Norristown), and Leo Pierce (Erie). Attendees agreed that PALI could be a viable organization so tasks were assigned to: draft By-Laws; develop a Code of Ethics; develop an Application for Membership; and identify a membership base.

The third meeting took place in early June 1998. Approximately 25 PIs attended. Additionally attending were: Barbara Thompson, Lou Gentile, Jeanne Arabia, Bob Dash, Kim Emes, Michael Talone, and Warren Levicoff. Annual dues were established at \$75. The state was divided into six (6) regions and the initial directors were: Bob Kozura (Region 1); Jim Seidel (Region 2); Skip Gouchenour (Region 3); Rick Payton (Region 4); Rich Richardson (Region 5) and Leo Pierce (Region 6). Directors at Large were: Walt Yarnell and Jeff Fry. Of course, there were many telephone calls and emails between and among the founding fathers during this entire period, but no email copies were located.

Articles of incorporation were filed by Barry Ryan on June 9, 1998. The stated purpose was "To establish, promote, maintain and monitor a Business Code of Conduct and to provide continuing education for its members".

MEMBERSHIP

Our most formidable problem was to develop a membership base from the distant population demographics within the state. Three primary challenges had to be overcome:

PIs were extremely protective of their clients and fear existed that another member (competitor) would steal them.

Most PIs were sole practitioners and could not, or would not take any time to become involved; and

For many the \$75 annual fee seemed high and the challenge was to give PIs "return on their investment".

The early officers and directors took several steps to help ensure an association that would withstand the test of time:

1. Develop a complete statewide list of PIs: initially, by word of mouth from early members; secondarily, from the statewide list of PIs maintained by the PSP (very incomplete and inaccurate-mandated by state law); and lastly, members visited the 67 local courthouses and secured the list of registered licensed investigators. Initially, approximately 1127 names of licensed PIs was developed and letters were sent to each: however, the final list was reduced to approximately 800 active licensed PIs names and

companies. Over 200 were returned for reasons such as: no such address; no such person; moved, forwarding order expired. One county refused to divulge the names of licensed PIs and another wanted to charge us \$1.00 per name. We declined. In sum, checking with county courthouses received low marks regarding the development of the list of licensed PIs in the state

2. Beginning in 1998, a four (4) page quarterly newsletter was mailed to all registered PIs. (no copies available)

3. A PALI presentation was made by Jim Carino and Barry Ryan to the Montgomery County Private Detectives Association (MCPDA). On the verge of discontinuing their organization, MCPDA revived their "raison d'être" and merged into PALI. Special kudos go to Karl von Lipsey, their president and a PALI Board member, for making this possible.

4. The engagement of Jim West, the recently retired U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of PA, as PALI's legal counsel.

5. The partnering relationship with George Yergey to provide insurance coverage at reasonable rates. Yergey was the first insurance company to offer a group insurance rates. Earlier (Spring 1991) George Yergey met with Jim Carino (Executive Director of Intelnet), set up by Washington DC PI (and Intelnet member) Butch Heinlein (d. 2008). Yergey suggested a group plan rate of about \$2500 a year less for better coverage. It took George about a year to set up a nationwide capability so by 1997-1998 the Yergey group insurance plan and PALI were ready to form a partnership. Other insurance firms soon followed suit, but it was Yergey Insurance who blazed the trail for lower rates saving many of us thousands of \$\$ per year. Now under his son Mike, Yergey Insurance to this day is a major supporter of PALI.

6. The decision to hold annual educational seminars and business meetings, one in eastern Pennsylvania, the second in Western Pennsylvania. The seminars dissolved the pre-existing apprehension that competitors could not work together. The seminars emphasized networking, business development, educational investigative techniques, emergency technology, and legal issues confronting the industry. The first was held in Reading PA on November 14, 2000. Speakers were Dan Ryan (Tax Write-Offs in the PI Profession); Jack Mattera (Computer Forensics) and Dr Michael Reiders, National Medical Services (Forensic Evidence) In 2001, the second PALI conference was held in Reading on February 17 and pretty much replicated in Monroeville (Pittsburgh area) on April 25. While there is a reference to vendors/exhibitors participating, the companies were not listed on the Agendas.

7. The development of our initial website by a committee composed of Chuck Kleber, Susie Gochenour (our first executive secretary), Barbara Thompson and Jim Carino. (Email communication was not yet in routine use at this time). The PALI listserv was inaugurated on 15 November 1999 but not all members yet utilized email

The first available membership roster indicates that as of February 1999 PALI had 143 dues paying members. Copies of rosters for 2000-2002 were not located so it is not possible to assess if the Y2K (unfounded) computer crash fear purportedly to occur at midnight, 31 Dec-1 Jan 1999-2000 fear of 1999 adversely affected membership. In that regard quite a few of companies diverted discretionary funds designated for investigations to protect their computer systems from "extinction"

Those PALI members identified throughout were obviously movers and shakers in the formation of our association. The writers apologize for any names inadvertently omitted of those who also were heavily involved in the earliest days and who helped PALI survive its early years from 1997-2001.

To Be Continued



As editors, Sandy and I feel it necessary to speak of the current pandemic encompassing the world, and certainly changing the way we all do business here in Pennsylvania.

We are far from experts on the subject. Instead of providing our commentary on issues pertaining to something outside our fields of expertise, we decided to post several informative websites to assist you with navigating these waters.

Having scoured the Internet at least daily for informational sites the seven (7) best sites we have located are all on one web page.

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/7-best-covid-19-resources/>

On one webpage you will find easily explained information on:

1. **How Coronaviruses Work**
2. **The History of Pandemics**
3. **Coronavirus Simulator: Limiting the Exponential Spread**
4. **Real-time COVID-19 Map** - interactive world maps that do a deep dive into the actual number of cases worldwide and break the number of cases down nationally per state and per county.
5. **Which Countries are “Flattening the Curve”?**
6. **Tracking the Coronavirus: The Latest Figures**
7. **COVID-19 Stats and Research**

Bonus: The Coronavirus Explained, and What You Should Do

At a time when misinformation can be dangerous and even deadly, it is worth spreading the above COVID-19 resources to your friends, family, and colleagues.

Many of the above resources are updated daily or they contain evergreen information, meaning they are not going to go out of date any time soon.

Stay safe,

Frank & Sandy



COVID-19 IRS SCAMS



According to the United States Treasury: If you receive calls, emails, or other communications claiming to be from the Treasury Department and offering COVID-19 related grants or stimulus payments in exchange for personal financial information, or an advance fee, or charge of any kind, including the purchase of gift cards, please do not respond. These are scams. Please contact the FBI at www.ic3.gov so that the scammers can be tracked and stopped.

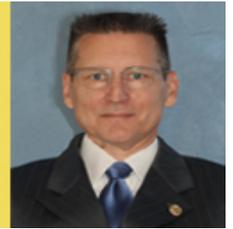
Fraud involving payment of **Federal taxes** should be reported to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#).

NOTE:

The IRS will never call you pertaining to your COVID – 19 Stimulus payments. If you receive a call, it is a scam. Checks will be direct deposited or mailed if needed.



**GPS TRACKING APPLICATIONS
ON CELLULAR PHONES
AND THE LAW IN PENNSYLVANIA
BY: FRANK V. DEANDREA, JR.**



I will start this article out by stating: “what I am about to say will cause many an argument” I have seen this happen on a national level a few months ago.

The situation went something like this:

Question on the Group Message Service: “I am from Pennsylvania and I have a client who wants to use a GPS App on her cell phone to see where her husband has gone. Does anyone know if this is legal?”

As the answers started to pour in from around the Nation it became obvious that Pennsylvania was not the same as many other States and or the other three Commonwealths in the Nation. Several people from Florida, Texas, California and other States explained their laws and why it was or was not legal in their State.

Having spent 35 years in Law Enforcement in Pennsylvania, being a retired Pennsylvania State Police Sergeant, Prior Chief of Police and current Pennsylvania Licensed Private Investigator, I believed I had enough knowledge and background to answer this question. I coupled that with the fact my wife is CLASS A Wiretap Certified in Pennsylvania and is also a retired Pennsylvania State Police Corporal and I asked her opinion on the topic as well.

I took into consideration US v Jones (2012) as well as the most recent Superior Court of PA decision of Commonwealth V Burgos (2013).

I once again reviewed Title 18 chapter 57 which has several areas where it spells out what can and cannot be done with Electronic interceptions.

Section 5761, at no time does it spell out any conditions for anyone other than law enforcement. For that reason, I believe that this section only covers law enforcement and the parameters they must operate within to be lawfully permitted to use GPS Tracking. I have used them many times for Auto Theft and Drug cases, all along with the court order of authorization.

Currently, Chapter 57 does not cover individuals other than Law Enforcement for Wiretap.

My final step in preparing my reply to the individual on the Group Message Service was to contact the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Emergency and Special Operation (BESO) and speak with the Sergeant who heads the Wiretap section and teaches the Wiretap law to all potential Troopers / Police officers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That makes him the expert among experts in the Commonwealth of PA. He is not only the go to person, he is who the Commonwealth uses when an expert is needed to testify on Wiretap Procedure in Court.

The Sergeant stated that currently in PA there is no law precluding a spouse from placing a GPS Tracker in the other spouses' vehicle regardless of ownership. He also confirmed that a PI can access and use the data without being in violation of the law. Applications that reside on one

spouse's phone can be accessed by the other spouse without being a violation of the PA Wiretap Law.

I shared this on the Group Message Service and almost simultaneously, quicker than I thought humanly possible to type, the replies started to pour in.

The facts are simple:

Currently in Pennsylvania there is no law that covers one spouse using a cell phone / GPS tracking app such as Life 360 or Google Maps to find out where the other spouse currently is or previously has traveled to.

Why is this important you may ask? Nearly 68 % of the world population has a Mobile Device ¹. You read that correctly. There are approximately 7.7 Billion people in the world and there are 5.28 Billion mobile devices. In the United States the number of cell phones surpassed the population in 2011. It is now estimated that 96 out of every 100 people in the United states have a cell phone.²

Chances are as a Private Investigator you will come across a client who has a cell phone, who has a spouse who has a cell phone, and who has used cell phone GPS to track their husband/wife or ask that you look at the data from their cell phone to see where they have been / are going.

As of the date of this article, this is not in violation of the wiretap law, nor is there a law specific to precluding a spouse from using a cell phone GPS app to track their spouse.

Does this mean you cannot get sued for doing such an act? No. What it does mean is that the Wiretap Law is specific to Law Enforcement but does not spell out private citizens, especially spouses use of Cell Phone GPS applications.

As we proceed down the road of GPS applications on Cellular telephones and using their data to track spouses, I would suggest that each of you who is involved in it consult with your attorneys, solicitors and District Attorneys specific to your counties to verify their views on specific instances and the legality.

NOTE- Throughout my Law Enforcement Career I have attended hundreds of courses, training and seminars. What always resounds, especially if you attend an FBI Course, is that when they speak of law, they preface it with: This is the Law unless you are from Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has their own view on things." It is often the case that the laws in PA are much more stringent than other states and oddly enough at times, slightly more lenient. I have never been able to figure out why Pennsylvania is unique in their views on law and why the legislature and courts do not just follow suit but that is Pennsylvania.

¹– Pew Research Center

² – Media Tech Reviews - March 20, 2018 by MaXab



What just happened? I can only imagine that may have been the first thing many people thought when they woke up, their phone(s) didn't work, their social media and email accounts were taken over, passwords changed, money or bitcoins were moved from their accounts.

So, what is SIM Jacking? It is really about social engineering. Someone calls your cellular provider acting like you and gets your SIM card assigned to a new phone. Once this is done, they have control of your phone and now can easily move on to taking control of most, if not all, of your digital life. Think about it. How many of your accounts are associated to your cell number? How many accounts do you have set up where you have it listed for password recovery or 2 factor authentication and have a text code sent to your phone?

One of the biggest platforms being hit by SIM hijackers is cryptocurrency. Using your text-based account recovery options they will log into your crypto account, seize the funds within the digital wallet and move the currency to their own wallets. However, it isn't just cryptocurrency but your good old fashion bank accounts. Also, we have the blackmail market arena coming full force, with the bad guy having access now to online social media platforms which give them access to photographs or private messages that someone may not want anyone to see.

So how are they doing it? A couple different ways. As mentioned earlier, by a simple social engineering call to your carrier or even reverse, a call or email to you by someone acting like your carrier. The amount of information that can easily be gleaned off open sources is a huge source of data for the 'bad guy'. Also, an alternative way is they pay someone on the inside of a cellular company to assist with the SIM card fraud. Think about how many companies have customer service centers located outside the United States. Their income is low and someone offers them a substantial amount of money to conduct this fraud for them. One cellular employee came forward under anonymity and said she had been contacted through Instagram and was offered \$5000 for 25 new account pins or secret answers. In May of this year, the DOJ took down "The Community" which was a group of nine people (eight Americans and one Irishman – aged between 19 and 28 years) working together SIM swapping. Two of the nine accused were former AT&T contract employees and one former Verizon employee. They were found to be providing customer private information for bribes. Just this year, a college kid from Santa Clara County, California, by the name of Joel Ortiz is the first known individual to be sentenced on a SIM swapping case. Accepting a deal for 10 years, he admitted to hijacking around 40 victims accounts and stealing more than \$5 million dollars.

Another problem is it comes down to a huge training issue. Many of these cellular companies are not trained on the art of social engineering and how in-depth it can be.

How do you know? The first indicator is suddenly the loss of cellular service, no incoming or outgoing calls, texts or emails. If you notice this, immediately contact your cellular provider and then begin checking all of your accounts, change the passwords and remove your cell number as the contact number for recovery. Utilizing a secondary (anonymous) phone number / app is a suggested way to control this from happening. There are numerous apps that provide this service such as Burner app (paid – allows calls, texting and call forwarding), Tossable Digits (paid – supports call forwarding, calling rules and recording capability, numbers

locally or in 60+ countries), Talkroute – used for businesses (paid – allows call forwarding to more than one phone, customized greetings, create extensions for departments and employees, texting, check voicemail by email / browser or phone) and then of course there is Google Voice.

Another proactive thing you should do is call your cellular provider and disable porting. Make it known you only want changes to be done ONLY if you are in person in a store. Utilize a password manager program (<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/best-password-managers/>) and make sure you use different passwords on all your accounts! Initiate a SIM lock, set a password/pin on your account and all accounts associated to your account. Close your online account and ask provider to block future registration. Additionally, create a secure email associated ONLY to your cellular provider.

Don't just think by using just a regular 2F is safe – upgrade to a secure 2FA method such as: Yubikey, Google Authenticator or U2F security keys.

A victim, Bob Ross, had \$1 million dollars stolen within minutes of his SIM card being swapped. Once that occurred the bad guy immediately took over his Gmail account by using “forgot password” whereas he then was able to glean control over his financial accounts. He and other victims created a website to help victims: <https://stopsimcrime.org>

“StopSIMCrime was started in 2018 by SIM crime victims to raise awareness about the fast-growing problem of SIM crimes, be a resource for victims, and effect change through legal efforts.”

The FBI also has a Cyber Crime report page for SIM crimes: <https://stopsimcrime.org/resources/988/>

Every day it seems a new way is found to steal our personal and financial information. The only thing we can do is try our best to make it as difficult as possible – don't be the easy victim!

P.S. JUST as I finished typing this article I received this text from a friend of mine:

Michèle my email got hacked so my Netflix Hulu Amazon and credit card all got hacked. I changed my passwords but do you think I'm ok? Or should I get a new email account?

Take the time and protect yourselves. When this happens, it is such a mess and so time consuming! Now off to help my friend.

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In 2017, Ms. Stuart partnered with Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security creating a program "Keeping Kids Safe", training administrators, principals, teachers, SRO's and parents on the dangers of online and social media activity, predator grooming as well as the dangers of applications / cellular security.



SUBMISSION RULES:

Each Issue a PALI Member will be spotlighted for her/his accomplishments in the Law Enforcement /Private Investigative world. Members will be able to forward suggestions of future spotlight members following these simple rules:

- 1 – NO SELF SUBMISSIONS
- 2 – Submitting Member must be a member of PALI in good standing.
- 3 – SPOTLIGHT Member must be a member of PALI in good standing.
- 4 – Submission shall include a brief, 1000 words or less, BIO of the candidate that does NOT list every school, training, or good deed. The BIO should capture what the MEMBER has done that has changed the way PALI or the Private Investigation industry or Law Enforcement does business or capture what makes the candidate worthy of spotlighting.

Think big picture.

- 5 – 2 or 3 candid photos shall be accepted with the submission for publication.

I anticipate there will be plenty of worthy candidates to be considered for the upcoming issues however, I believe the first PALI GUIDON SPOTLIGHT Member will truly be the hardest act to follow.



Submitting Member: Frank V. DeAndrea, Jr.

In 1675 Sir Isaac Newton said : "***If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.***" If he were speaking about the Private Investigations World, he would have been speaking of

Jim Carino.

Speaking with Jim Carino for only a brief time you cannot help but recognize that you are in the presence of greatness. From his good-natured stories to his breadth of knowledge pertaining to all things Investigative he is truly a sage advisor, savvy investigator and true Giant in the industry. Lieutenant Colonel US Air Force (Retired) James P. Carino, Jr. is incredibly humble when it comes to his own works and accomplishments, always quick to deflect the conversation somewhere else. Often, it is to compliment and extol the virtues of his wife and confidant, Connie. She is a retired Clinical Director of Psychiatric Nursing at the University of Philadelphia and perhaps the only person who could keep up with, hold a candle to and keep a man such as Jim safe and in line. His selflessness and desire to help others constantly shines through in all that he does. It should suffice to say that PALI has the "James P. Carino, Jr. Investigator of the Year Award" but for those of you who do not know him, I will attempt to shed some light.

So, who is this man, Jim Carino?

James P. Carino, Jr. CPP, VSM, BAI

The first thing you realize when you review Jim Carino's CV is that he has more degrees than a thermometer. Jim's experience covers a wide gambit of the PI world. He currently serves as a senior consultant with Executive Security Consultants and has done so for the past 38 years. He has served as a Manager, Consulting Services, Eastern Group, Burns International, and an adjunct instructor at both Alvernia College and St. Joseph's University.

As if 38 years with Executive Security Consultants is not enough, he also has 20 years military experience as an Air Force Special Agent at both the field and staff levels in criminal, fraud,

counterintelligence, and counterespionage investigations, and executive protection. Jim had both U.S. and foreign service and was a Director of Criminal Investigations from 1974-1976.

He retired from the USAF as a Lt. Colonel.

He is a U.S. Air Force OSI accredited Instructor, a Faculty Member, Pennsylvania Bar Institute-Premises Liability Seminar and he specializes in Security surveys and training, threat/risk assessment and vulnerability analyses; Security and investigative litigation support and testimony; Expert witness testimony, and security matters.

Jim holds a B.A. from Colgate University, an M.A. from the University of Hawaii and completed Post M.A. Studies in Criminal Justice and Public Administration with American University

He has been an Adjunct Instructor in Security courses at Alvernia College (BA Program) and St. Joseph's University (MA Program).

He is the **Founder & Executive Director**, Intellenet (now Emeritus) where he holds a Board Accredited Investigator (BAI) status.

Life Member, ASIS International holding CPP Certification.

Life Member, Association of Former AFOSI, USAF Special Agents (AFOSISA)

Member, Harvard Associates in Police Science (HAPS)

Life Member, Police Chiefs Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and the State of Delaware.

Member, Council of International Investigations (CII)

Member, The VIDOCQ Society (VSM)

Co-founder of Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators (PALI) where he has served many years as both Chairman of the Board and President.

Member, National Council of Investigative and Security Services (NCISS) where he has also served on their Board of Directors.

Member National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI)

Board Member Investigative Security Professionals For Legislative Action ISPLA

Member, State PI Associations PALI (PA); NJLPIA (NJ); FAPI (FL)

Jim has published articles for PI Magazine and Forensic Science Digest. He also has been a contributing author to several Private Investigation books.

But after all is said and read, I believe the section that truly exemplifies Jim Carino is what his peers and other organizations think of him. The following is an excerpt of the awards and recognition he has received:

John J. Duffy Memorial Achievement Award. Presented by the National Council of Investigations and Security Services. Award citation "Who by Specific Deeds and Accomplishments has Exhibited The Highest Standards of Conduct and Service to the Private Investigations and Security Services Industry".

Julius “Buddy” Bombet, CLI, Lifetime Achievement Award, Citation reads “In Recognition of Your Outstanding Service, Unselfish Dedication, Heartfelt Benevolence and Steadfast Loyalty to the Professional Private Investigations Industry”.

The Vidocq Society Halbert E. Fillinger Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of contribution to the art and science of investigations.

ASIS International Award Life Member Status

There are many things I regret not having the foresight to do before it was too late.

I was once the young cop who was “too busy” fighting crime to stop and smell the roses or to appreciate what it was I was part of. As I get older, I appreciate expertise much more and I recognize greatness. I do not often give advice but on this matter, I would suggest that if you ever have the opportunity, meet with Jim Carino. Seek him out, introduce yourself and strike up a conversation. You will be happy that you took the time to get to know one of the true “Greats” of the PI Profession.

I consider it an honor and privilege to know the Colonel and although he corrects me every time I refer to him by his military rank, I feel there is a certain respect owed to the man who started it all for PALI and INTELLENET.

Colonel, when you find out that you are the first PALI member to be SPOTLIGHTED in the PALI GUIDON, I am sure there will be a “Strong Letter” to follow. I shall accept that letter with gratitude and place it with my keepsakes.

I believe I speak for all the members of the Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators when I say: Thank you Jim Carino for getting us started! You have not set “the Bar” of accomplishments for Professional Private Investigators; You sir, are the bar, and I salute you.



**PROMOTION CEREMONY OF JAMES P. CARINO, JR. TO LT. COLONEL.
LEFT TO RIGHT: BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM TEMPLE, COMMANDER AFOSI
CENTER, LT. COLONEL CARINO,
RIGHT COL JACK McCONNELL, DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.
JIM WOULD ASSUME COMMAND OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOWING COLONEL McCONNELL
BUT IN TYPICAL CARINO'S MODEST FASHION JIM SAYS: RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME."**



JIM AND CONNIE CARINO 2008

JIM AND CONNIE TOOK THE FAMILY TO ITALY

JIM IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OF ITALY AND CAN PROVIDE TIPS ON HIS FAVORITE PLACE, THE BEST FOOD, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, THEFT, TERRORISTIC ACTIVITY AND BEACHES. AS JIM PUTS IT:

“I LOVE ALL THINGS ITALY!”

WHAT RESOUNDS WHEN YOU SPEAK WITH JIM IS HIS PASSION FOR HIS WIFE, HIS FAMILY AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PI INDUSTRY.

NOTE:

It was Jim Carino's thoughts that a special section of the newsletter be to highlight a PALI Member. Jim was adamant that this should be a new or up and coming member. I have taken it upon myself to honor Jim Carino, Jr. as the first member to be spotlighted as, being the editor, I feel the history of PALI is critical and who better to highlight as the first spot lighted member than the co-founder of PALI himself.



Each edition we will have one law on the books in PA that is odd, outdated, archaic, funny or of interest. Submissions for this category are welcomed to: frank@deandrea.biz

This edition's weird law:

Pennsylvania Blue Law: it a crime to play baseball or football on Sundays.

Yes, Blue Laws. I thought they were repealed in 1978 or 1993. Then the PA Supreme Court ruled that they were illegal not because of their being archaic but because they were not enforced routinely.

Then in 2019 House Bill 1174 was introduced as follows:

An Act repealing the act of April 25, 1933 (P.L.74, No.49), entitled "An act relating to baseball and football on Sunday; prohibiting baseball and football on Sunday during certain hours, and also during certain other hours unless the electors of a municipality are in favor of the same and, in certain cases, a license has first been secured from the municipal authorities; providing for referendums to ascertain the will of the electors, and for the enactment and repeal of licensing ordinances and resolutions in accordance therewith; providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent laws."

As of today, it is listed as being removed from the table by the senate on January 24 2020. Let's hope it is accepted so we can legally gather and play ball on Sunday when the social gathering limits are lifted.



While popular video app TikTok is not an investigation tool in and of itself, the app offers opportunities to collect information on persons of interest, compile timelines of events, and create social maps.

TikTok is a social media app popular amongst kids and teens in which users build, edit, add special effects to, and short videos of up to 60 seconds. While the app is most popular amongst younger age groups, millions of users of all ages actively engage with this app. In the United States alone, it has been downloaded over 100 million times. There are one billion active users across the globe in 75 languages, in 155 countries. TikTok users create profiles that contain a profile picture, a bio, and videos they have created. Many users set their profiles to public, which means YOU can find them and extract information for your investigation.

How to Find the TikTok Profile for Your Person of Interest

Because TikTok is such a widespread app, it is worth looking into whether or not a person of interest has a profile. You can access the TikTok search bar on a mobile device, but not via desktop. From your mobile device, you can search for a profile using a name or a reliable username.

From your desktop – which makes it much easier to extract and organize information – you can get to the profile if you have the right username by typing directly in the browser: tiktok.com/@USERNAME

What if you do not have a reliable username? Fortunately, public TikTok profiles are visible from the Google search engine. Enter in the search bar:

site:tiktok “USERNAME” OR “FULL NAME”

This will search for the username OR the name of the person within the site TikTok and provide you with what it finds.

If you have a reliable username for the person of interest for other social media sites – like Facebook, Youtube.com, or Instagram – you can look for their TikTok profile through these other platforms through a Google search:

“USERNAME” OR “FULL NAME” “tiktok.com” -site:tiktok.com

This will search for mentions of tiktok.com associated with the username OR the name of the person of interest on sites OTHER THAN tiktok.com (hence the minus symbol before site:tiktok.com). From the search results, you can follow the trail right to their TikTok profile.

How to Find Time Stamps and Extract Photo and Video Footage

Once you have found the TikTok profile of the person of interest, you can extract biographical information right away. You can begin to build a social map by viewing interaction with videos as well. However, specifically extracting high quality photo and video footage, and finding their time stamps, is more difficult.

On desktop, there are no time stamps on videos, and on mobile devices there is only a date. You can get to the time stamp on the backend. First, click on the video. Notice, the URL does not change at this first step. At the bottom of the video is a link to its unique URL. Copy-paste this into the browser to navigate to the video’s URL. From there, right-click on the video and go to “View Page Source.” From there, hit CONTROL – F (or your desktop’s in-text find shortcut) and look for uploaddate and it will be highlighted. The text following “uploaddate” is the timestamp, but in Zulu time. From there, you can go back to Google and look up a Zulu time converter to convert the timestamp into your time zone. If you do this for every video on a page, you can begin to put together a timeline.

As soon as you see a profile picture it is imperative that you capture it. Once it is deleted on TikTok, it is gone forever. The trick is to get to the jpg, rather than the webpage of the image to save the right thing. If you are working in Firefox, this is easy. Hit Cntrl – I (on a PC) or Command – I (on a Mac), and then go to the media section in the pop-up. The profile picture and a link to the jpg will be there, where you can right-click and save the image. Working in Firefox will save you much time because of this tool.

If you are not working in Firefox, right-click on the profile picture and select “inspect element.” From there, you can find in blue a URL ending in .jpg. Paste this URL into the browser to navigate there, right-click, and save the image. You can also type in the search bar tiktok.com/node/share/user@USERNAME to get to the code of the page. From there, you can find the .jpg link in the text. Copy-paste this into the browser, navigate to the URL, then right-click to save the image.

To extract video, follow the first step to getting the timestamp, which is getting to the unique URL of the video. From there, right-click on the video and select “inspect element.” In the text, find where it reads **<video** and the text that follows. Right-click on this to open, and then right-click on the video to save it. Again, the goal is to save the VIDEO FOOTAGE, not a webpage. If you are working in Firefox, you can use the Command or Cntrl – I function, select the media section, the just right-click on the video to save just as you did the profile picture.

Social Mapping

The first and most basic way to make use of social mapping on TikTok is by looking at who interacts with their videos. Beyond that, TikTok allows users to take sound footage from each other’s videos to use in their own videos. This echoes the app’s original incarnation, lip synching app Music.ly in which users could make lip synching videos of themselves. (Music.ly was bought by company ByteDance, and, adjusted, and repackaged as TikTok.) You can see who used sound footage from videos in your person of interest’s profile to see who takes on this level of interaction with their profile. To gather this information, click on the “original sound” link on the video page of the unique video URL. From there, you can see all who used this sound – whether it originated with your person of interest, or if they found it in another user’s video.

You can also see what other TikTok users have mentioned your person of interest on TikTok, or on Instagram and Youtube.com. You can also search where your person of interest has mentioned their TikTok profile on another social media platform.

To search TikTok, go back to Google and enter in the search bar:

Site:TikTok.com intext:@USERNAME -intitle:"USERNAME" inurl:video

This asks Google to search for video content that includes the specified username within the content of the post, but not in the title. To look on other sites, simply replace **site:TikTok.com** with **site:Instagram.com** (for example) in the search bar. You can also use **site:youtube.com**. These are the most likely crossover sites as TikTok prompts users to connect their profile with Youtube.com and Instagram profiles specifically.

In sorting through the results of these searches, you can discern where in the social media world your person of interest is and who they are socially connected to and in what ways. From this information, you can find more resources for information-gathering and timeline creation.

While TikTok has raised privacy concerns amongst watchdogs and parents alike, the platform offers unique investigative tools for people like us. Skopenow’s Rob Douglas in particular has been teaching and curating resources regarding how to make use of what this app has to offer. Now that more and more of us are shifting to working primarily from home, it is more important than ever to expand our online investigation toolbox and sharpen our skills.

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**THE FIGHT OVER DNA -
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
BY: FRANK V. DEANDREA, JR.**



All the Rage-

To date over 20 million people have uploaded their DNA to sites such as 23 and Me with 10 Million Users; Ancestry.com with 15 Million Users; GEDMatch with 1.2 Million Users with more companies popping up almost daily to get in on this craze. Ancestry tracking is even touted as the perfect Christmas gift, some companies saying, “Don’t wait for Black Friday!” and running a 50% off sale.

The process is as simple as...spit. From 23andMe.com’s web page:

Three steps. It’s simple. All from home. No blood. No needles. Just a small saliva sample.

1 Order - Choose from our Health + Ancestry or Ancestry + Traits services. Your saliva collection kit is the same for both services and typically arrives within 3 to 5 days. Express shipping is available.

2 Spit - Follow kit instructions to spit in the tube provided — all from home. Register your saliva collection tube using the barcode so we know it belongs to you and mail it back to our lab in the pre-paid package.

3 Discover - In approximately 3-5 weeks, we will send you an email to let you know your reports are ready in your online account. Log in and start discovering what your DNA says about you.

PRIVACY POLICY

For years, the data, or a large amount of it, has been persona non grata, OFF LIMITS to law enforcement and the likes. Both the monster sites, Ancestry.com and 23andme.com have long expressed that they would keep their user’s information and data private. GEDMatch.com only this year decided to severely restrict the access to Police.

In April 2018 California Police used a DNA Match from GEDMatch.com to identify who they believe is the Golden State Killer, James DeAngelo. This was the first time known to date that police used public genealogy sites to solve old cases. The success of the California Police Department led a slew of law enforcement agencies to the DNA websites with the hopes of solving cold cases. Over 70 cases of murder and sexual assault have been solved, some of which were five decades old.

Since Law Enforcement began using DNA Databases to solve crimes, GEDMatch.com and many Genealogists are upset that the DNA of these databases was being used by law enforcement to solve cases. In November 2019, an Orlando Police Department Detective served a court order from a Florida Judge on GEDMatch.com. This warrant allowed him to access the entire database of a million users. Speaking at the IACP Conference in December 2019, the Detective explained how he went about getting the search warrant.

SEARCH WARRANT

THIS SEARCH WARRANT IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE s. 92.605. A RESPONSE IS DUE WITHIN 20 BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS WARRANT UNLESS A LONGER TIME PERIOD IS STATED HEREIN.

PURSUANT TO F.S. 934.25(6) and 18 U.S.C. 2705(b) - YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF THIS WARRANT TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION. ANY SUCH DISCLOSURE WILL IMPEDE THE INVESTIGATION AND THEREBY OBSTRUCT JUSTICE.

According to those opposed to the court order and search warrant, this is a game changer and now no DNA genetic information is safe. It is believed that this is the tip of the iceberg and that now law enforcement armed with search warrants will go after the two largest DNA data bases, 23andMe.com and Ancestry.com.

If this Florida decision can stand, it will affect a huge portion of the population to include thousands of people who have never taken a DNA test. The reason for this is due to the forensic techniques used which allow you to identify a person's profile through distant family relationships. Up to this point, individuals did not fear law enforcement gaining access to their DNA through sites such as 23andme.com or Ancestry.com.

The fact is that even if a criminal does not use a DNA genealogy site, a family member, even a distant family member, may upload their DNA and their markers may lead police to locating a criminal.

The search warrant lead GEDMatch to change its policy and not allow police open access. Now law enforcement must identify themselves as such and can only access the data of individuals who have opted to allow police to view their history.

The Department of Justice also developed an interim policy effective 01 November 2019.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTERIM POLICY FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCHING the policy can be viewed here:

<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>

All private investigators should follow this topic closely as it is an incredible resource. I also anticipate that one of the cases where DNA data was obtained through service of a search warrant and an arrest was made shall travel through the legal system until the Supreme Court makes a decision as to if it is allowed or not allowed.



As you are aware the 2020 Census is in full swing. Here is what to expect in the coming months.

Census timeline:

April 2020

April 1 is Census Day, when all U.S. households will have received at least one invitation to fill out their form. As you complete your form you should use the address that is your primary residence as of April 1. This month census takers will also start surveying senior centers and colleges, to conduct the counts on those larger residences.

May 2020

For those who haven't completed their household census form yet, this month is when workers will start going door-to-door throughout most of the country to assist stragglers. Completing your census form is important for your community and the nation, but make sure to beware of potential scammers. If someone comes to your door, start by asking for a valid Census Bureau ID card.

December 2020

The Census Bureau will provide Congress and the president with the results of the 2020 count.

March 2021

By the end of the month, the Census Bureau will send each state its redistricting counts. These figures will be used to determine new legislative districts and where federal funding is spent.

It is not too late to respond to the 2020 Census. You have until August 2020 to respond. Every voice matters. Each person in Pennsylvania is worth an estimated \$2,000.00 per year in federal funding. Over the course of a census that equals \$20,000.00 per person in funding. If a family of 5 is missed the Commonwealth loses \$100,000.00. Your voice matters.

Please take the 10 minutes to fill out the census online at <https://my2020census.gov/>

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Census Bureau is temporarily changing how we collect information through our ongoing demographic and economic activity surveys. Instead of visiting you in person, the Bureau will likely contact you by phone to participate in one of our surveys.

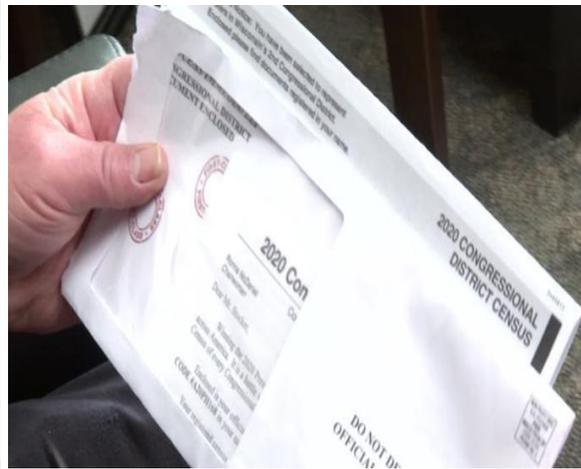


CENSUS 2020 SCAMS

Along with the Census come the Census Scams!



REAL CENSUS LETTER



FAKE CENSUS LETTER

- You get an unsolicited email purporting to be from the Census Bureau. For household surveys and the decennial Census, the agency almost always makes contact by mail.
- A supposed census agent asks you for money or financial data, such as the number of and amount in your bank account.
- A supposed census taker threatens you with arrest. Taking part in the Census is required by law, and you can be fined for not doing so, but you can't be imprisoned.

What you can do

Should you suspect fraudulent activity, please do the following

if you get mail:

check that the return address is Jeffersonville, Indiana

if you continue to question the authenticity of the letter or form call the Regional Office for your state to verify the household survey. For business surveys please visit our [Business Help Site](#) or contact the [National Processing Center](#)

if someone calls your household to complete a survey:

call the [National Processing Center](#) to verify the caller is a Census Bureau employee

if someone visits your residence to complete a survey:

check first for a valid U.S. Census Bureau ID badge

if you are still unsure then call the [Regional Office](#) for your state to verify you are in a legitimate survey and the visitor is a Census Bureau employee

if you get an e-mail and think it is bogus:

do not reply, do not click on any links, and do not open any attachments

forward the e-mail or website URL to the Census Bureau at ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov

delete the message. We will investigate and notify you of the findings.

Avoiding Scams Online

Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware.

A key way to identify scam websites is to look at the website address. All valid Census Bureau websites will always have ".gov" at the end. 2020census.gov provides key information about the 2020 Census and how to respond. [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) is the direct website address you can use to respond to the 2020 Census online. 2020census.gov will also direct you to my2020census.gov to respond.

Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

Your Social Security number.

Your bank account or credit card numbers.

Anything on behalf of a political party.

Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

Staying Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Reporting Suspected Fraud

If you suspect fraud, call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

PALI Members should take the time to repost this information on their blogs; social media pages and get the word out to their clients as a public service.



THANK YOU

SPRING 2020

With this, the Maiden Voyage of the PALI Guidon is complete. I would like to thank everyone who has made it to the end of this newsletter as well as the individuals who have spent their valuable time preparing information. Articles and documents for this Newsletter to stand back up.

I hope that as we progress there will be much less content by the editor and much more content written and submitted by the audience, You PALI Members.

I ask that you share the link to this newsletter and that you share your thoughts with me at frank@deandrea.biz so we can make this the best newsletter any organization has. We already have the best founders and membership.

Until the next issue wash your hands, cough into your elbow, keep your powder dry and your blade whet.

Stay safe,

Frank

