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Famous Quote

- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943
- Today there are: over 700 Million PC type machines.



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Evidence Collection Sources of Evidence:

- Storage Media includes:
 - Hard Disk Drives
 - Floppy Disks
 - Backup tapes
 - CD Rom disks
 - E-prom and Memory chips
 - Thumb Drives
 - iPpods, iPads & MP3 Players
 - Cell Phones



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Evidence Collection

- Storage Media
 - Because data is easily destroyed, when the data arrives at the lab, the first priority of the investigator is to preserve integrity of the evidence.
 - Just turning on the machine and allowing the system to boot, will cause irreparable changes to the data.....



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Evidence Collection

Hard Drive Image

or

Mirror Image

or

Forensic Image:

 This is a bit-by-bit copy of storage media. (i.e., an exact copy of a physical Hard Drive).



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Evidence Collection

- Hash or Digital Fingerprint:
 - A hash value is a unique hexadecimal value identifying lines of text, a file or Hard Drive Image. The value serves as an identifying fingerprint, and is even more unique human DNA. The value is generated via mathematical algorithm; the de facto algorithm still used is Message Digest-5, or MD5 for short. Others include SHA-1, SHA-256, etc.



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Evidence Collection / Hashes

- "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"
 - 9e107d9d372bb6826bd81d3542a419d6
- "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy cog"
 - ffd93f16876049265fbaef4da268dd0e



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Evidence Collection Sources of Evidence:

- How data is stored on disk drives
 - 32,768 bytes in each allocation unit
 - A file that contains the following text: "hi" or about
 2 bytes, actually consumes 32,768 bytes
 - The difference or 32,766 bytes is 'Slack Space'. This space is not over written each time.

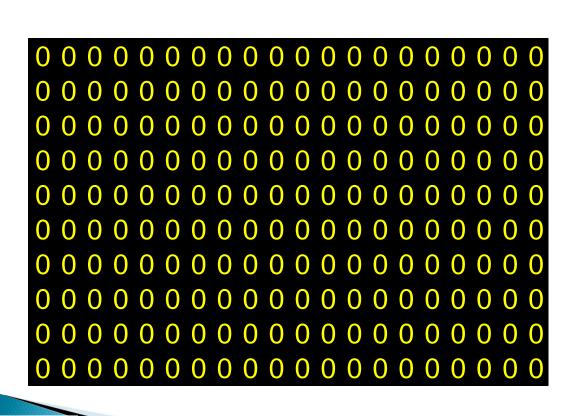


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- For purposes of this example, let's say that the allocation unit is 200 Characters.
 - The directory entry looks like: 00000000.000
 - The data looks like:



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- We create a document that is stored in this allocation unit.
 - The directory entry looks like: document.doc
 - The data looks like:



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Dear John, It was a pleasure to meet with you and to discuss your desire to purchase the boat. Please I et me know if you need any thing else. Sincerely Henry Ps I think it is worth $11,999. ¶0000000000000000
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- We edit out the price, the document looks like:
 - The directory entry looks like: document.doc
 - The data looks like:

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Dear John, It was a pleasure to meet with you and to discuss your desire to purchase the boat. Please let me know if you need any thing else. Sincerely Henry ¶Ps I think it is worth $11,999. 00000000000000
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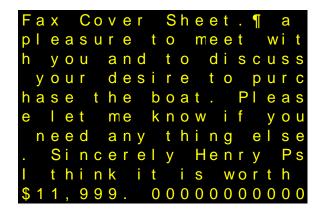
- The document is erased / deleted (from the recycle bin):
 - The directory entry looks like: ~ocument.doc
 - The data looks like:



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How Data is Stored Example

- A new document is created and saved in the same allocation unit:
 - The directory entry looks like: faxcover.doc
 - The data looks like:



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How Data is Stored

- Slack Space or File Slack:
 - Slack space refers to portions of a hard drive that are not fully used by a current file and which may contain data from a previously deleted file.



How Data is Stored

Free Space or Unallocated Space:

 The area of a data storage device that is available for more data storage. Unallocated space is where deleted but recoverable data may be found



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File Dates

Date Created:

 The date and time that this file was created on this machine, this would include the date downloaded from the Internet.

Date Modified:

 The date and the time the file was last modified. This may also include downloading from the Internet. This date normally follows the file around and doesn't change unless the file changes.

Date Accessed:

 This is the last date that the file was accessed for reading by the machine or user.



Artifacts From Web Browsing

The value of seeing what a person is searching for in the Internet can be key.



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Artifacts From Web Browsing

- http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_can_you_hel p_a_sociopath?#slide=59
- How can you help a sociopath? Answers.com



Artifacts From Web Browsing

- http://www.subito.it/appartamenti/appartam ento-a-grutti-di-gualdo-cattaneo-rif-301perugia-77278016.htm
- Appartamento in castello di Grutti –
 Appartamenti In vendita a Perugia



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Artifacts From Web Browsing

- http://mysecurewallet.nl/payment/islive/isliv eeu/?p=199&pi=typein_isliveeu&flash=1&m =bellaluna
- My Secure Wallet



How not to do things....

The law firm overwrote the data!!!!

- The machine was on when we arrived.
- The owner of the machine had rigged the machine with some pretty sophisticated software that automatically overwrote key data files when the machine was booted and a question was either skipped or answered wrong in the boot process.
- The data that the law firm sought was completely destroyed.

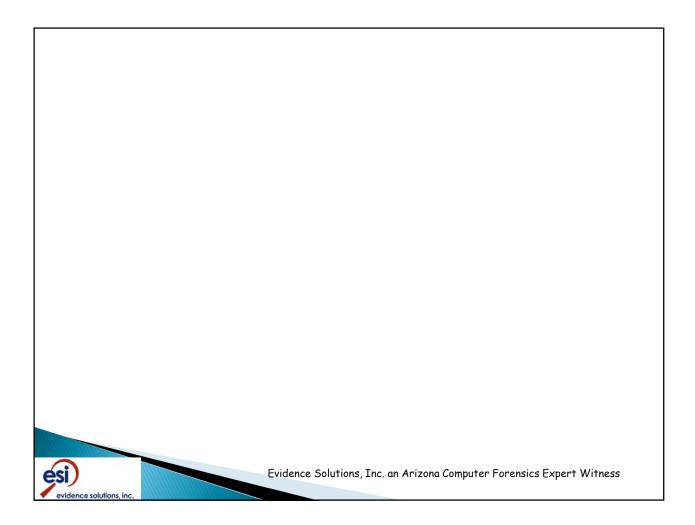


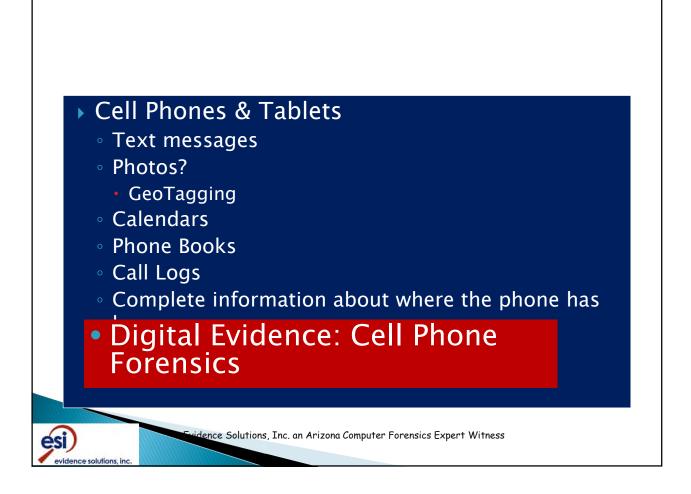
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How not to do things....

- ▶ The IT department overwrote the data!!!
 - Employee deleted data from hard disk drive
 - but didn't delete it from the recycle bin
 - Technology department recovered the data using some standard data tools
 - but destroyed the evidence that proved the employee deleted the data in the first place
 - · this made our job much much harder than it had to be







- Cell Phones & Tablets
 - Browsing History
 - Documents
 - Email accounts
 - Online data storage accounts
 - Digital Evidence: Cell Phone Forensics



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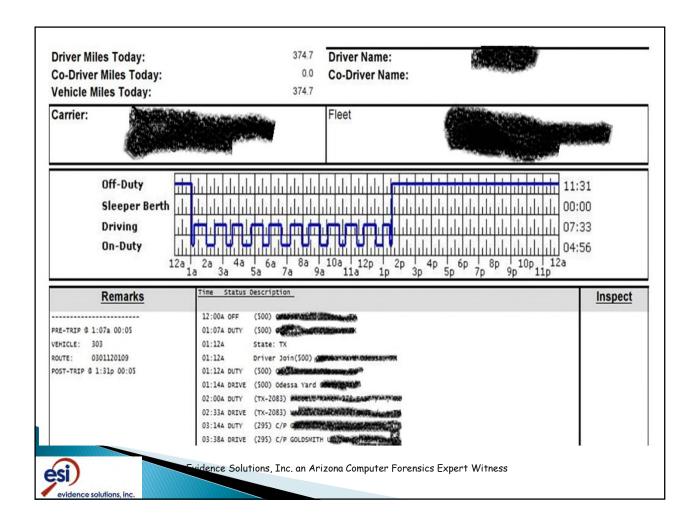
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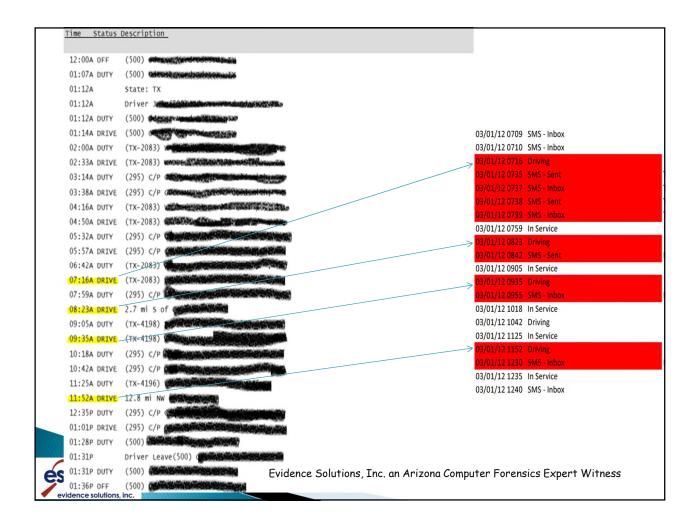
- A driver who stares at his or her cell phone for just two seconds at 65 mph has traveled almost 200 feel without seeing the road. That's half the typical stopping distance, gone!
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds (or more than 500 feet of travel distance at 65 mph).
- In 2009, nearly 5,500 people were killed in crashes involving driver distraction, and an estimated 448,000 were injured.
- ▶ 16% of fatal crashes and 20% of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted,
- Headset cell-phone use is not substantially safer than handheld use.
- Using a cell phone while driving, whether it's hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent."



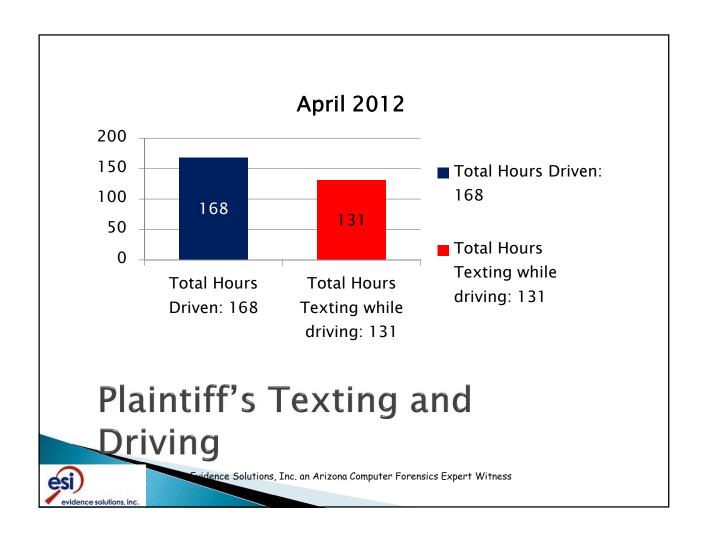
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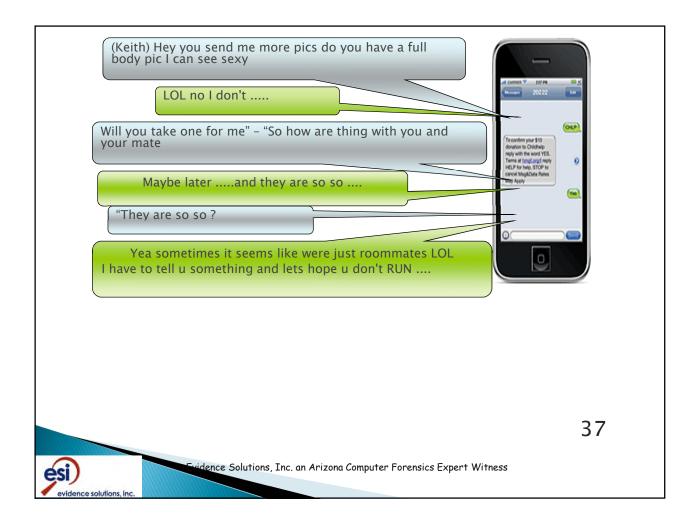
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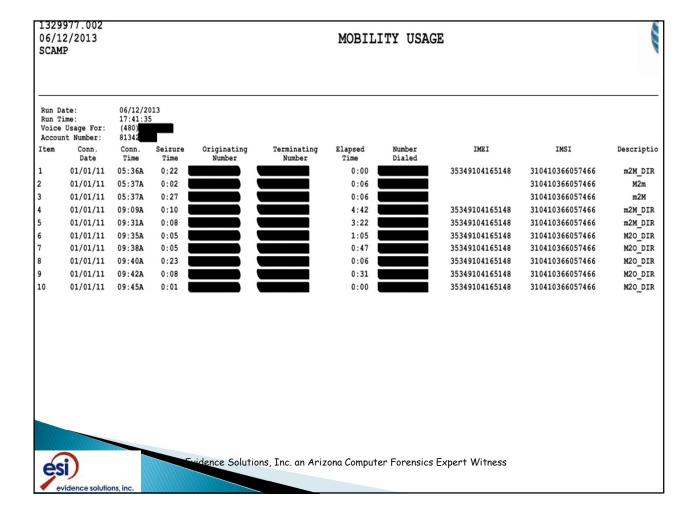


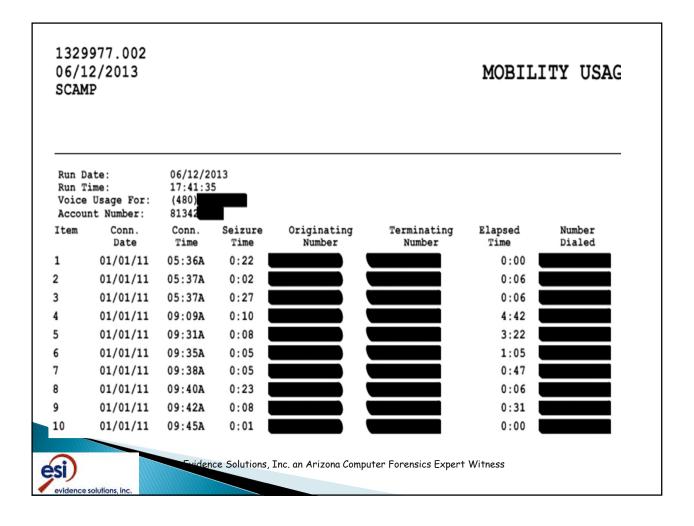


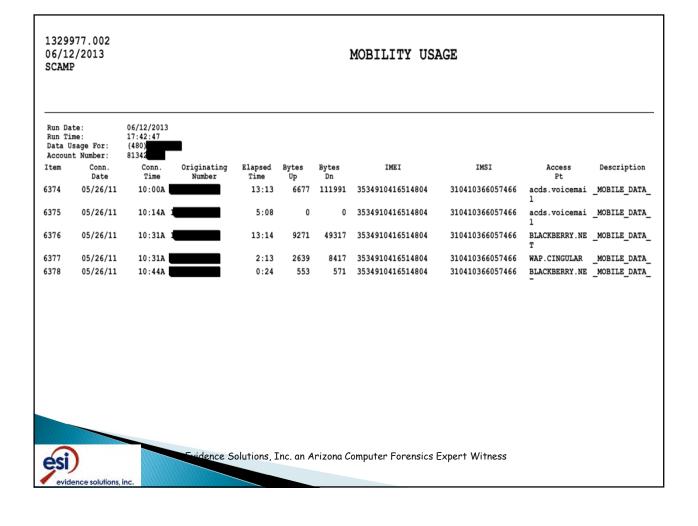


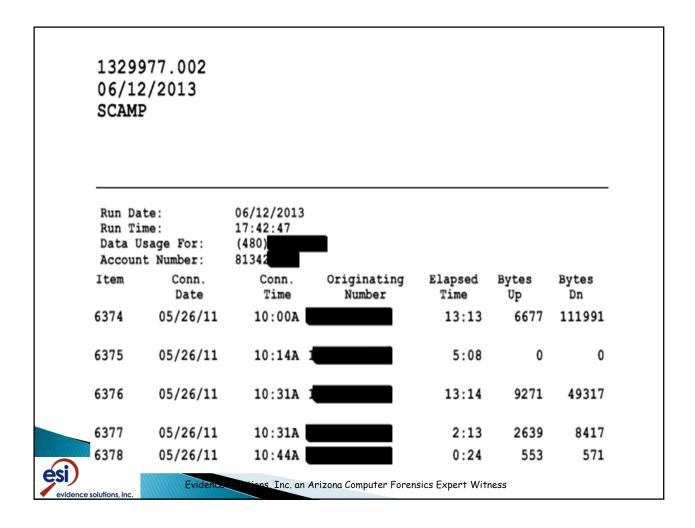


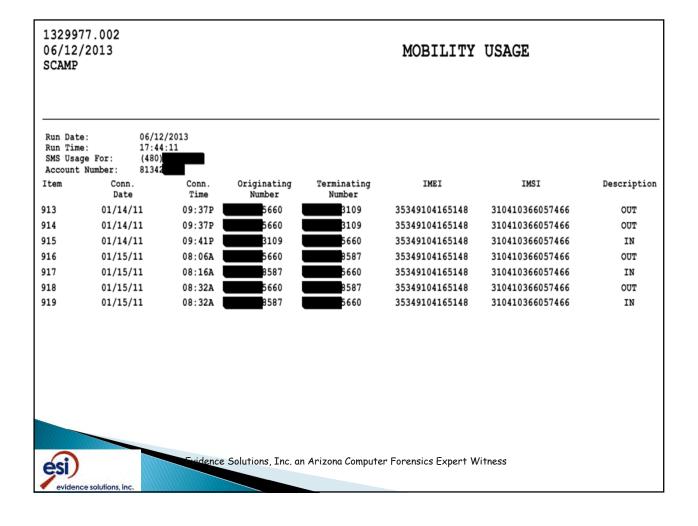


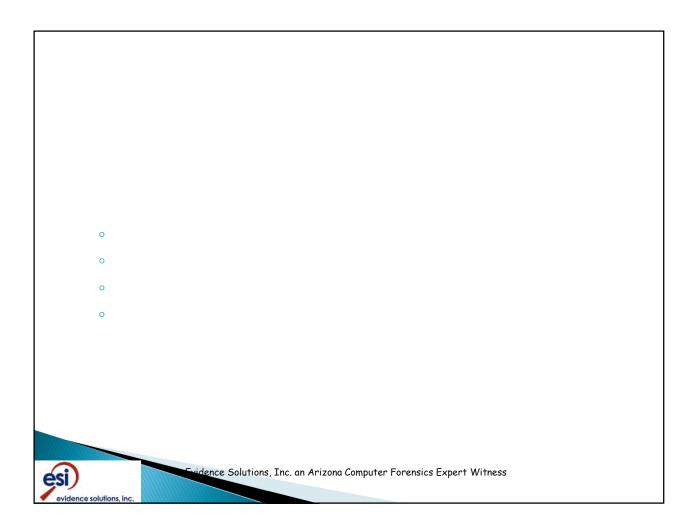












Security is paramount

 Historic method of data gathering for social engineering







The statistics of need In 30 seconds.....

LIKES AND COMMENTS ON FACEBOOK:

APPLE AND ANDROID APP DOWNLOADS:

TWEETS SENT ON TWITTER:

VIDEOS WATCHED ON YOU TUBE:

SEARCHES MADE ON GOOGLE:

PHOTOS UPLOADED TO FACEBOOK :

EMAILS SENT GLOBALLY:

1,185,186

493,827

64,814

831,928

940,741

111,110

106,888,890

...and they're all DISCOVERABLE!



The statistics of need

- There are over:
 - 800 million Facebook users
 - 300 million people using Twitter
- Evidence from social media sites can be relevant to almost every litigation dispute and investigation matter.



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The statistics of need:

- Social media evidence is:
 - widely discoverable
 - generally not subject to privacy constraints when established to be relevant to a case, particularly when that data is held by a party to litigation or even a key witness.



Here is what is out there

New England Patriots Cheerleader, Caitlin Davis, 18





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Here is what is out there

Caitlin lost her job after photos appeared on Facebook showing her holding a Sharpie marker up to a passed out man with offensive graffiti all over him. Davis was booted from the Patriots squad.









Here is how they use it....



- A juror posted details of the case she was serving on. The she wrote, "I don't know which way to go, so I'm holding a poll."
- An anonymous tip resulted in the woman being immediately dismissed from the jury.

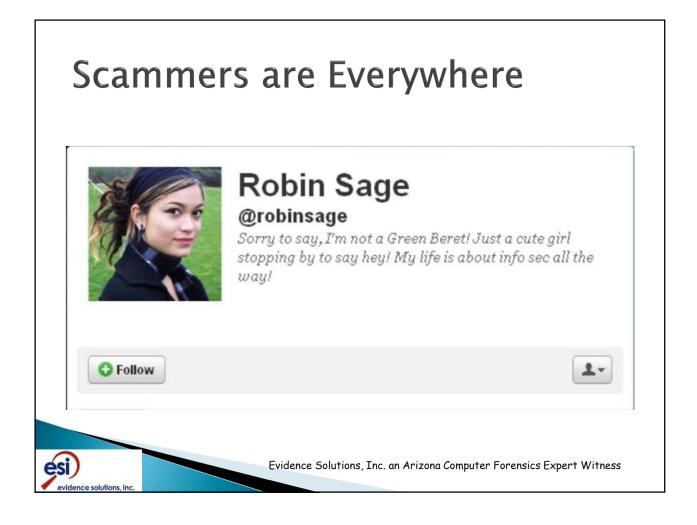




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Spammers & Scammers account for as much 40 percent of the accounts on social-media sites!

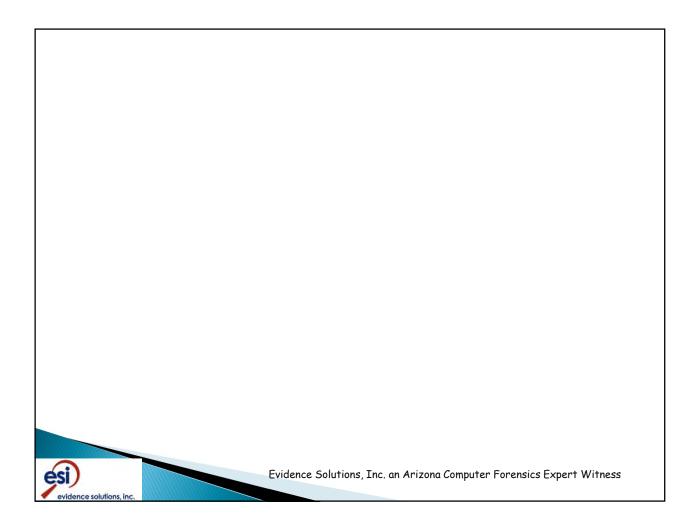




Scammers are Everywhere

- Graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Cyber Threat Analyst US Navy Network Warfare Command
- She had
 - 141 Twitter Followers
 - 110 Facebook Friends
 - 148 LinkedIn Connections
 - Including: Joint Chiefs of Staff, NSA, US Marines, US House of Representatives, Pentagon, DoD, Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman, Boos Allen Hamilton.





Getting it Admitted

 Many courts have applied Rule 901(b)(4) by ruling that metadata and file level hash values associated with ESI can be sufficient circumstantial evidence to establish its authenticity.



Getting it Admitted

- Mere printouts are not enough:
 - In of State of Connecticut vs. Eleck, the Facebook evidence in the form of a printout was rejected for failure of adequate authentication.
 - 'it is incumbent on the party seeking to admit social media data to offer detailed "circumstantial evidence that tends to authenticate" the unique medium of social media evidence.'



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Getting it Admitted

- Authentication:
 - State of Texas v Tienda the prosecution successfully admitted key MySpace evidence over the defendant's objection, laying a foundation through various circumstantial evidence.



Getting it Admitted

- Key circumstantial evidence included:
 - relevant metadata fields
 - The username (consistent with their commonly known nick name)
 - email addresses
 - User ID number
 - Stated location (City)
 - Posted communications with other suspects
 - Photos with associated date and time stamps.



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Getting it Admitted

Metadata for Facebook includes:

- Unified resource ID
- Item Type
 - •Wall Post
 - •News Item
 - Photo
- Message recipients
- Method used to post
 - Cell phone
 - Browser

- Poster's Unique ID
- ·User's Unique ID
- User's Display name
- Date & Time Created
- Date & Time Last revised
- Number of comments
- •Etc

Twitter and LinkedIn items have their own unique but generally comparable metadata.

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Great Quote

- Computer Power is more than 8000 times less expensive than 30 years ago.
- "If we had similar progress in automotive technology, today you could buy a Lexus for about \$2. It would travel at the speed of sound, and go about 600 miles on a thimble of gas"
 - "Randall Tobias, former Vice Chairman of AT&T, as quoted by – John Naisbitt, Global Paradox



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