



Diligent Search Resources

Social Service or Criminal Record databases

Always try to utilize all resources available to you, starting with an individual's history with the child welfare or criminal justice systems. These sources can provide not only detailed history, but relationship information, possible contact information, and leads to identifying more and more relatives and kin.

Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.)

Used for individual searches, friends' lists, identifying location, employment, social connections through photo tags, etc. Often used to cross-reference information obtained from other search resources.

truepeoplesearch.com/fastpeoplesearch.com/locasthem.com

Allows for name and locations searches, as well as reverse address searches. Can provide addresses, phone numbers, and lists of known relatives and associates.

findagrave.com

Extensive search engine for deceased individuals. Provides details of birth and death, location of burial, and links to any other known deceased relatives. Often includes obituaries.

familysearch.org

Requires the creation of a profile but is completely free. Along with findagrave, this site is particularly useful for deceased individuals. Provides information on the 1930 and 1940 censuses, draft records, marriage and death certificates.

Local Personal Property Searches

Going to a specific county's assessors' website can provide a personal property search. This is useful for finding and verifying good addresses for relatives, and doing reverse address searches to locate individuals.

vinelink.com / bop.gov / locator.ice.gov

These two sites are specifically for locating incarcerated individuals. Vinelink is used for State facilities, and Bop (bureau of prisons) is used for Federal facilities.

Google/Bing

We find that when all else fails, simply googling names, addresses, etc. can end up yielding a variety of information.

OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Depending on the specific searches being completed, utilizing any and all resources that are available or come to mind is encouraged. This could include professional registries, utility information, the department of vital records, funeral home records, income maintenance databases, the DMV, etc.

GET CREATIVE!!!

Diligent Search Tools

- SACWIS
- Paid Search (ie: Accurant)
- Child Support & Benefits
- Online court records
- Auditor's website
- Property records
- Obituaries
- Social media
- Online newspapers
- Vinelink.com/Bop.gov
- Voter registrations
- Truepeoplesearch.com
- Fastpeoplesearch.com
- Findagrave.com
- Familysearch.org
- Search.connectourkids.org
- Whitepages.com
- Google.com/ Bing.com
- Radaris.com
- Fastpeoplesearch.com
- Thatsthem.com
- Peoplefinder.com
- Legacy.com
- Mylife.com

Outside the Box

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