

Private Investigator Reveals  
Free Resources for  
“Locating People”  
How to be Effective!

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*Private Investigator reveals FREE resources for "Locating People" and How to be Effective!*

### **"Introduction"**

Hello, my name is Wolfgang Grasst, primary investigator and co-founder of Eye Spy, Inc. I have been involved in several investigations using various techniques to track and verify a subject's whereabouts. Through trial and error, I have learned to navigate the internet and utilize free resources which this guide will show to help you learn the methods and resources available when locating someone online.

Skip tracing is similar to completing an in depth search for a missing person or a long lost friend, this eBook will incorporate some of the techniques used when performing a skip trace using free online resources.

Please note:

This eBook was written in 2008, as such, some of the information may have changed, updated or is no longer available. The guide has been reduced in size to show only the information needed to perform online searches. The first several pages of this eBook have been removed. **You will now start part way into the eBook.**

Remember, just because a website offers "free" searches does not mean you get all the information about your subject. They usually let you search for free, then ask you to pay for additional information, enticing you by stating they have found cell phone, home phone, address, and or additional information, but at a cost to you! You can get most of your information for "free" with a little effort and know how.

### **"Information"**

The first and most important piece to the puzzle you will need is information about your subject. This information will determine the starting point and route you take when completing a search. Collect as much as you can on your subject.

Let's say you only have a first and last name. This is an old school friend you haven't seen in years and have no idea where they might be living now. Questions you need to think about are:

Do you have a middle name?

What was their old house address?

Are they in state or out of state? *(Different states have different policies for what information can be found or gathered about someone, so I will use general applications in this guide)*

If female, are they still using their maiden name or their married name?

Do you know where the parents or relatives live or have lived?

If it is a relative, do you have their names? (This will be important later)

Do you know where they worked or a career field of interest they had or might be working in currently?

How old are they? Do you know or remember the month, day, or year of their birthday?

Do you have any photos of them? (As long as they are not too old).

Searching for Bob Brown or a John Smith just might yield a few results. Actually, it “will” yield a large number of similar names. For this reason, a middle name, address or date of birth is important. If you have limited information, how will you know which Bob Brown or John Smith in the list is the correct subject?

This is why getting as much information as you can prior to beginning your search is important. You need to be able to **“identify”** your subject from a list. Otherwise, you will find a lot of names on that list and no way to isolate or get another step closer to finding your subject.

**(As you may have noticed, I use “subject” as the term for the person we are in search of and will continue to do so throughout this book)**

If you are locating a subject for someone else, **“ask questions”**. Get as much detail about a person as you can. Probe them, make them think, and don’t just say ok, and then start searching as you will spend a lot of wasted time doing it this way.

Remember:

Gather as much information as you can for yourself or someone else so you have a better chance to **“identify”** the correct subject from a list. You are building a puzzle and you need to find the relevant pieces in order to put it all together correctly.

### **“Starting the Search”**

Ok, now that you have some information, where do you start? For this books purpose, I will stay focused on people searches in general. There are a lot of sources to start with depending whether you are looking for a person who is a corporate officer, law enforcement employee, a business owner, sole proprietor, LLC, corporation, military personnel, person with a professional license, person avoiding the law, etc.

The sources I will use in this book are free resources to collect public information about a person. There are a lot of free resources you can use without paying that will yield very good information. Don’t always give up or pay for information if you can stay the course and keep searching. You may have to pick up the phone and make some calls to a county recorder’s office or contact the public safety department in a particular city, this is ok.

Depending on the information and purpose of the search will determine where you look first, so let’s stay with finding someone where you have limited information.

Let’s begin:

You can Google, MSN or Yahoo search a person’s name, but most likely you will not necessarily find the correct subject, unless they are famous and have had articles or shows about them.

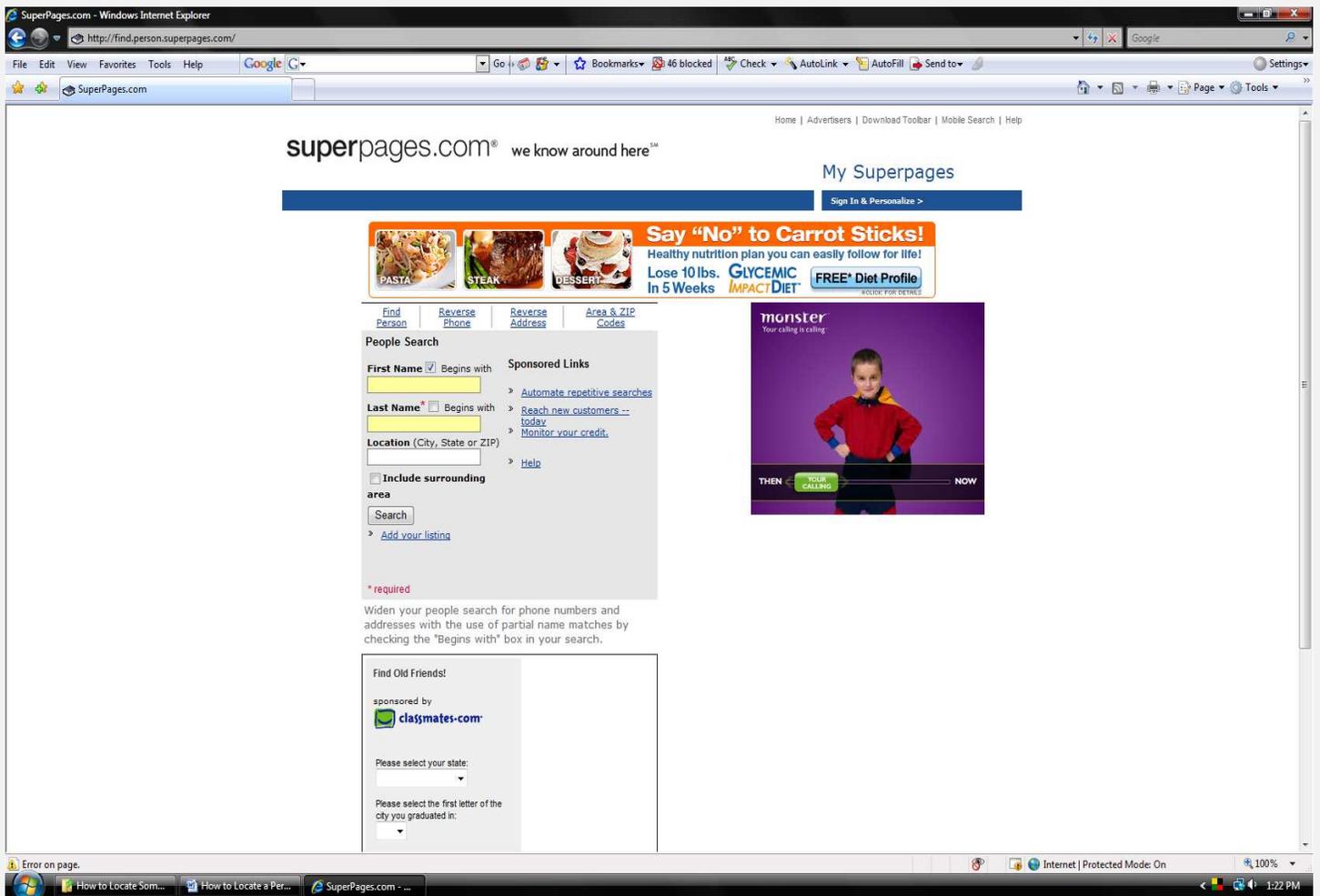
Let’s use this example:

Thomas Wilson, graduated high school around 1980ish, so that would put their age around 45-47, and they lived in Seattle, Washington during that time. If this is all the information you have, then let's start. (Of course, the information I gave you is limited) You may want to use another person's name as you follow along. Expect problems to arise along the way and be objective. What you believe or know about a subject may not be the information you find. Stay objective to the information you are given and expect the unexpected when searching for your subject.

Sometimes the information you are given about a subject is incorrect, names, addresses, phone numbers, family members, etc. Stay objective!



[Zabasearch](http://www.zabasearch.com) is an excellent web site for information, you can search by a person's name, search it by city, state or nationwide. You can even search it by year of birth if you have or only last name with a first initial. What is good about zabasearch besides being free is you can pick up a subjects month and year of birth, and sometimes a phone or cell number.



The next step is to take some time and visit the white pages at [superpages](http://superpages.com) and [411.com](http://411.com), or the local phone book carrier website; in this case [dexknobs](http://dexknobs.com), as it will provide you with similar information on subjects with the name you are looking for. It is important at this point to start cross referencing the information from all the websites. Look for matching information from one list to the next, a spouses name on one, but not on the other list, phone numbers, addresses, and sometimes ages. Listing the age on these sites is important as it assists you in narrowing down the search. You may come across a possible parent or relative, but not your subject, and you found this out because of the listed age.

At this point, simply start calling the phone numbers, one-to see if they are current and valid, and two-so you can speak with a possible subject or relative who may be able to direct you in the correct direction or give you contact information.

The inability to pretext phone companies have certainly put a damper in the investigative world, however, people can still be located without pretext. It's not easy nor is it quick, there is a lot of chipping away at the stone. From my perspective, it just means you have to become more resourceful and figure out where people have left information behind that can be utilized.

Two other good websites for general searches are [search.myspace.com](http://search.myspace.com) and [Find Friends on Face book](http://Find Friends on Face book). Many people up load personal information i.e.; birth dates, occupation, some list high schools, colleges, fraternity, even better some list, cities, states, family member's names and email addresses, not to mention photos. For example: While working on a disability case, by manipulating the subjects name, a private investigator I know, located the subject's MySpace account, the subject had videos of himself ridding dirt bikes in an amateur competition. Remarkably enough, the subject listed his next motocross event on his MySpace account; the investigator was there to videotape.



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### Browse by Name

Browse for your friends alphabetically by last name.

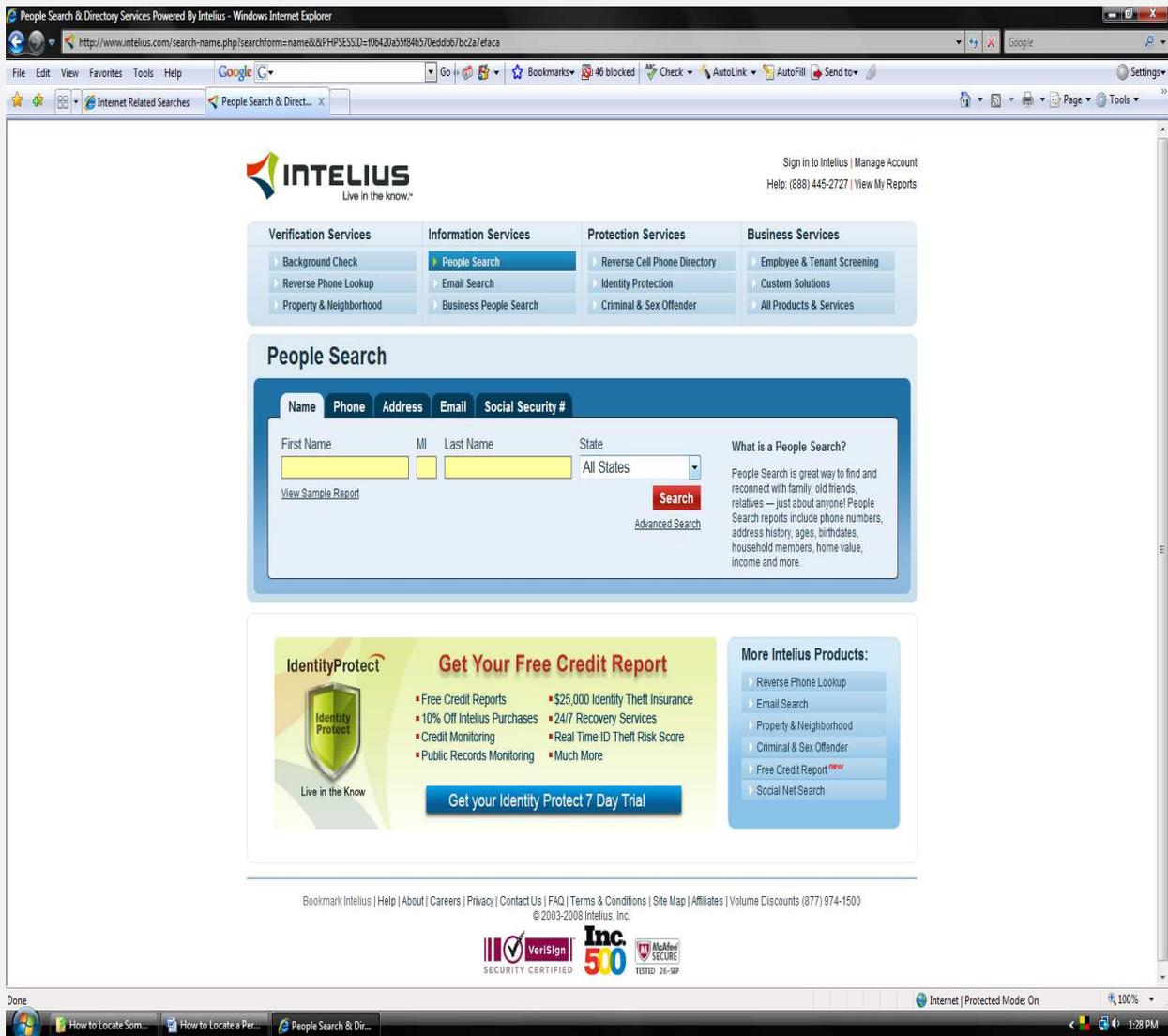
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### Browse Facebook Pages

Browse for Pages alphabetically by name.

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Ok, let's say you have not confirmed anything about your subject with the information I gave you. You have a choice: you can enlist the assistance of a pay site and possibly get a few more phone numbers to call or addresses to verify, but here is how I would use the initial name search to assist you.



If you go to [Intelius](http://www.intelius.com), yes a pay site, you can do a name search for free. The next page will have names, age, city/state, and on the far right, possible relatives. I use this “free search” only so I can view possible relatives, possible addresses, and I use the age, again, to narrow the playing field. Sometimes I get lucky and find information on this first page that leads me on the correct path, or offers relative names to search and try to contact, maybe even shows me a city I have not yet searched. Every time you find useful information from one source, add it to the information you have already collected. This is how you begin to figure out if you are on the correct path and or offers you the ability to use another source to put these puzzle pieces together, getting ever closer to finding the subject.

At this point, you have only had a little information to work with. This makes things very hard as you might imagine. So you can see the importance of having as much “**identifying**” information as possible prior to starting your search. Otherwise, you will never know if you have the correct subject without calling every name or phone number you come across. Lots and lots of time involved.

So far, you have visited a few good websites to assist you in your search, you have completed cross referencing to try and narrow down the correct subject and or whereabouts. If you are stuck at this point, then you might want to try searching public county and or public state recorders or auditor’s offices, either via the internet or using the phone. You are looking for real estate documents, marriage certificates, all which may offer additional useful information for you to continue.

I would also suggest checking public court records to find out if the subject been arrested or had a traffic violation, judgment against them, etc. This information will help you to know if they are still around or in what county. The dates for violations are listed when doing a name search through the court system.

This information can offer you a plaintiff or defendants name, which gives you another source to investigate. If you search for this person and you are able to contact them, they might offer to tell you what contact information they have about your subject.

Other resources are department of licensing, checking for professional licenses, and department of revenue; do they own a business in their name or a business name?

You can check the national database for voter registration. There is a wealth of info here and each state will offer this information differently. I like that they usually with list date of birth and partial address where they live. They also list date of when the subject registered to vote.

All states have different laws allowing access to public information, so you will need to pay attention to this. For instance, some states will allow a search to verify what vehicles are listed in a subject's name. Some will sell their records through a third party like Vital Records.com. I don't use the method personally.

If you haven't already guessed, a good investigator has to be constantly thinking outside the box when collecting information. The example above where I stated that if your subject was involved in a legal dispute on record, investigate the other parties' whereabouts and try to contact them for more information on your subject.

Here are a few links I have talked about: (These Web links can be city and state specific, but for our nationwide audience, think of them as a universal starting point from which you can narrow to the specific criteria for your subject)

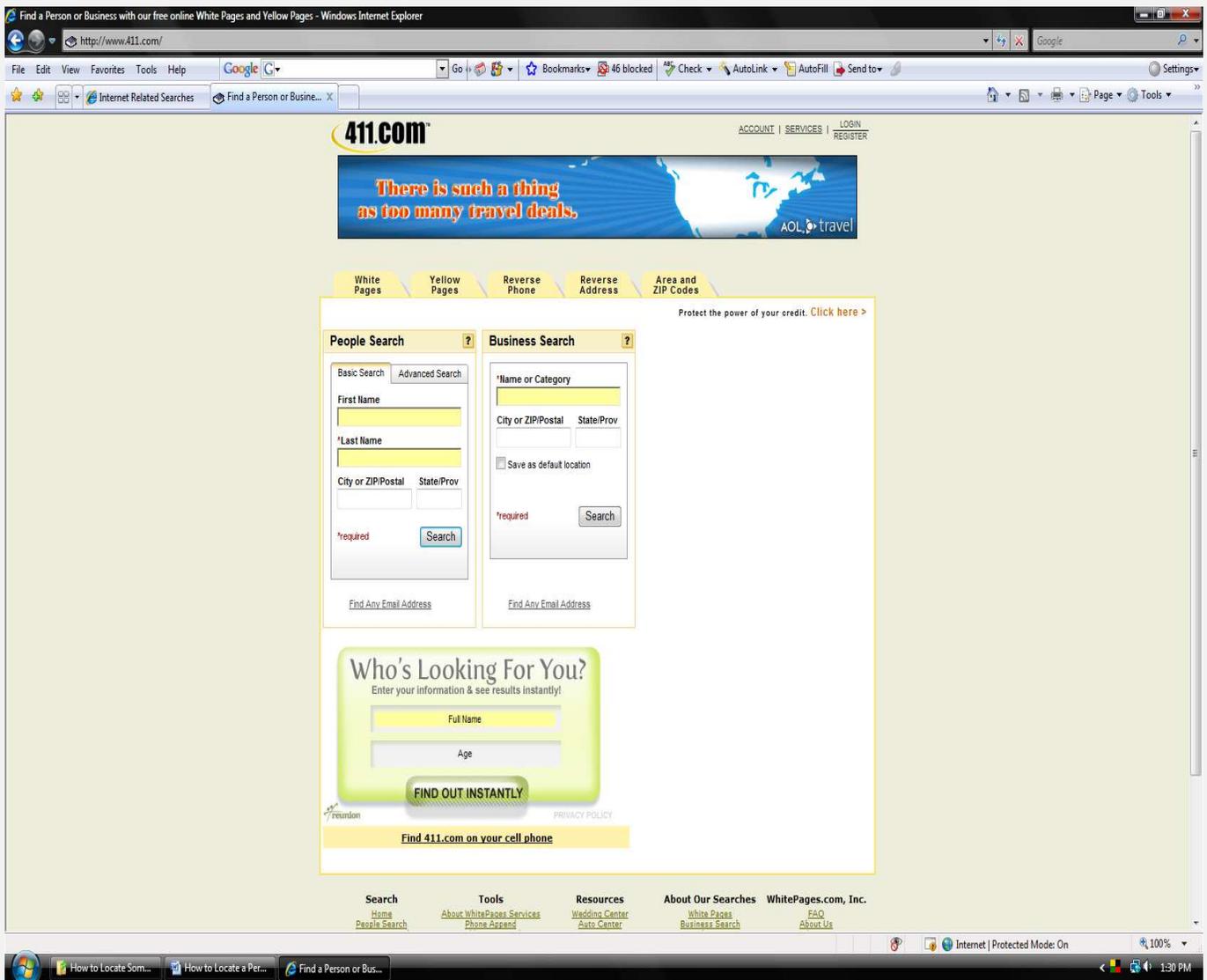
[Intellius](#) [National Voter Registration](#) [State and Local Public Records](#) [Wink](#) [411.com](#)  
[Search.myspace.com](#) [Face Book](#) [Superpages](#) [Dexknows](#) [Zabasearch](#)  
[Washington State Court Records Search](#) [King County Recorder's Office](#)

Additional resources are:

[Google](#) [Bing](#) [Washington State DOL Business License Verification](#)  
[Pipl](#) [White Pages](#) [Washington State Department of Revenue](#)

And don't forget images!

[Google Image Search including uploading a photo](#) "click on the camera icon"



## “Utilizing other Information and Resources”

Ok, let's focus on cross referencing first. When you are searching for someone, I mentioned thinking outside the box. This isn't something that may come easy, but you need to always be thinking what other information or resource I can check that might offer a different puzzle piece to lead me closer to my subject.

Sometimes, I use county records to see if my subject has a spouse. If so, what date was the marriage recorded? What county? Now go out there and search for the spouse. Many spouses are listed separately and you can narrow down your search by adding this information as another puzzle piece.

What about those county records? Search for your subject name and see what you get for results. Maybe, there is a deed recorded? Maybe, it has a second name on the document, which is sometimes viewable from their website as a .pdf?

There are many ways to add criteria to your search that will assist you with locating a subject. It's more than going out there and just being focused on the subject's name. Always think of other “**outside the box**” ways to locate your subject. This is not easy to teach, but after some practice, you will amaze yourself with resources you didn't know exist, or finding your subject via information you found on a close friend, relative, or other source. It's navigating the internet, finding resources available, and then putting all the puzzle pieces together.

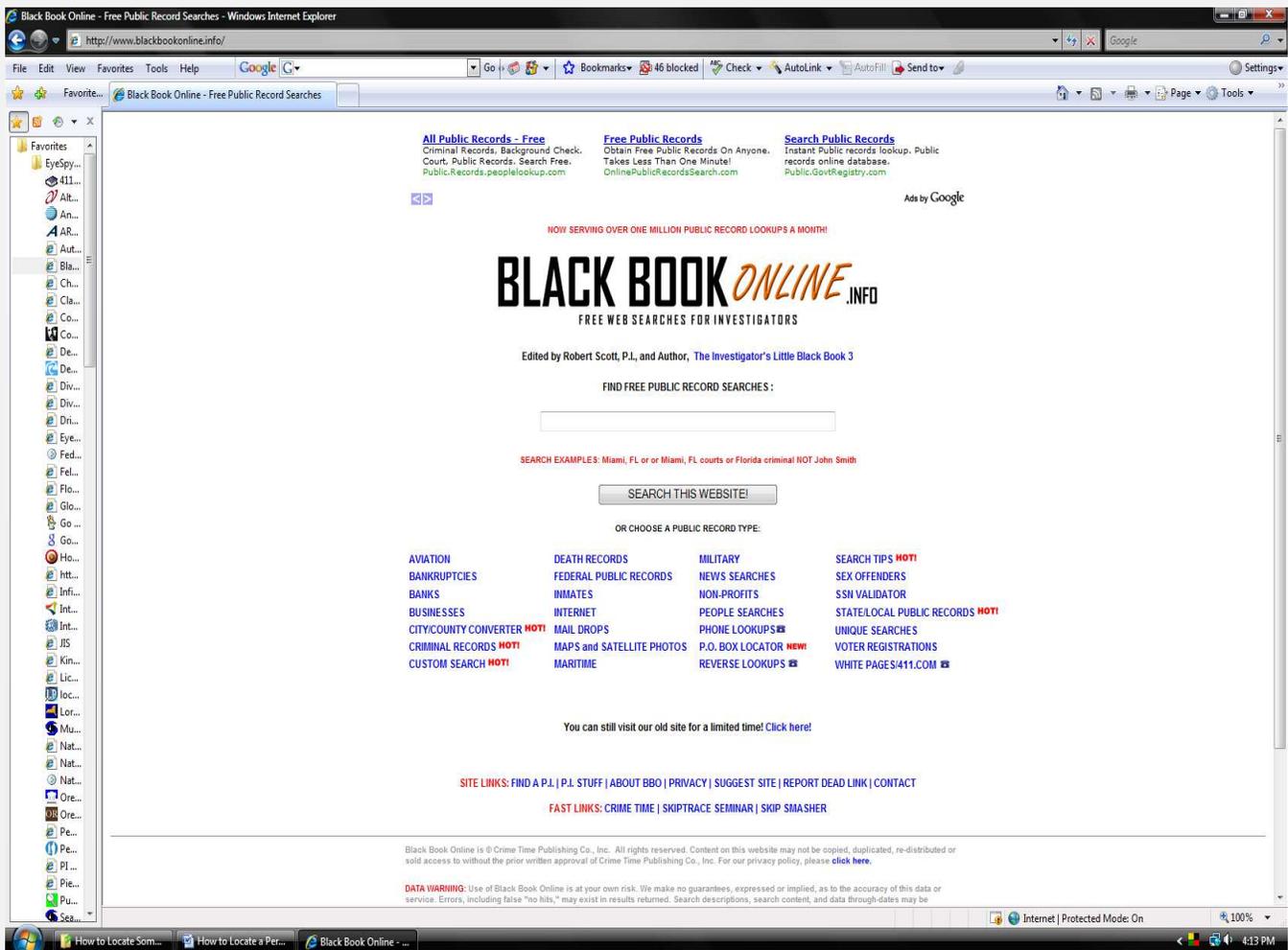
One reason investigators may appear to have an upper hand on the public, outside of training and experience, is that licensed private investigation companies can join non-public databases that have more updated and current information in one place that allows them to search for someone faster than the time it takes to do it the way I am showing you.

The difference is that we have to be licensed, usually pay a subscription fee, per use fee, and knowledge of how to navigate the database. Then there are the legal rules to follow in order to comply and stay a member. This all costs money and some time, especially with difficult cases.

Well let's move on to another big resource, the [Black Book Online](http://www.blackbookonline.info). This website is a gold mine of information to other "specific purpose" websites when searching for a person or needing other types of information. I use this site and all the websites listed above on a daily basis.

The Black Book Online is as important to me as one of the databases my company has access too. You will need to visit this website and spend some time getting used to navigating it, and then visit all the links within this site to determine what information is available, where it is located and which sites offer additional unique searches.

***I will cover more about this website at the end of this book as it is a very large and complex site.***



\*Since I have no control over what websites are listed here or the validity of their content, for legal purposes, I have to state that my company and I do not endorse the accuracy of information from these sources or endorse the websites listed herein. This includes all the websites listed in this guide book and their content.

## “Puzzle Pieces”

In this section, I am going to show you some examples of city and state resources from Washington State, as my company is head quartered in Kent, Washington. These examples will work in any state, but you may have to pay a fee or navigate through different portals to get to these departments in your own state. Again, each state has different criteria and avenues to gain access to public information when using the internet.

**Sound Politics**  
**Washington State Voter Database**

This service provides online access to a public release of the [Washington State Voter Registration Database](#) (May 29, 2008)

You may search for voters by county and street address or by name. Scroll down below the data entry form for instructions.

County: All Counties (select one county if searching by address)

**Search by Address**

House Number: (Show entire block? )

Prefix	Street Name	Type	Postfix

Search by Address

or

**Search by Name**

Last Name:

First part of first name:

Sort by:  First Name  Address

Search by Name

**Step by Step instructions.**

- 1. Select a County.** If searching by address, you MUST select a county. If searching by name, you may search statewide, or select a county to narrow your search.
- 2. To query by address:**
  - a. Enter a House Number.** The report will show all residents at the given house number (Check the box to show all residents of the address block, e.g. for 3600 block of a street, enter any number between 3600 - 3699 and check the box)
  - b. Enter a Street Name.** Enter the full name of the street in standard form. Add applicable prefix and postfix for direction and street type. You must use the one or two letter abbreviations for direction (S, SW, NE, etc.) and the following abbreviations for the various street types. e.g. ST for Street, BLVD for Boulevard, etc.

For example, to enter 1st Avenue South, type 1ST AVE S in the respective boxes above (doesn't have to be upper case), e.g

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Using the voter database for your state provides you with information that may assist you in your search. The information available here can be searched by name or address. It should give you date of birth, address when voter registered, age, when that person registered, and when they last voted. All this information can be very useful in your search.

Sound Politics Washington State Voter Database - Windows Internet Explorer

http://usefulwork.com/cgi-bin/wavoterdb.cgi

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County	Last Name	First / Middle Name	M/F	Number	Street	City	Last Voted	Birthdate	Registered	PAV	Status	Cong.	Leg.	Prec.
CR	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	161e	SE 119TH AVE	VANCOUVER	2002-SEP-17	1945-SEP-09	2002-MAR-21	V	C	3	17	677
KI	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	30e APT	167H AVE E	SEATTLE		1975-SEP-10	2008-JAN-22	P	A	7	43	1870
KI	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	2010e	NE 184TH CT	WOODINVILLE	2007-NOV-06	1950-JUN-16	1995-AUG-19	N	A	1	45	2493
SP	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	250e	E 5TH AVE	SPOKANE	2007-NOV-06	1942-OCT-30	1992-FEB-12	T	I	5	3	3159
YA	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	230e	CAYUSE LN	YAKIMA	2004-FEB-03	1963-MAR-31	2002-SEP-20	N	I	4	15	4003
KI	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	490e	W DRAVUS ST	SEATTLE		1989-SEP-26	2008-FEB-09	N	A	7	36	1693
ST	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	72e	HENRY RD	COLVILLE	2008-FEB-19	1947-MAR-19	2000-JUN-29	N	A	5	7	14
WM	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	231e APT	ORLEANS ST	BELLINGHAM	2008-MAR-11	1962-JAN-31	1996-OCT-15	V	A	2	42	217
PI	WILSON	THOMAS A	M	191e APT	WESTRIDGE AVE W	TACOMA	2004-NOV-02	1960-APR-08	2004-AUG-15	P	A	6	28	28405
SP	WILSON	THOMAS B	M	122e	E 49TH AVE	SPOKANE	2008-MAR-11	1960-JUN-10	1989-NOV-03	P	A	5	6	6140
CH	WILSON	THOMAS B	M	625e	FLOWERY DIVIDE	CASHMERE	2008-FEB-19	1956-MAR-26	1994-SEP-26	V	A	4	12	134
IS	WILSON	THOMAS B	M	13e	E TORRENCE LN	OAK HARBOR	2008-FEB-19	1953-MAR-06	1996-MAR-04	U	A	2	10	35
PI	WILSON	THOMAS C	M	260e	179TH AVE E	BONNEY LAKE	2004-NOV-02	1984-MAR-16	2004-SEP-29	P	A	8	31	31639
YA	WILSON	THOMAS C	M	30e	N 29TH AVE	YAKIMA	2008-FEB-19	1937-DEC-14	1962-AUG-09	N	A	4	14	133
YA	WILSON	THOMAS C	M	91e	S 31ST AVE	YAKIMA	2008-FEB-19	1965-JAN-14	2002-AUG-14	N	A	4	14	170
CZ	WILSON	THOMAS C	M	60e	DAVIS PEAK RD	WOODLAND	2008-MAR-11	1951-MAR-10	1971-JUL-14	P	A	3	18	88
KI	WILSON	THOMAS D	M	3101e	55TH AVE S	AUBURN	2005-NOV-08	1957-MAY-28	1992-JUL-01	P	A	9	30	1066
KI	WILSON	THOMAS D	M	733e	57TH AVE NE	SEATTLE	2007-NOV-06	1963-MAR-25	1992-JUL-25	N	A	7	46	2377
TH	WILSON	THOMAS D	M	280e	STEAMBOAT IS NW	OLYMPIA	2008-FEB-19	1923-MAR-13	1977-OCT-08	V	A	3	35	44
CM	WILSON	THOMAS D	M	12e	STURDEVANT RD	SEQUIM	2006-NOV-07	1966-NOV-27	1995-NOV-28	U	A	6	24	265
LI	WILSON	THOMAS DOAK	M	2243e	WILSON RD E	LAMONA	2008-MAR-11	1940-JAN-01	1962-SEP-18	U	A	5	7	20
PI	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	683e	N 11TH ST	TACOMA	2006-NOV-07	1959-SEP-08	1992-MAY-21	N	A	6	28	28402
KI	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	102e	NE 62ND ST	SEATTLE	2008-FEB-19	1969-FEB-13	1996-APR-12	P	A	7	43	2069
KP	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	633e	NE EARLY DAWN LN	POULSBO	2008-FEB-19	1943-MAY-11	2005-JUN-30	V	A	1	23	100458
SP	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	120e	E EVERETT AVE	SPOKANE	2008-FEB-19	1951-AUG-12	2003-JUL-19	P	A	5	3	3104
KT	WILSON	THOMAS E	U	39e	FISH HATCHERY RD	GOLDENDALE	2008-FEB-19	1950-DEC-12	2002-NOV-15	P	A	4	15	13
TH	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	80e	GRANT ST SW	TUMWATER	2005-NOV-08	1947-JUN-12	1994-AUG-26	V	A	3	22	408
PI	WILSON	THOMAS E	M	131e	MADRONA WAY NW	GIG HARBOR	2008-FEB-19	1945-NOV-28	1993-APR-21	P	A	6	26	26219
KI	WILSON	THOMAS G	M	241e APT	13TH AVE S	SEATTLE	2007-MAR-13	1960-SEP-26	1986-SEP-07	N	A	7	37	1927
SN	WILSON	THOMAS H	M	60e	215TH ST SW	BOTHELL	2008-FEB-19	1944-FEB-22	1974-SEP-21	V	A	1	1	114408
TH	WILSON	THOMAS H	M	393e	MARTIN WAY E	OLYMPIA		1959-MAR-11	1993-MAR-09	V	A	9	22	217
KP	WILSON	THOMAS H	M	124e APT	WEAVER RD NW	BAINBRIDGE IS	2008-FEB-19	1939-AUG-18	2000-AUG-28	V	A	1	23	100301
KI	WILSON	THOMAS I	M	682e APT	COAL CREEK PKY SE	NEWCASTLE		1967-FEB-21	1994-OCT-24	N	C	8	41	3241
KI	WILSON	THOMAS J	M	447e	141ST AVE SE	BELLEVUE	2004-NOV-02	1986-MAY-13	2004-SEP-27	N	I	8	41	103
PI	WILSON	THOMAS J	M	291e	208TH AVE E	LAKE TAPPS	2007-AUG-21	1950-OCT-17	1992-SEP-13	P	A	8	31	31632
KI	WILSON	THOMAS J	M	2642e	SE 276TH ST	RAVENSDALE	2006-NOV-07	1954-OCT-03	2006-JUN-07	N	A	8	47	932
SK	WILSON	THOMAS J	M	361e	SENECA DR	MOUNT VERNON	2003-APR-22	1962-MAR-20	2002-NOV-26	U	C	2	40	319

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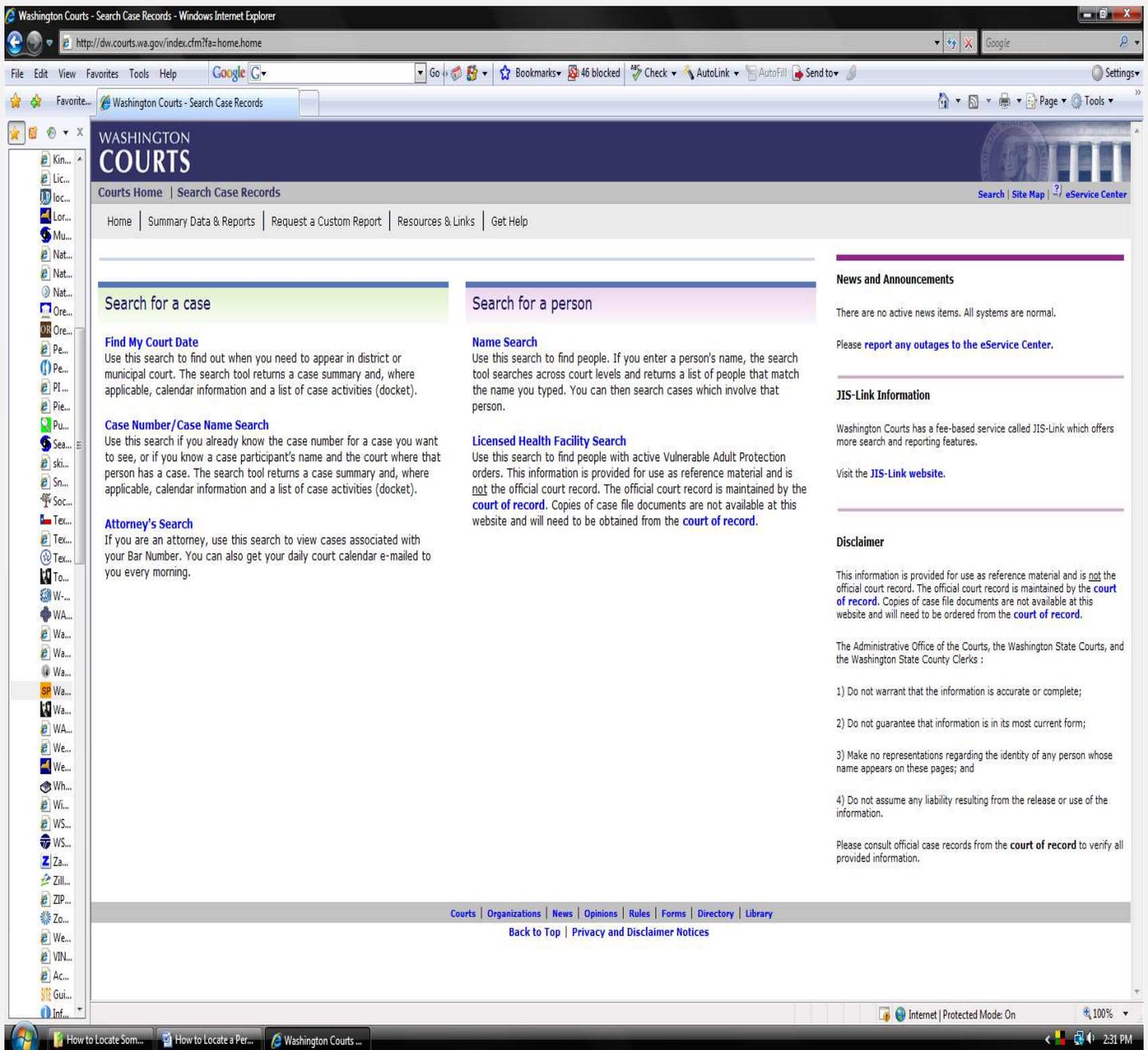
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As you can see, if you verify your subject's date of birth, you can now search for the name along with a date of birth, or at least you have an age to match with other resources. This is very helpful when locating a person.



Your state court system may also be a great source for checking if your subject is listed there, and if so, it gives you an idea of any possible trouble they might be in, the county where the infraction occurred, the date the trouble occurred, again assisting you with narrowing the search to their location. You can go to the court house and use their computer, in some cases, to look at docket information, or ask for assistance while at the court house.

Below is a screen shot of what you might see when you search for a person's name using the court system name search section:

Washington Courts - Search Case Records - Windows Internet Explorer  
 http://dw.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.namelist

WASHINGTON COURTS  
 Courts Home | Search Case Records

Home | Summary Data & Reports | Request a Custom Report | Resources & Links | Get Help

**Name Search Results**

**Directions:** Click on a highlighted name to get docket information for this case.

**Note:** This website is in the process of being examined for usability. The only information being displayed at this time is the name/participant, court of record, cause number, and filing date. The court of record must be contacted for verification and any further information.

There are 200 names that match your search criteria.

Name / Participant	Court	Case Number	File/Violation Date
1 Wilson, Thomas Defendant	Sno Co-south Div	S05-00904	11-22-2005
2 Wilson, Thomas Defendant	Spokane County Dist	CR0060438	06-03-2003
3 <b>Wilson, Thomas Judgment Creditor</b>	Lincoln Co Superior	93-9-00319-2	02-16-1993
4 Wilson, Thomas Plaintiff	King Co Superior Ct	91-2-05266-2	03-12-1991
5 Wilson, Thomas Defendant	Clark Superior	02-2-00013-8	01-03-2002
6 Wilson, Thomas Plaintiff	King Co Superior Ct	85-2-21342-4	12-31-1985
7 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Spokane County Dist	98073381	01-29-1998
8 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Ritzville Dist Court	C00132117	08-05-1997
9 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Kcdc-east Div (isq)	C00263855	04-29-1998
10 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Lakewood Municipal	CR0003001	08-18-1997
11 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Ritzville Dist Court	I00684074	08-05-1997
12 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Kent Municipal Court	K00015773	03-13-1998
13 Wilson, Thomas A Jr Defendant	Kent Municipal Court	K00348561	03-13-1998
14 Wilson, Thomas A. 6212 Ne 11th A Defendant	Clark County Dist	218042	01-26-1990
15 Wilson, Thomas Alfred Defendant	Spokane County Dist	I05647777	05-19-2008
16 Wilson, Thomas Alfred Jr	Spokane County Dist	F00970229	01-21-1997

**About Lists of Names**  
 These are the names that the search tool found from the information you entered.

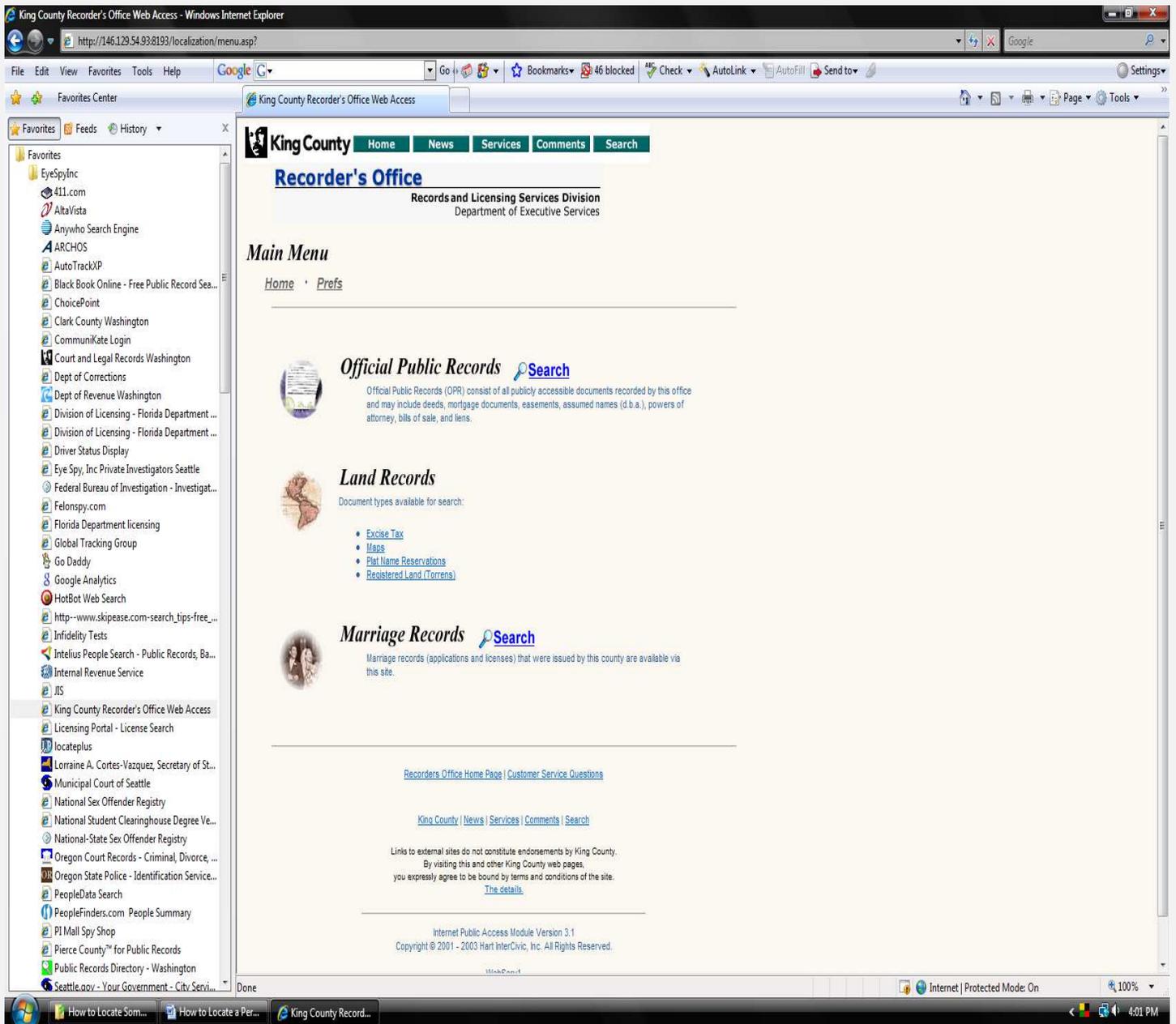
**Disclaimer**  
 This information is provided for use as reference material and is not the official court record. The official court record is maintained by the court of record. Copies of case file documents are not available at this website and will need to be ordered from the court of record.

The Administrative Office of the Courts, the Washington State Courts, and the Washington State County Clerks:

- 1) Do not warrant that the information is accurate or complete;
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- 3) Make no representations regarding the identity of any person whose name appears on these pages; and
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Please consult official case records from the court of record to verify all provided information.

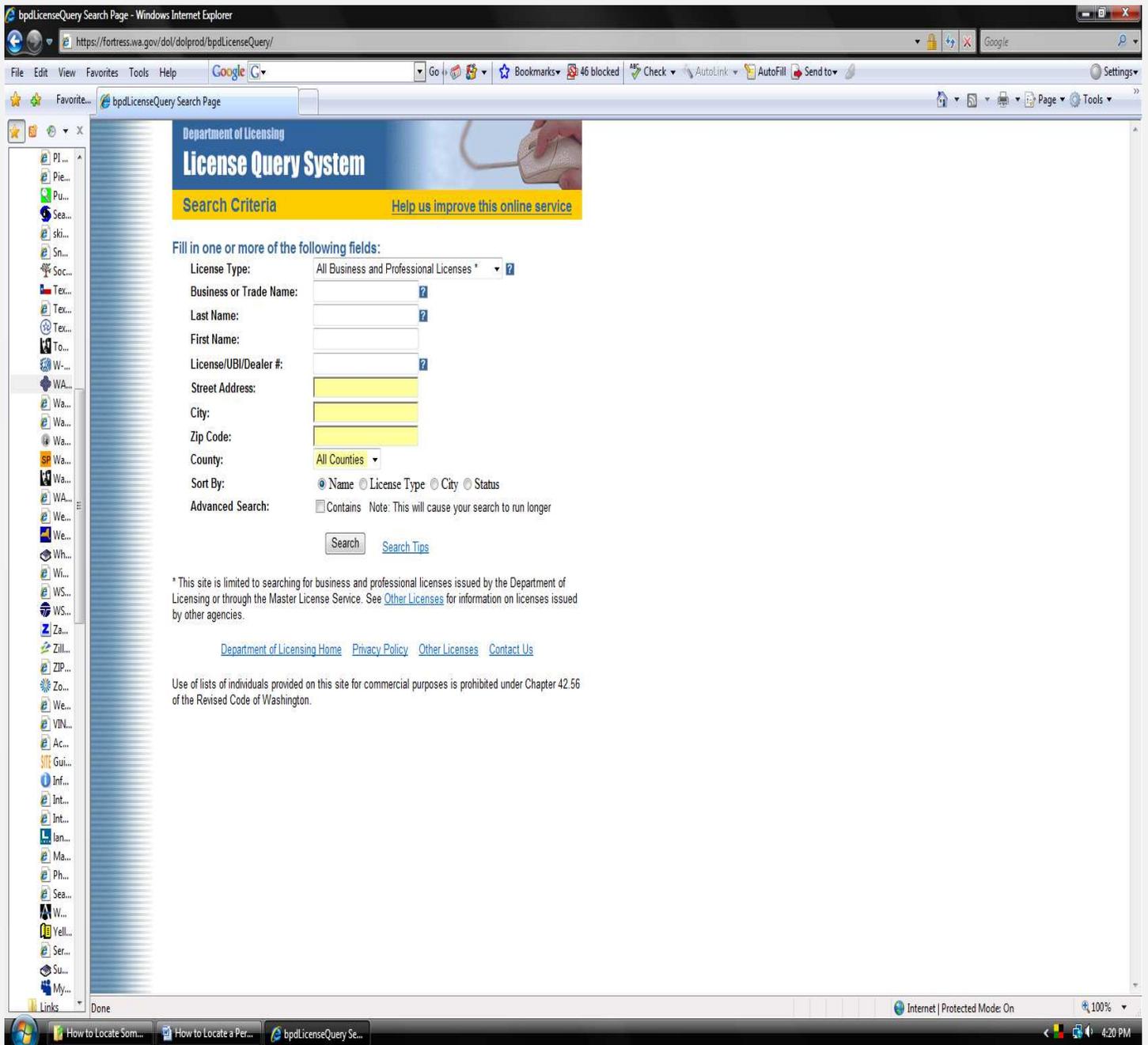
You can take the case number and complete a case number search, you can look up the name under “my court date”, if you wanted to go to the court house and follow your subject to verify their residence. There is so much that can be completed and obtained by working outside the box as you can see.



Above is what the county recorders website looks like for King County in Washington State. Accesses to public, land and marriage records are available at your fingertips. Again, each state is different, but so much information can be obtained through these sources.

While I was writing this book, I was called by a client who needed to know if there was a spouse and is so, the spouses name for a witness list. I checked this site, found a couple names that matched, went to [Superpages](#), [411.com](#), and [Zabasearch](#).

I quickly verified that I had the correct person, address, and the spouse's name. I then gave my client the subject's listed home phone number from the local white pages. You can see that not much effort to place, just knowing where to look made the difference.



Here is another great source that each state has, again in different formats, the Department of licensing. You can search a name and find out if someone has a professional license, or they may have a business but they are a sole proprietor? LLC, and who they work for or what business is in their name.

I searched for Thomas Wilson and below you can see what came available from my search:

***(Again, to better view these screen shots, adjust your view to 150% or 200%)***

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/bpd/licenseQuery/lqsSearchResults.aspx?sessID=4529>. The page title is "Department of Licensing License Query System" and the sub-header is "Search Results".

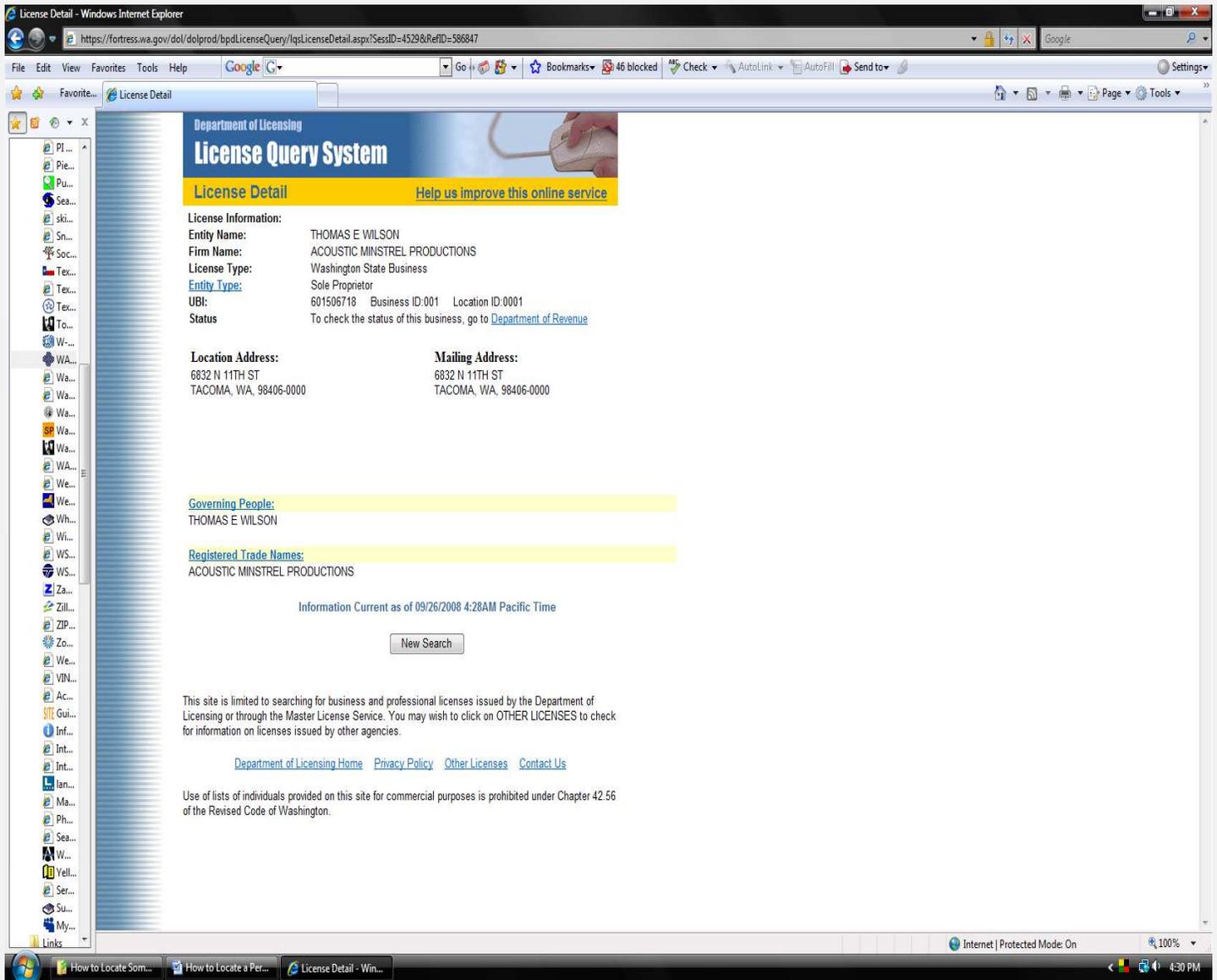
**Your Search Criteria:**  
 License Type: All Business and Professional Licenses  
 Last Name: wilson  
 First Name: thomas  
 Sort By: Name

Warning: Your search returned more than the 100 matches allowed. You may want to refine your search.

Results 1 - 25 of 100:

Name	License Type	City	State	Status
<a href="#">ACOUSTIC MINSTREL PRODUCTIONS</a> THOMAS E WILSON	Washington State Business	TACOMA	WA	
<a href="#">AMERICAN BEVERAGE</a> ULTRABAR, INC.	Washington State Business	MAPLE VALLEY	WA	
<a href="#">APPLE VALLEY APTS.</a> REPUBLIC MANAGEMENT NORTHWEST CO.	Washington State Business	LYNDEN	WA	
<a href="#">ARK COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC.</a> ARK COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC.	Washington State Business	SPOKANE VALLEY	WA	
<a href="#">ARK COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC.</a> ARK COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC.	Washington State Business	SPOKANE	WA	
<a href="#">BIG VALLEY AUTO SALES</a> THOMAS ANDREW WILSON	Washington State Business	SPOKANE	WA	
<a href="#">BIGFOOT BARGAINS</a> THOMAS WOLCOTT WILSON	Washington State Business	KIRKLAND	WA	
<a href="#">BOUCHER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</a> BOUCHER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Washington State Business	SEATTLE	WA	
<a href="#">BRIGHTENWOOD APTS.</a> REPUBLIC MANAGEMENT NORTHWEST CO.	Washington State Business	SELAH	WA	
<a href="#">BROWNNESS CONSULTING</a> THOMAS P WILSON	Washington State Business	SEATTLE	WA	
<a href="#">BRYANT MANOR</a> PACIFIC CITIES OF WASHINGTON, INC.	Washington State Business	SEATTLE	WA	
<a href="#">CHEF THOMAS WILSON</a> THOMAS ELVIS WILSON	Washington State Business	KENT	WA	
<a href="#">DAN CHARLES AGENCY INC</a> DAN CHARLES AGENCY CO.	Washington State Business	VANCOUVER	WA	
<a href="#">DESIGN CONSULTANT</a> THOMAS T WILSON	Washington State Business	SEATTLE	WA	
<a href="#">DINING DESIGN ON LINE</a> CHANDLER WILSON DESIGN, INC.	Washington State Business	TACOMA	WA	
<a href="#">DIRTY DAVE'S GAY 90'S TOO, INC.</a> DIRTY DAVE'S GAY 90'S TOO, INC.	Washington State Business			
<a href="#">DIRTY DAVE'S INFAMOUS GAY 90'S PIZZA PARLOR</a> DIRTY DAVE'S GAY 90'S, INC.	Washington State Business	OLYMPIA	WA	

From here you can link to their business, their employer, and get a lot of information, again useful if you needed to go have a starting point to follow them to their residence. The next screen shot will let you see what happens when I click on a name:



Now you can see their name, company name, location of the business and separate mailing address, governing people UBI #, entity type and link to the Department of Revenue (for your state, the link process may be different). Below I will show you what the Department of Revenue next screen shot will look like:

Results - Windows Internet Explorer  
 http://dor.wa.gov/content/doingbusiness/registermybusiness/brd/Results.aspx?RequestType=3&UBI=601506718#brdResults

Department of Revenue  
 Washington State  
 "Working together to fund Washington's future"

My Account: [Login](#) | [Join](#)

Home | Doing business | Register my business | Lookup business information | Results

Results

NOTE: If the word "non-revenue" appears in the space after Tax Registration Number, the account is not registered with the Department of Revenue. Although the business may not be required to register with the Department of Revenue, it is registered with one or more other agencies in the state.

**Washington State Department of Revenue  
 State Business Records Database Detail**

<b>TAX REGISTRATION NUMBER :</b>	601506718
<b>UBI :</b>	601506718
<b>LEGAL ENTITY :</b>	WILSON THOMAS E
<b>DOING BUSINESS AS :</b>	ACOUSTIC MINSTREL PRODUCTIONS
<b>MAILING ADDRESS :</b>	<b>BUSINESS LOCATION :</b>
4403 PATRICIAN LN W TACOMA, WA 98466-1142	4403 PATRICIAN LN W TACOMA, WA 98466-1142
<b>OWNER TYPE :</b>	SOLE PROPRIETOR
<b>ACCOUNT OPENED :</b>	11/04/1993
<b>ACCOUNT CLOSED :</b>	12/31/2006
<b>NAICS CODE :</b>	999990
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As of 8/31/2005, the Standard Industrial Code (SIC) has been replaced with the North American Industry Classification System Code (NAICS). For more information, [click here](#)

Access Washington  
 Voter registration assistance  
 (Secretary of State)

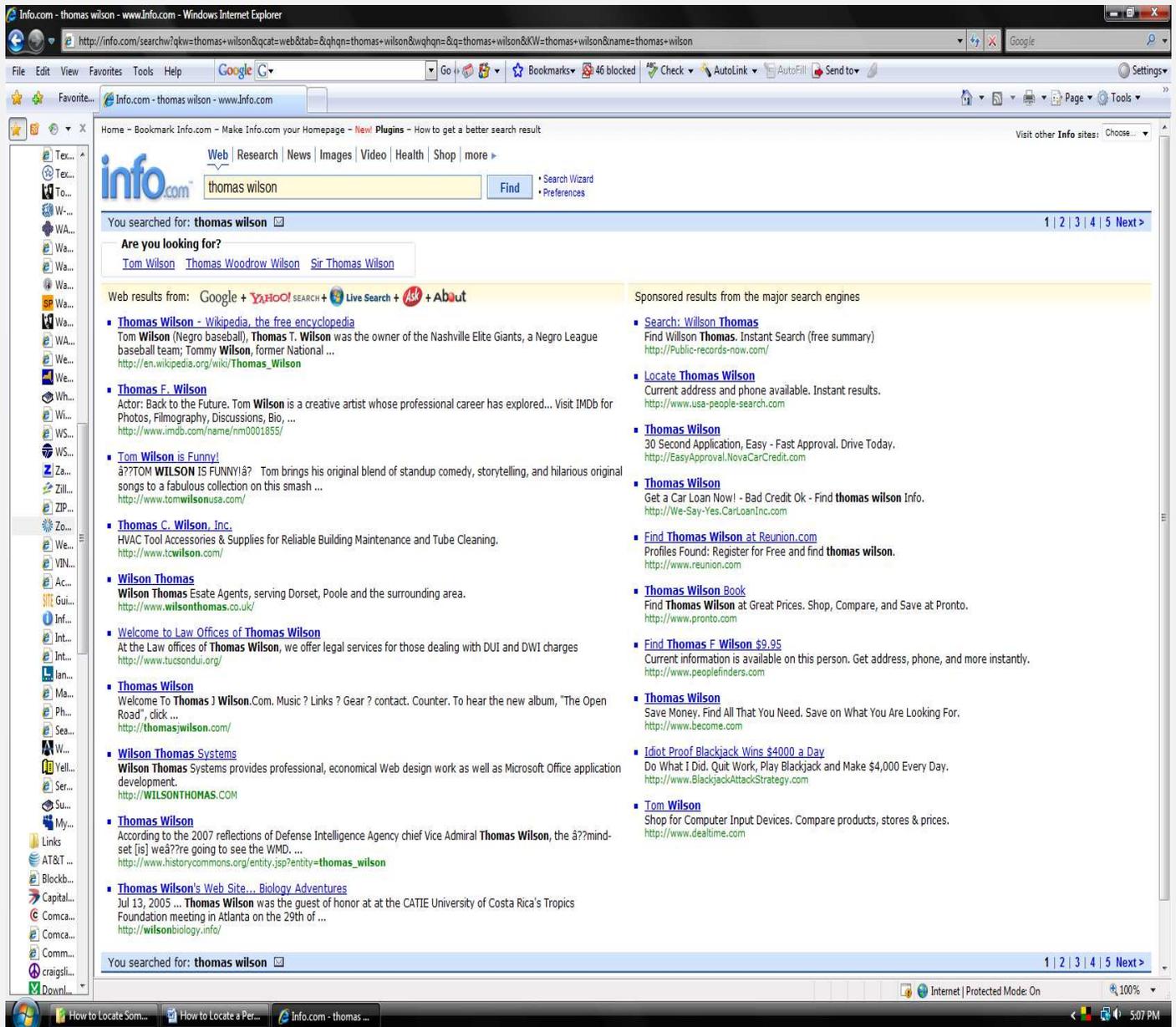
Have you figured out what additional information was just made available? When the business was started/opened and closed, and did you notice the address information was different. See how continuing to dig deep can possibly yield potentially useful new information. This is why checking and thinking outside the box is so important.

Some states will allow you to check driver license or vehicle information, as I stated earlier, each state will be different and Washington State does not allow this type of information to be public unless you are checking your own driver license status.

You will also find that searching for cell phone information is extremely hard to come by unless you are the owner of the phone and can log into your online account through your service provider. There is only information available for about 30% of cell phone numbers. With privacy laws changing all the time, this number could become much smaller.

When you are told by a pay site company that they have this information available, be cautious prior to paying for it as that is not what many people doing searches find out. They usually get the phone company name and city where that phone service is provided. This isn't necessarily lying about the information, just deceptive practice in my opinion.

Two other websites that provide good information when doing searches for someone that might be an executive, officer of a company, or had articles written by them or about them are shown below:



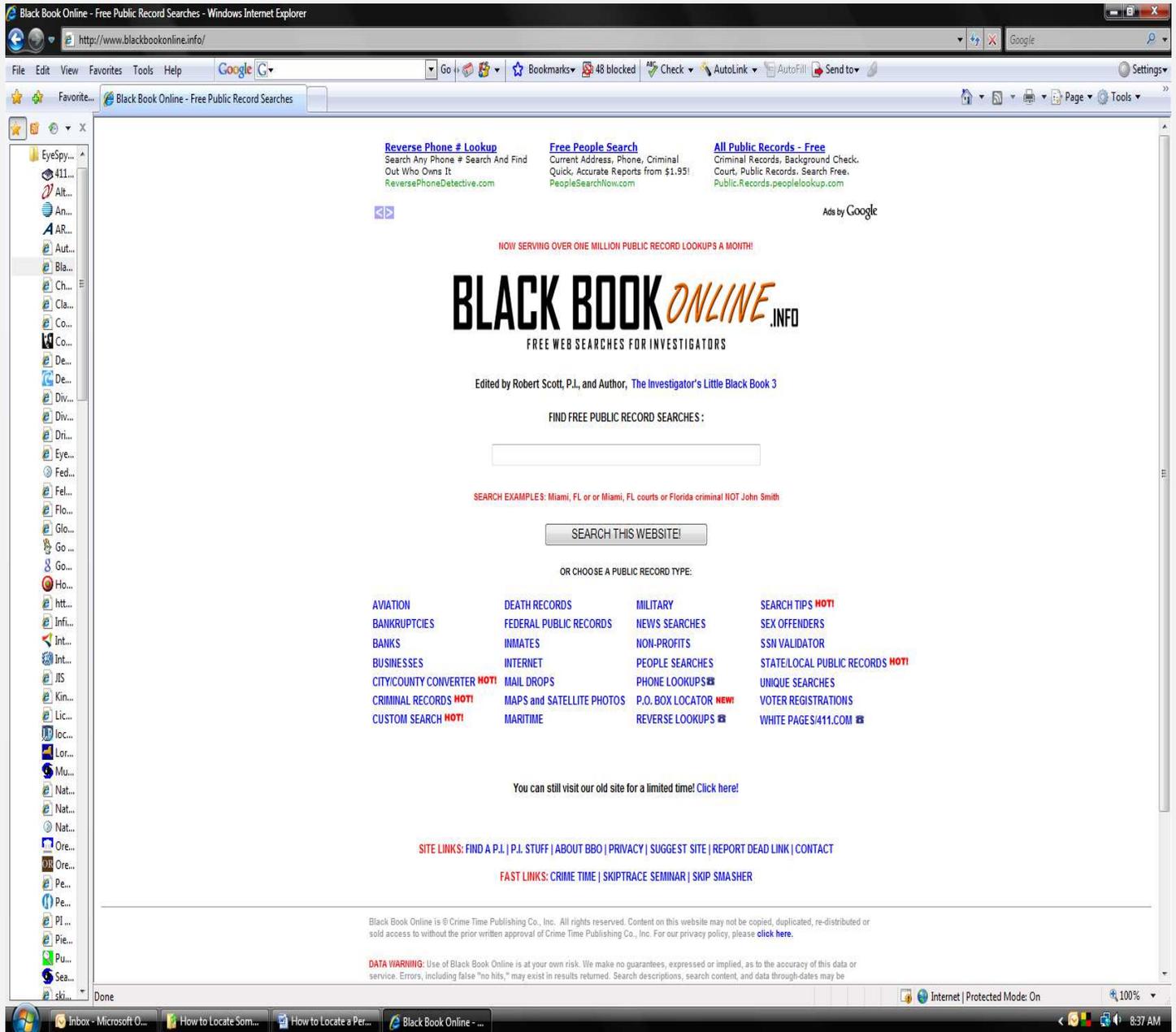
Info.com is good for specific types of information due to how they collect their content. As you can see, this website utilizes five other search engines to gather its information. This can save you a lot of time instead of searching each and every site individually. Just remember, what makes them different is how their engines crawl the internet and search for data. That is why different information appears in each search engine even though you are inputting the same information to each one.

Additionally, I would suggest searching the internet starting with your city, county and state government websites. This will assist you in learning what information you can really get your hands on and the ease of availability.

Continue with federal website searches, learn the different criteria search engines use so you're not wasting time and visit different private investigation company websites. Each one will usually have some input or link that might be of assistance to your next search.

Now, one of the more in depth websites we will talk further about is this little treasure, **THE BLACK BOOK ONLINE**. This will be one of your best resources linking you to a large array of websites that you will benefit from when doing these types of searches.

Let's look at the home page again:



As you can see, there are many links on the lower half of this page. Each one has significance and can be very useful. They are all starting points that will direct you to more localized searches depending on what each site offers and can perform.

Let's look at a few pages to see what is inside these links:

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'City to County Converter' page on Black Book Online. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [http://www.blackbookonline.info/bbo\\_citycountyconverter.aspx](http://www.blackbookonline.info/bbo_citycountyconverter.aspx). The page header includes the Black Book Online logo and navigation links for 'HOME', 'CUSTOM SEARCH', and 'SEARCH THIS SITE'. Below the header, there are three main service advertisements: 'Public Info - Search Free', 'Free Public Record Search', and 'Free Marriage Records @'. The central heading is 'City to County Converter', followed by a promotional banner: 'Learn to Skip Trace Online in 3 Hours!'. A text block states: 'The following list contains counties for seattle, Washington. Click on any county to view available public record searches for that county.' Below this, 'King County' and 'Kitsap County' are listed. A search form is present with 'City/Town' set to 'seattle' and 'State' set to 'Washington'. A red asterisk and the text '\* Required' are shown below the state dropdown. A 'Convert' button is located below the form. At the bottom of the page, there are more service advertisements: 'County Records Retrieval', 'Search Arrest Records', and 'Public Record Search Free'. A 'DATA WARNING' section is located at the very bottom of the page content.

This is a screenshot of the county converter page, and I have added some criteria. I listed Seattle as the city and Washington, as the state. This little guide will link you right to a specific county or counties nearest this city. All you have to do is click the county and you will be redirected to several state and county links, depending on where you want to get information from. No more searching and navigating each state's messy directories, as some will have.

Look at the next page:

Public Record Search Results - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.blackbookonline.info/searchresults.aspx?q=King%20County%20Washington

9 results were returned for King County Washington.  
Viewing page 1 of 1

**Name:** [District and Municipal Courts](#) HOT!

**Location:** [Washington - Statewide](#)

**Data Source:** Washington Administrative Office of the Courts

**Description:** Search official court records for cases identifiable with a person or organization. Includes civil, criminal, traffic cases across the state. There is no "search all at once" option; counties/municipalities must be searched one at a time.

**Record Type:** Civil Court | Criminal Court | Criminal Records

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**Name:** [Superior Courts](#) HOT!

**Location:** [Washington - Statewide](#)

**Data Source:** Washington Administrative Office of the Courts

**Description:** Search official court records for cases identifiable with a person or organization. Includes civil, criminal cases in all 39 counties. There is no "search all at once" option; counties must be searched one at a time.

**Record Type:** Civil Court | Criminal Court | Criminal Records

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**Name:** [Jail Inmates](#)

**Location:** [King County, Washington](#)

**Data Source:** King County Jail Inmate Lookup Service

**Description:** Search official county jail records to determine if a person is currently incarcerated.

**Record Type:** Criminal Records | Jail Inmates

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**Name:** [Property Tax Search](#)

**Location:** [King County, Washington](#)

**Data Source:** King County Property Information System

**Description:** Search official public records for this jurisdiction to determine real property ownership. Data may be searchable by owner's name, address or parcel number.

**Record Type:** Assessor | Property Ownership - Real Estate Ownership

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**Name:** [Recorder](#)

**Location:** [King County, Washington](#)

**Data Source:** King County Recorders Office

This is only part of the direct links you can click on for information. Notice at the bottom, it's the county recorder's office. There is very valuable information here, so you will want to browse through this section thoroughly to get a good feel for it.

Let's move on to another section, Criminal Records. Here you can search your state, all states, federal records, and other information. One thing to remember here, not all states will list the same information as again, each state has different laws as to what information is public accessible.

The screenshot shows the Black Book Online website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The page title is "Black Book Online Free Public Record Searches - Windows Internet Explorer". The URL in the address bar is "http://www.blackbookonline.info/criminalsearch.aspx".

The main content area features the "BLACK BOOK ONLINE" logo and navigation links: "HOME | CUSTOM SEARCH | SEARCH THIS SITE:". Below the logo, there are three columns of text:

- Free Criminal Records**: Obtain Criminal Records Just About Anyone! Takes Less Than 1 Minute. [Criminal-Info.com/CriminalRecords](http://Criminal-Info.com/CriminalRecords)
- All Public Records - Free**: Criminal Records, Background Check, Court, Public Records, Search Free. [Public.Records.peoplelookup.com](http://Public.Records.peoplelookup.com)
- Free Criminal Records**: Search & Find Criminal Records Free With Our Free Resources Now! [Web-Invigation.com](http://Web-Invigation.com)

Below this is a "Criminal Records" section with the heading "Build a criminal search menu! Get just the searches you need in 3 easy steps:"

**1. Select Record Type(s):**

- All Record Types (Criminal)
- Arrest Warrants  Criminal Records  Prison Inmates  Sex Offenders
- Criminal Court  Jail Inmates  Traffic Court

**2. Select Location(s):**

- Federal Government Records - United States
- All States
- Alabama  Hawaii  Massachusetts  New Mexico  South Dakota
- Alaska  Idaho  Michigan  New York  Tennessee
- Arizona  Illinois  Minnesota  North Carolina  Texas
- Arkansas  Indiana  Mississippi  North Dakota  Utah
- California  Iowa  Missouri  Ohio  Vermont
- Colorado  Kansas  Montana  Oklahoma  Virginia
- Connecticut  Kentucky  Nebraska  Oregon  Washington
- Delaware  Louisiana  Nevada  Pennsylvania  West Virginia
- D.C.  Maine  New Hampshire  Rhode Island  Wisconsin
- Florida  Maryland  New Jersey  South Carolina  Wyoming
- Georgia

**3. Click here to Build My Custom Search Menu!**

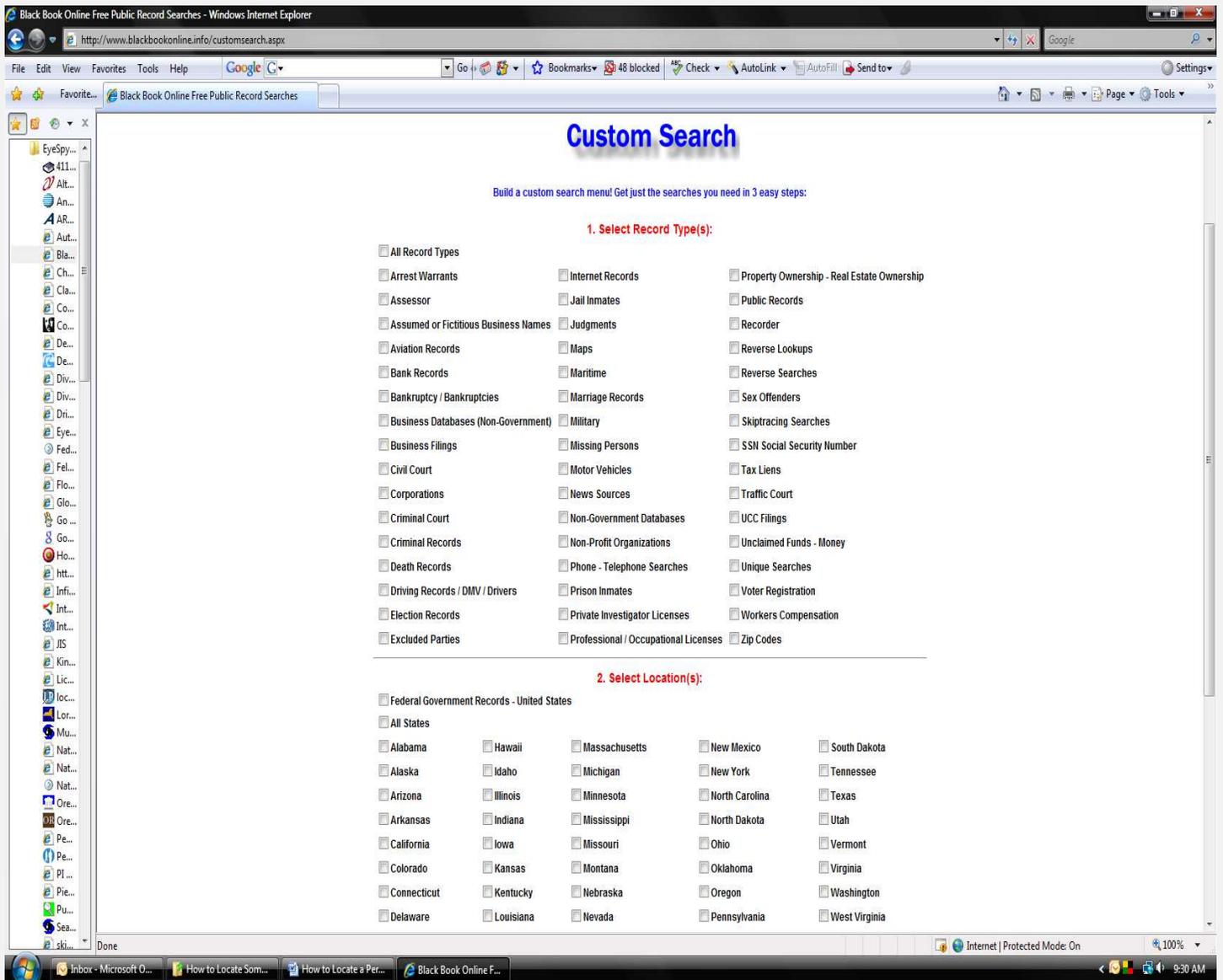
At the bottom, there are three columns of text:

- Criminal Records**: Public Records, Learn the facts. Investigate anyone today! [www.FreeRecordsRegistry.com](http://www.FreeRecordsRegistry.com)
- Background Checks**: Search public records on anyone in the USA! Free summary. [www.Public-records-now.com](http://www.Public-records-now.com)
- Public Records**: Why pay when you can get it Free? Unlimited access to Public Records. [NetSleuth.com](http://NetSleuth.com)

The browser's taskbar shows several open applications: "Inbox - Microsoft O...", "How to Locate Som...", "How to Locate a Per...", and "Black Book Online F...". The system tray shows the time as 9:26 AM.

I definitely recommend delving into this section to get familiar with what information is obtainable for your search. As you may have noticed, it's all about learning to navigate and the knowledge of what information is available. The more you get comfortable, the better you will become at these types of investigations.

Let's continue on with Custom Searches:



Here you can pick the types of records you want to search and do it from one location, instead of spending a lot of time locating each one individually.

My biggest point here again, is that being aware of what information is available, checking and cross checking other names or addresses that you find during your search, all assist you in keeping on track. The last thing you want is to search for a subject and do so on the wrong subject. Lots of wasted time and effort can make you feel frustrated, trust me on that one.

The People Searches link below, is another that offers several good reference links to assist with other resources to search when trying to locate someone. They all are valuable sources which open doors to finding someone. Maybe they are avenues you didn't think to check out. My point, start thinking and learning about all your options when searching for someone. The better you become, the more effective and faster you will be at locating someone.

Public Record Search Results - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.blackbookonline.info/bboindexsearch.aspx?q=Skiptrace

## People Searches

**SKIP SMASHER**  
Free 60-day Trial! Use Promo Code CRIME TIME

20 results were returned for Skiptrace.

**Name:** [Active Duty Military Personnel](#) HOT!

**Location:** [United States - Nationwide](#)

**Data Source:** United State Department of Defense

**Description:** Verify whether or not a person is on active military duty. The search has been made available so that banks and others can comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003. NOTE: The security certificate for this website does not match the web address; you may have to click through security certificate warnings to get to the search page.

**Record Type:** Military | Skiptracing Searches

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**Name:** [Bankruptcies](#) HOT!

**Location:** [United States - Nationwide](#)

**Data Source:** Bankruptcies Online (unofficial source)

**Description:** Search bankruptcy filings. Summary information is free; full details are pay to see. Need this search in the future? Just type keyword "bl" in our search box!

**Record Type:** Bankruptcy / Bankruptcies | Skiptracing Searches

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**Name:** [NameBase](#)

**Location:** [United States - Nationwide](#)

**Data Source:** NameBase.org

**Description:** Excellent source of basic biographical information on noteworthy persons with ties to government, big business, crime, the military and more. The database consists of persons who have been named in published books.

**Record Type:** Non-Government Databases | Skiptracing Searches

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**Name:** [P.O. Box Locator](#) HOT!

**Location:** [United States - Nationwide](#)

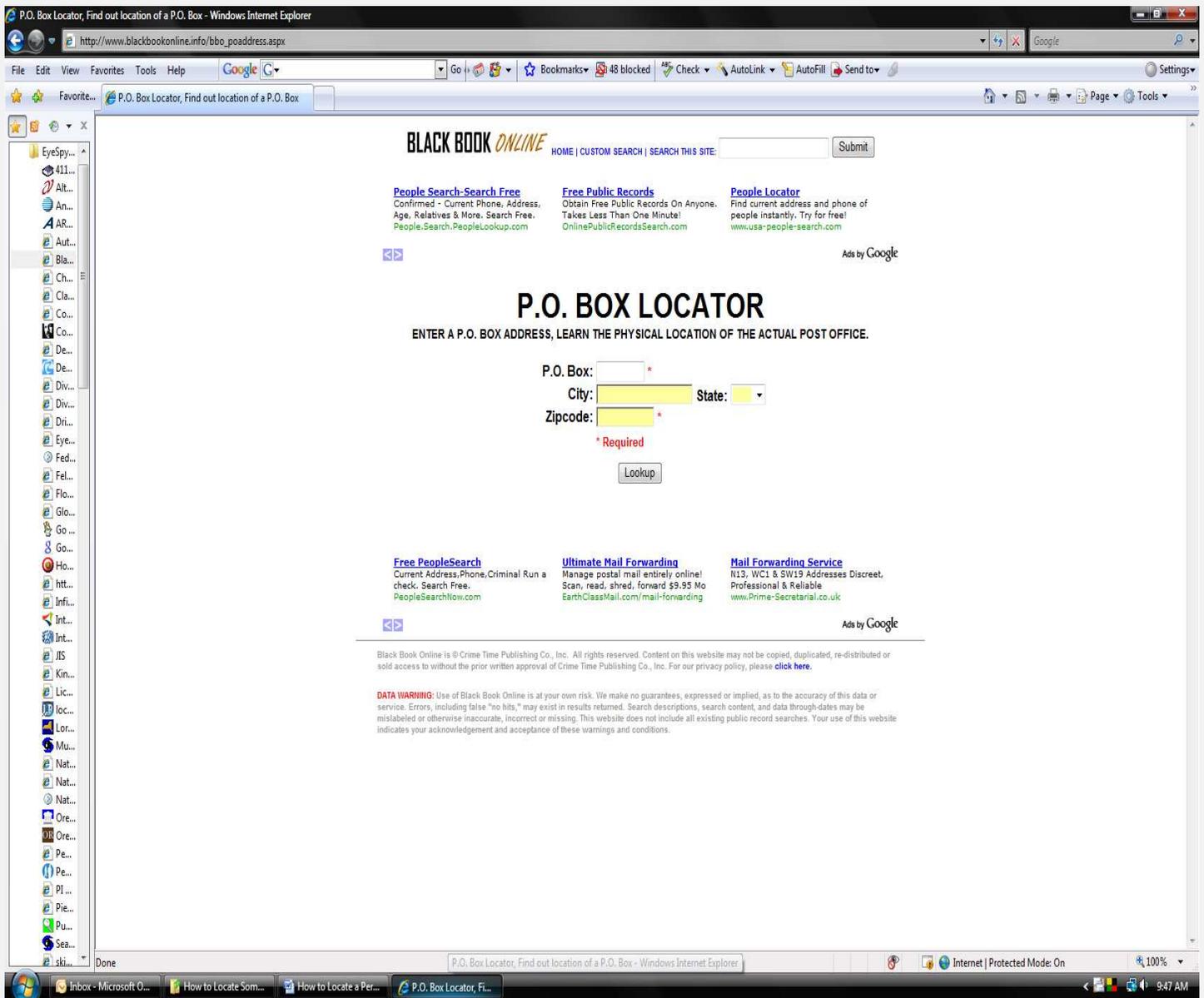
**Data Source:** Black Book Online

**Description:** Use our P.O. Box locator to learn the physical location of a post office where a p.o. box is located. This new search engine is a BBO exclusive and is highly accurate but not perfect due to occasional errors in post office records.

**Record Type:** Skiptracing Searches

I have one more site to show you that has come into play many times. Let's say you need to find where your subject lives but you only have a PO Box address, now what?

Well, back to old fashion detective work. Use this site to pin point where the PO Box is located, set up surveillance on this location, and if you know what the subject looks like or what the drive, you can follow them after they leave. Yes, you may be waiting a long time, which is the part you usually don't see on TV.



There are many more links to visit from The Black Book Online website. I suggest visiting them all and get a good feel for what will assist you in your search.

Always remember to cross reference information; what I mean is to check and recheck names, addresses, phone numbers, etc with different search sites. The reason is that you may find that one site lists a certain amount of information, but the next site, with the same search criteria, yields different information. Keep building your information base. This is how you put the puzzle pieces together. Check and cross check/reference all your information.

The difference between a good investigator and a great one is how well you utilize the information you have and what you do with the new information you collect.

I wrote this book with the intention to provide a basic understanding of methods used to complete an online search and to offer several “FREE” internet related resources to assist you. This topic has so many avenues associated with it, they could not all be covered in this book.

Thank you so much for purchasing my book and great success in your searches!

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Grasst

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