

Identity Theft Red Flags



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Agenda



- Fundamentals of personal security.
- Getting ugly on social networks
- Best practices for personal security
- Protecting your information online.



Information Security

- Clear your desk of confidential papers
- Lock your computer with a password-protected screen saver
- If you use a laptop, be sure it is securely locked with a laptop cable
- At the end of the day, lock drawers, cabinets, and doors
- Before you go home, log off the network



Home Computer Protection

- Install and use anti-virus & malware software
- Keep your system patched
- Use care when reading e-mail with attachments
- Install and use a firewall program
- Make backups of important files and folders
- Use strong passwords
- Use care when downloading and installing programs
- Turn on the security option for Wi-Fi access

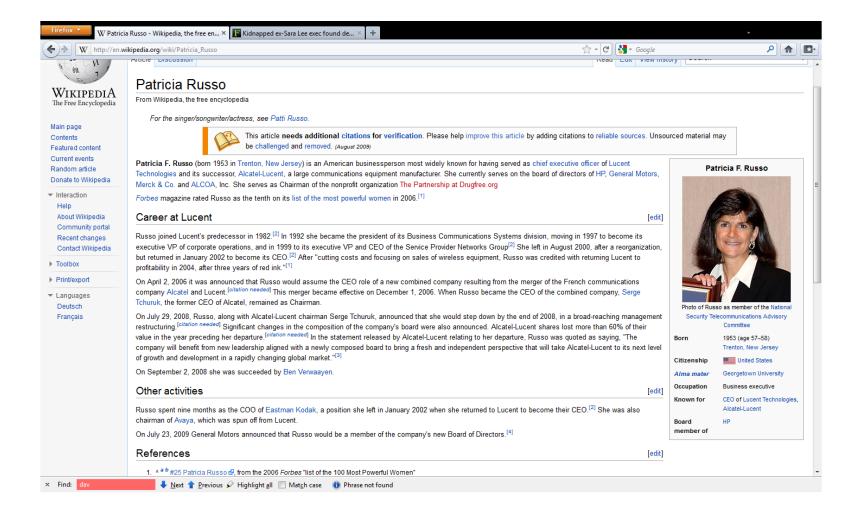


Who's out there?





Patricia Russo







Bart Ross (57) electrician and cancer survivor who had spent the final years of his life in an escalating spiral of anger trying to blame doctors and lawyers for what he deemed ineffective care during his cancer treatment. Ross was believed to have killed a Chicago federal judge's husband and mother (Michael Lefkow [64] and Donna Humphrey [89], respectively) in retribution for having his case thrown out of federal court and was linked to the killings by a DNA match to a cigarette butt found at the scene of the murders. Ross killed himself after a routine traffic stop in Allis, Wisconsin on March 9, 2005.



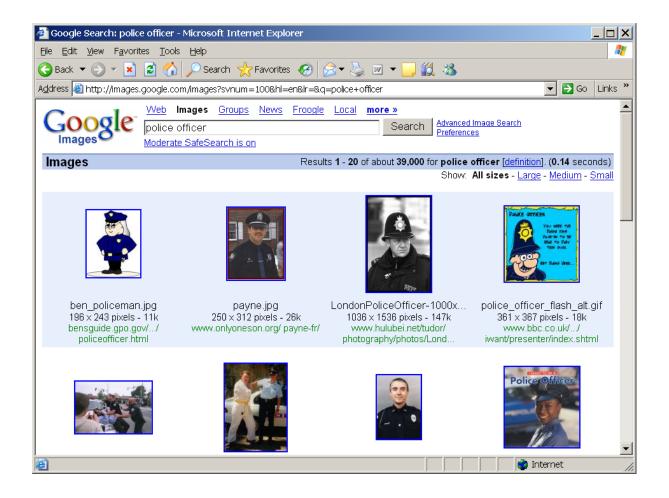
Kidnapped ex-Sara Lee Exec Found

- James David Cockman, 71, had been missing from Landrum, SC after a planned meeting with a couple interested in buying his sport utility vehicle, Tuesday, Sept. 14.
- The Greenville County Coroner's Office ruled Jim Cockman's death a homicide.
 The deputy coroner said that duct tape had been wrapped around Cockman's
 head from his shirt collar to his eyebrows, and that Cockman suffocated as a
 result. Police say murder charges may follow for the two in custody.





Who's Out There?





Essex Police Officers



- Officer Russell Gingras, Resident Trooper John Mesham, Corporal Marc Pisciotti, Police Officer Trainee Salvatore Bevilacqua, and Corporal Patrick Bowers
- Source: http://www.essexct.gov/images/police/induction.html



Public: Zabasearch

ZABASEARCH Maps

RUSSELL GINGRAS Get the Dirt Check for Email Address

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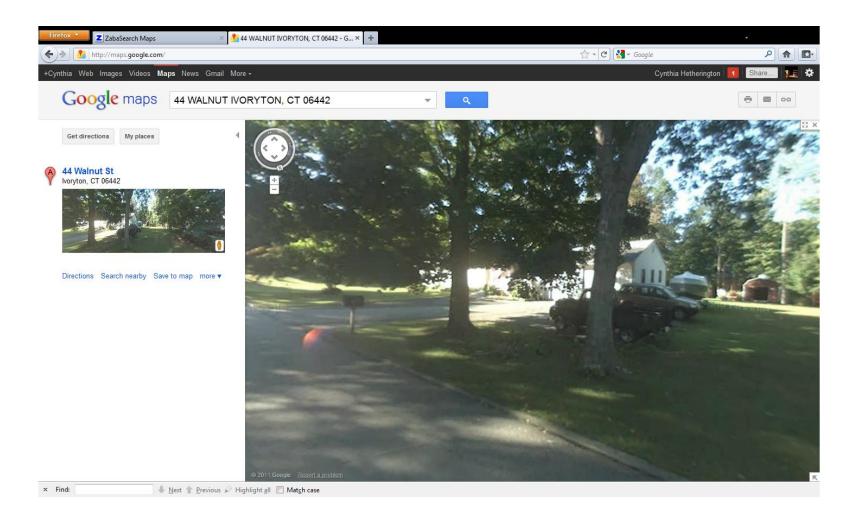
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Background Check on RUSSELL GINGRAS





Google Maps





Public Record Databases

- Zabasearch.com
- Intelius.com

- Ancestry.com
- Peoplefinder.com





Public & Pseudo-Public Records

- Property
- Telephones
- Voter registration
- Vehicles
- Lawsuits
- Judgments
- Liens/Loans

- Magazine subscriptions
- Warranty cards
- Credit cards
- Cell phones
- Photographs
- Any open source, such as Web sites or media captures



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How Do Thieves Steal an Identity?

- Dumpster Diving. They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
- Skimming. They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
- Phishing. They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.



How Do Thieves Steal an Identity?

- Changing Your Address. They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form.
- Old-Fashioned Stealing. They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records or bribe employees who have access.
- Pretexting. They use false pretenses to obtain your personal information from Facebook, financial institutions, telephone companies, and other sources.



DETER: Identity Theft

- Protect your Social Security number & date of birth
- Treat your trash and mail carefully—shred it
- Be on guard when using the Internet—don't trust it
- Select intricate passwords—knuckle-breakers
- Verify sources before sharing information—trust no one
- Safeguard your purse and wallet—pay attention
- Store information in secure locations—be paranoid



DETER: Order Your Credit Report

- To order your free annual report from one or all the national consumer reporting companies, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free 877-322-8228
- To opt out of receiving prescreened offers of credit in the mail, call: 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688). The three nationwide consumer reporting companies use the same tollfree number to let consumers choose not to receive credit offers based on their lists. NOTE: You will be asked to provide your Social Security number, which the consumer reporting companies need to match you with your file.



DETECT: Identity Theft

- Seeing accounts you didn't open and debts on your accounts that you can't explain
- Inaccurate information on your credit reports
- Failing to receive bills or other mail
- Receiving credit cards for which you did not apply
- Being denied credit or getting a bad credit rating
- Getting calls or letters from debt collectors



Recovering From Identity Theft

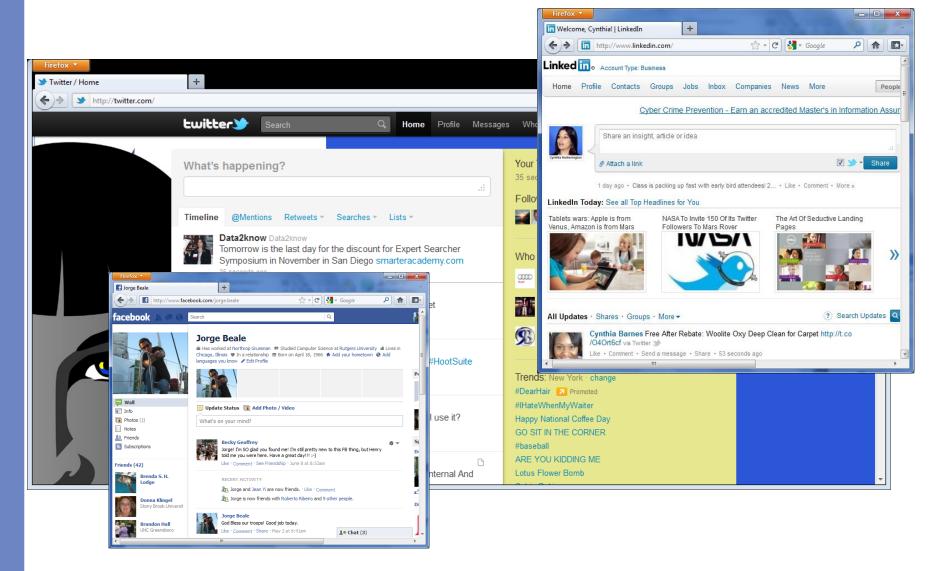
- Contact your local police and get a police report
- Contact one of the following and place a fraud alert:
 - Equifax: 800-685-1111; www.equifax.com
 - Experian: 888-397-3742; www.experian.com
 - TransUnion: 800-916-8800; www.transunion.com
- Close the accounts that you know or think have been tampered with or opened fraudulently
- Call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline toll-free: 1-877-438-4338



Anywhere you find convenience I will find you.



Social Media



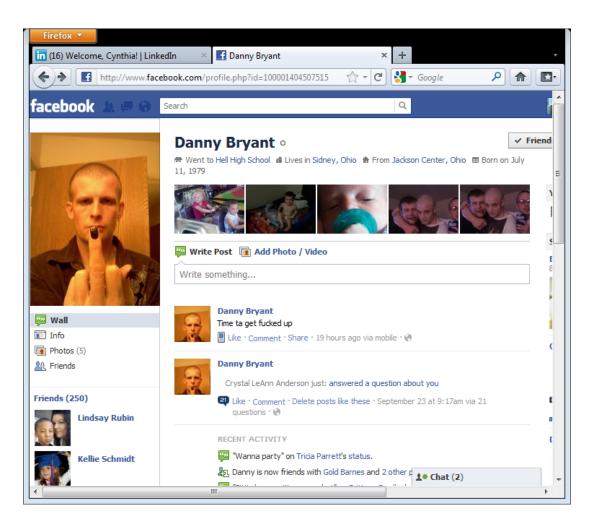


Facebook

- Facebook has a strict Terms of Service stating you are not to create a false profile in order to deceive their users into revealing themselves
- Most Facebook participants are now sensitive to strangers trying to "friend" them
- If you are being friended, have a *challenge question* ready for the supposed friend to vet them

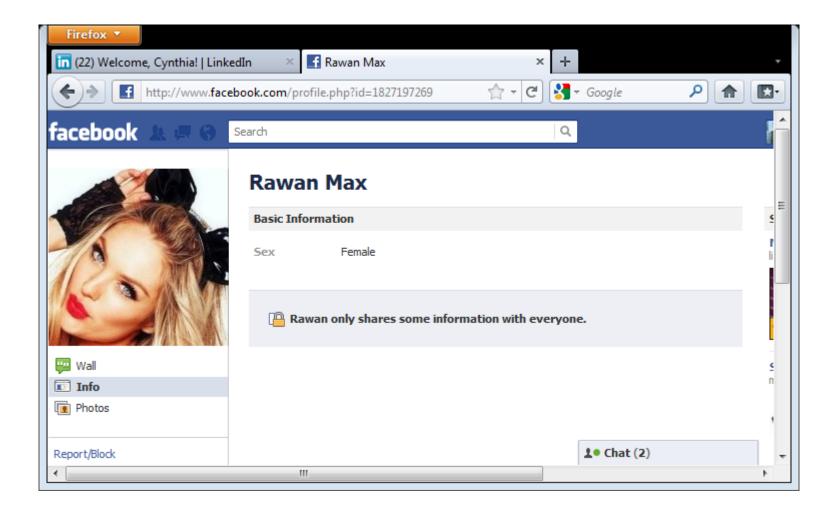


Would You Friend Danny?





Would Rawan Friend You?





Facebook Anonymous

 You are better off creating an account of something local or inanimate







Beware Facebook

- Facial recognition marks the end of anonymity
 - http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-15069858

- Your cell phone directory is now public information
 - http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=23924 34374



LinkedIn

- Make yourself anonymous
- Log into your account
- Select Settings
- In the middle of the screen you'll see Privacy Controls
- Choose Select what others see when you've viewed their profile

PRIVACY CONTROLS

Turn on/off your activity broadcasts

Select who can see your activity feed

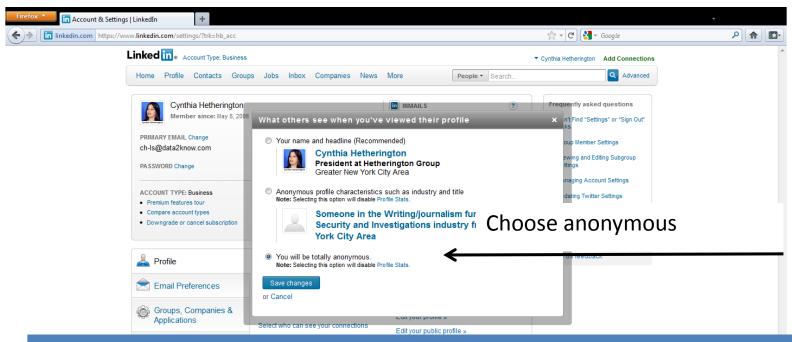
Select what others see when you've viewed their profile

Select who can see your connections

Change your profile photo & visibility »



Choose Anonymous



The only caveat is that you can not see who is viewing your profile if you select anonymous, unless you pay for the \$25 per month subscription.



LinkedIn Hazards

 While you are making your profile anonymous, check out the following items to lock down your account:

PRIVACY CONTROLS

- Turn on/off your activity broadcasts
- Select who can see your activity feed
- Select who can see your connections
- Change your profile photo & visibility



Twitter

- Twitter is accessible without having an account
- There are some reasonably intelligent individuals to follow in Twitter that cover the security markets
- Do not discount Twitter as a waste of time —most suspects are live tweeting constantly



Twitter Do Nots

- Don't be too specific! There is a big difference between "Just bought a gazillion carat ring on XX Avenue, leaving store now" and "Just bought and engagement ring, wish me luck!"
- On that note, say it, don't spray it: Don't spit excessive personal information—this is about as dangerous on Twitter as it is on any other social network.
- Call the police, don't tweet about it!
- Don't tweet about moving servers, changing passwords, or any other type of situation where your security could be compromised more easily.
 - Source: http://www.twitip.com/twitter-security-dos-and-donts/



Twitter Dos

- There are hundreds of Twitter tools everywhere. In your Twitter settings, you can manage which applications have access to your data and which don't in the Connection tab
- Choose a strong password—Twitter's famous attacks have been known to start with a hacker guessing someone's password
- Do use direct messages when appropriate, not everything is meant to be said in the wild
- Consider having a private, separate account for work or project-related purposes



Other Social Networks

- So far, there is no industry standard for social networks
- Read through the FAQs and information sheets on each service
- Try a friend's account to view your own personal accounts to see what you are exposing
- Software designers and hackers are both in a race to monetize your profile!



Thank you!



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