HOW TO FIND PEOPLE OR PROPERTY

Finding persons or things is a process not a product. In reality it is much easier to find people than objects.

What would you do in these three scenarios:

1. You need to find a woman and all the information you have a 20-year-old photograph of a female (age 19 years old) and notes taken from an interview of a neighbor.
2. You have a judgment against an elderly couple for real estate fraud. An out of state individual mentioned that the wife claimed to have a tie to Michigan. How do you find property to satisfy the judgment?
3. During a divorce proceeding, the lawyer for the wife indicated that the husband's gun collection was thrown out by the wife, but that a couple pieces were recovered by one of the wife's relatives. How do you verify the truth?

Answers to these 3 scenarios will be given at the end of the presentation.

The key to locating people and property is to develop an informant. An individual who can provide you with the information that you seek.

COMPUTER RESOURCES

Genealogical – www.familysearch.org

This is a website maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (the Mormon Church). Virtually all genealogical websites rely on the Mormon database. What makes these sites different is the search engine.

COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHES

The two major legal computer databases that have public records as part of their collection is Lexis, which is a product of RELX Group. As well as, Westlaw, this is a product of Thomson Reuters Group. Of these two services, Lexis appears to be superior for purposes of finding people and property.

GOOGLE, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND MICHIGAN PUBLIC DATABASES

We are all used to computerized court dockets such as CourtView, PACER, Secretary of State, commercial look up, et cetera.