

# **Locating a Missing Witness Checklist**

### 1. Identify and check all last-known contact information for the witness:

Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN)

LEXUS/NEXUS

Last Known Address

o Visit last known address at 3 different times of day – use unmarked car

Accurint

DMV (DOL)

Court records

Phone records

o Telephone Company Subpoena Control (313) 255-8578

**Utilities** search

Detroit Edison Security (313) 235-8000

Michigan Consolidated Gas (313) 577-7044

School records

o Detroit Public Schools (313) 876-1361

Correctional facilities

o Wayne County Jail (313) 224-0785

o Oakland County Jail (248) 858-5031

o Macomb County Jail (810) 469-5151

Department of Corrections (517) 780-6000

Probation

Wayne County Probation (313) 224-2600

**Benefits** 

SSI/Food Stamps/Social Security Checks

Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) (313) 876-5558

Michigan Dept' of Labor & Economic Opportunity https://www.michigan.gov/leo/

Family Independence Agency (313) 256-1159

LPR (License Plate Reader)

PMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)

U.S. Postal Inspection Service (313) 226-8306

# 2. Identify any social media accounts for the witness:

#### Facebook

- Do any recent pictures have geo-tag locations?
- o Are they a member of any groups? Find more info on these groups.

**Instagram Posts and Stories** 

**Twitter** 

TikTok

Snapchat

LinkedIn



# 3. Identify and contact known family members, including intimate partners, by searching:

Public records

Court records

Child support and custody

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (517) 241-3740

#### 4. Identify and contact co-workers, friends, employers, associates:

Interview any known relatives, friends, associates, and paramours, as well as last known neighbors and employers

Search for associations via public records

Search for associations via court cases

Search for associations via prisons

- Visitor lists
- Phone number lists
- o Listen to previously record phone calls

Search for associations via records from previously served periods of probation/parole

- Check for historical data
- Previously provided emergency contacts

Search for associations via offline historical National Crime Information Center (NCIC) searches

Can reveal past police contacts anywhere in the US

Search for associations via past police contacts

 May reveal names of people whom the person has spent time (e.g., car crash report could reveal other associates in car)

#### 5. Check hospitals and morgues:

Wayne County Morgue	(313) 833-2504
Oakland County Morgue	(248) 858-5097
Macomb County Morgue	(810) 469-5214
Detroit Receiving Hospital	(313) 745-3285
Death Certificates (Herman Keifer)	(313) 876-4134

It is important that you document your efforts, noting dates, times, places and persons contacted, in order that you may testify accurately under oath should the need arise.

# 6. Utilize additional open source/social media techniques:

- ☐ Analyze activity near a known location
  - o Snapchat Snap Map
    - Displays public snapchats in a given location for the last 30 days
  - o Twitter Geocode Search
    - Displays tweets sent from a given location
    - Use Bing Maps to find latitude and longitude for desired location
    - Search desired address, right click location to retrieve coordinates
    - E.g.: geocode:*LATITUDE*,*LONGITUDE*,#mi
  - o Instagram Locations
    - Displays posts tagged with a given location
  - o Periscope live video broadcasts from a given location
- ☐ Use an <u>Advanced Twitter Search</u> to analyze activity to and from specific users, within a specific date range, about specific topics
  - o OR use a <u>Twitter Search</u> with <u>operators</u>
  - Operators can be combined with "geocode:" search function above
- ☐ Identify additional associations by comparing users followed by and following known associations
  - o Compare Twitter Followers
- ☐ Create a Google Alert using Google operators to notify you of new activity
  - E.g.: "jane doe" site:twitter.com location:MI
- ☐ Utilize web resources on OSINT Framework
  - o Includes tools for IP address searches, people searches, and username searches