

*PART I: THE INVESTIGATIVE STAGE –  
RECOGNITION, COLLECTION, SEARCH*



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# TOPIC 1

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You First Need to Know What is Out There

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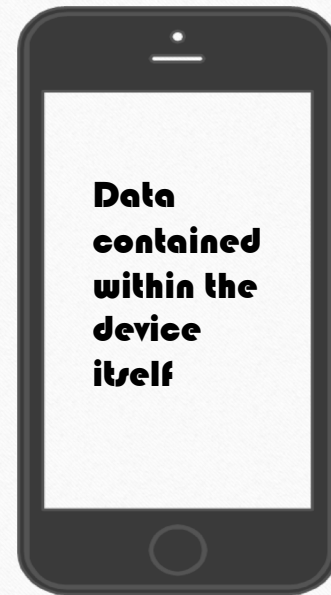
## Practical Topics:

- Info contained within mobile devices and computers
- Data contained outside the devices
  - Service providers
  - Cloud
- Tracking data
  - Historical
  - Real-time
- IoT and Motor Vehicles

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# Digital Devices



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## TYPES OF AVAILABLE DATA

### First Layer:

Calls  
Contact Lists  
Texts  
Email  
Photos  
Videos

### Second Layer:

Location data  
Social media data  
Internet history  
Financial app data  
Health app data  
Travel App data

### Third Layer:

Meta data  
Deleted data  
Encrypted data

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## First Layer Data:

- Contact lists, call logs, texts, photos, videos:
  - Evidence of the crime itself
  - Evidence related to the crime
  - Evidence of the conspiracy
  - Evidence of the suspects/witnesses

## Second Layer Data:

- Location data
- Social media data
- Internet history
- Financial app data
- Health app data
- Travel app data

# CORROBORATION

## Corroboration of the criminal offense itself

- Communications can include admissions/confessions
- Internet history can show efforts to learn info related to criminal activity
- Financial app data can show transactions or where suspect keeps his money

## Corroboration and/or contradiction of other relevant activity and witness statements

- Communications can establish the suspect's presence at the scene
- Photos can refute a witness's claim that he/she doesn't know another relevant person

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# Third Layer Data

## Type of data

- Metadata
- Deleted data
- Encrypted data

## Issues

- Often requires more work to get it
- Can be inaccessible due to technology limitations

## Benefits

- Can show consciousness of guilt by act of deleting

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## WHAT IS METADATA?

Info that identifies or “tags”  
the data at issue:

- Date/Time Stamp
- Location Information
- Author
- Type of device used

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## ENCRYPTED DATA

*Encrypted data may be available  
on the device itself*

- Cellphones with  
no exploits yet
- WhatsApp
- Snapchat

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## DATA OUTSIDE OF THE DEVICE

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## Types of Available Data

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### Cell Service Provider:

Call Detail Records  
SMS/MMS Packet  
Data

### (Specific) App:

Location data  
Social media data  
Financial app data  
Health app data  
Travel App data

### Cloud Storage:

iCloud  
Dropbox  
Google Drive  
Microsoft OneDrive

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# CALL DETAIL RECORDS

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## Cell Service Provider:

- Calls made or received
- SMS, voicemail content (maybe)
- Data Event
- Location Data – Cell Mapping

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# DATA FROM APPLICATIONS/ISPs

## App Data:

- Content
- Account Info
- Attribution & Authentication Data

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# Google

- Location History
- Google Photos
- Google Maps
- Gmail
- IP Addresses
- Google Pay
- Google Hangout
- Area-based Search Warrants
- And So Much More...

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# Facebook



- Different kinds of available data
- Messenger data is a gold mine
- Proper identification of account holder:  
[www.Facebook.com\[uid\]-](http://www.Facebook.com[uid]-)

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## CLOUD DATA

- iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, Mega, Microsoft One Drive, NextCloud
- Can give additional info beyond the device and can corroborate data from the device
- Preservation request should be done ASAP, even if you have device

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## Real-Time Geolocation Tracking

### Cellphone “pinging”

- Based off phone number or IMEI/IMSI
- Phone carrier tracks location in real time

### IP “trap and trace”

- PC to believe the person is using an account or device connected to the internet
- Get IP address(es) of where the target logged in - in real time - then obtain physical location of IP address

## Other Location Tracking Options:

Historical location data can be found in:

Google

iPhone

Facebook

Instagram

WhatsApp

Snapchat, etc...

# TRACKING MOTOR VEHICLES

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GPS trackers – need warrant

- Get authorization to install, monitor, and maintain, even on private property
- Get permission to “spot monitor” vehicle on an hourly or daily basis if the vehicle leaves CO

## Vehicle Location Tracking – Other Options:

- Devices used by private parties to monitor their vehicles remotely
- Private onboard systems (OnStar, BMW)
- SIM cards through VINS