

# SOCIAL MEDIA INTERDICTION

Violence Reduction Unit

# CREATING A PROFILE

Establishing a **STRONG** profile

# COURT RULINGS ON UC PROFILES

## POLICE CAN CREATE FAKE SOCIAL NETWORKING ACCOUNTS TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTS

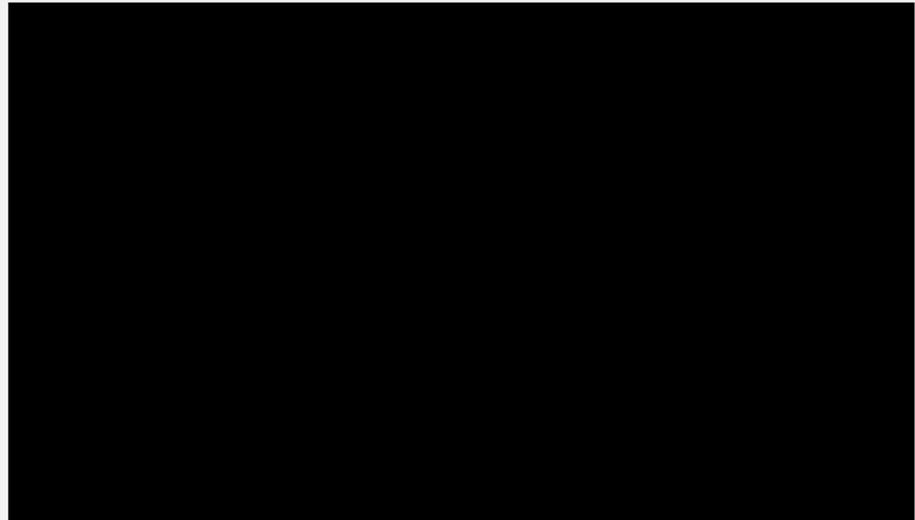
- According to a recent opinion passed down by district court judge William Martini in New Jersey, it is 100 percent legal for a police officer to create a fake Instagram account, friend you, and use evidence found in your Instagram feed against you.
- The decision came down when Daniel Gatson, the leader of a jewelry theft ring that was busted by the FBI in 2013, buddied up with new Instagram friends, who were actually undercover cops trying to secure evidence against him.
- Gatson posted some of his loot on Instagram, presumably thinking that his privacy settings (which require friend requests before anyone can see his feed) would keep him safe. The police simply created a fake account and asked to be Gatson's friend. The judge ruled that, because Gatson had willingly accepted the police friend request, the evidence found on the Instagram account was sturdy enough to get a search warrant for Gatson's home.

# PROFILE BUILDING ETIQUETTE

DO'S



DO NOT



## AVOID IDENTITY ISSUES AND LAWSUITS!

DEA lawsuit – Fake Facebook profile using a real person’s identity and photos taken from a seized cell phone without her knowledge.

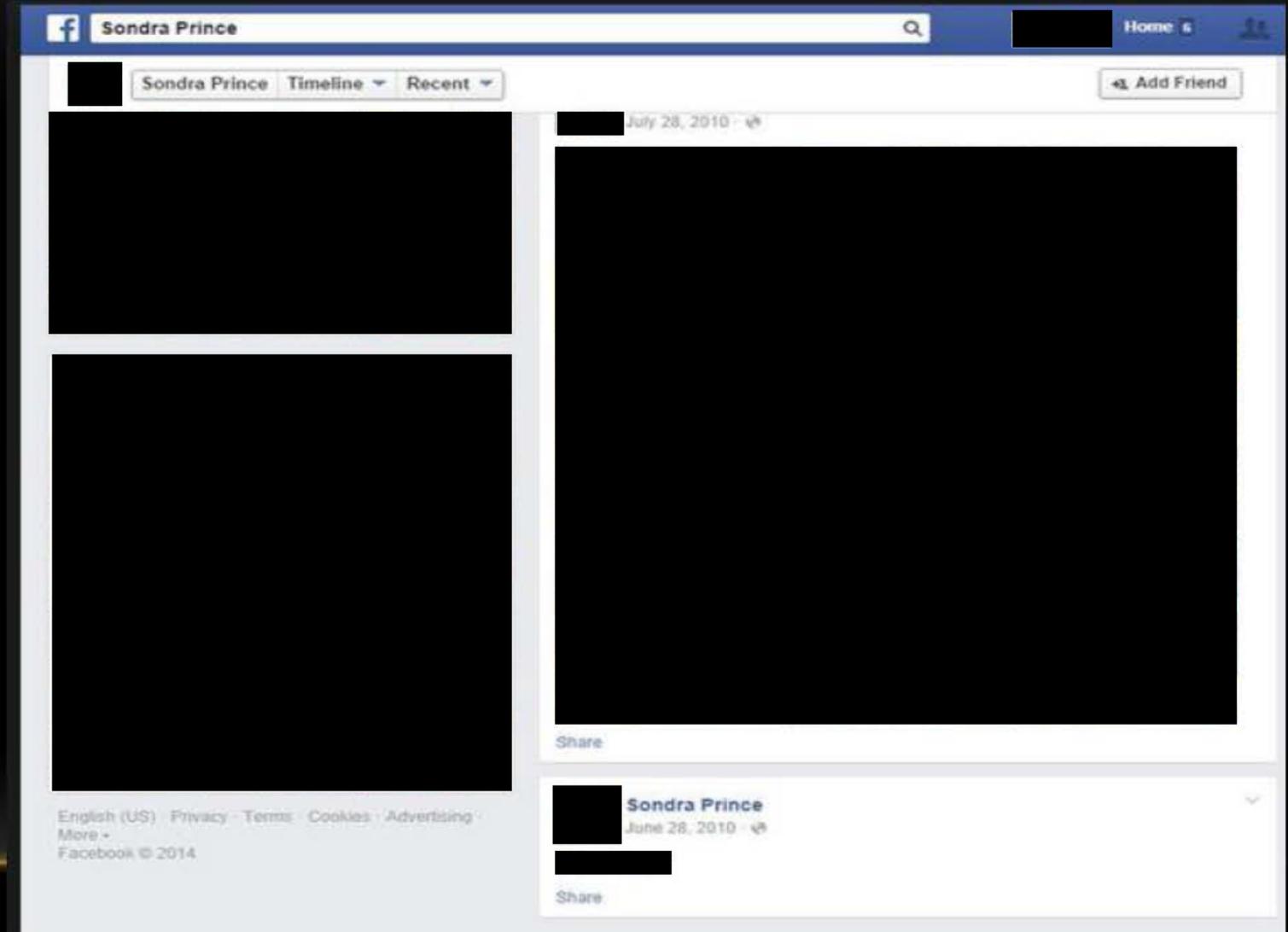
- Sondra Price was busted for a minor role in a cocaine ring and given probation.
- During the arrest and prosecution, Prince’s cellphone was confiscated.
- A DEA Agent used stored pictures and information to make a remarkably accurate “Sondra Price” Facebook page, according to her Syracuse federal lawsuit.

# FEDS PAY \$134,000 TO SETTLE DEA AGENT'S FAKE FACEBOOK CASE DEA AGENT USED SUSPECT'S PHONE FOR BOGUS PAGE

By Brendan J. Lyons, Timesunion.com Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The U.S. Justice Department will pay \$134,000 to settle a federal lawsuit filed by a Watertown woman whose identity and personal photos were used by a DEA agent to set up a fake Facebook page in her name to track down fugitives.

Her federal complaint claimed Arquiett was placed "in danger" because the agent's Facebook page created the appearance that she was "willfully cooperating in his investigation of the narcotics trafficking ring."

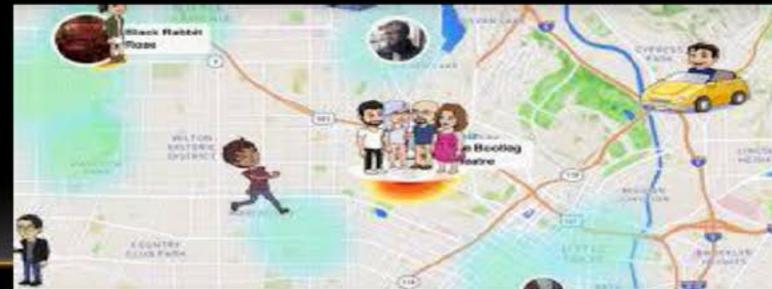


## LOCATION SERVICES

### SNAP MAP

- In June of 2017 Snapchat introduced a new feature called Snap Map that connects to your phone's GPS.
- Feature *automatically (unless you've activated ghost mode) shows where you are on a map to anyone who is on your friends list and posts can possibly be seen publicly depending on your settings!!*

Warning! Is your CI using Snap Chat???



# SEARCHING PROFILE

- Used exclusively for searching profiles.

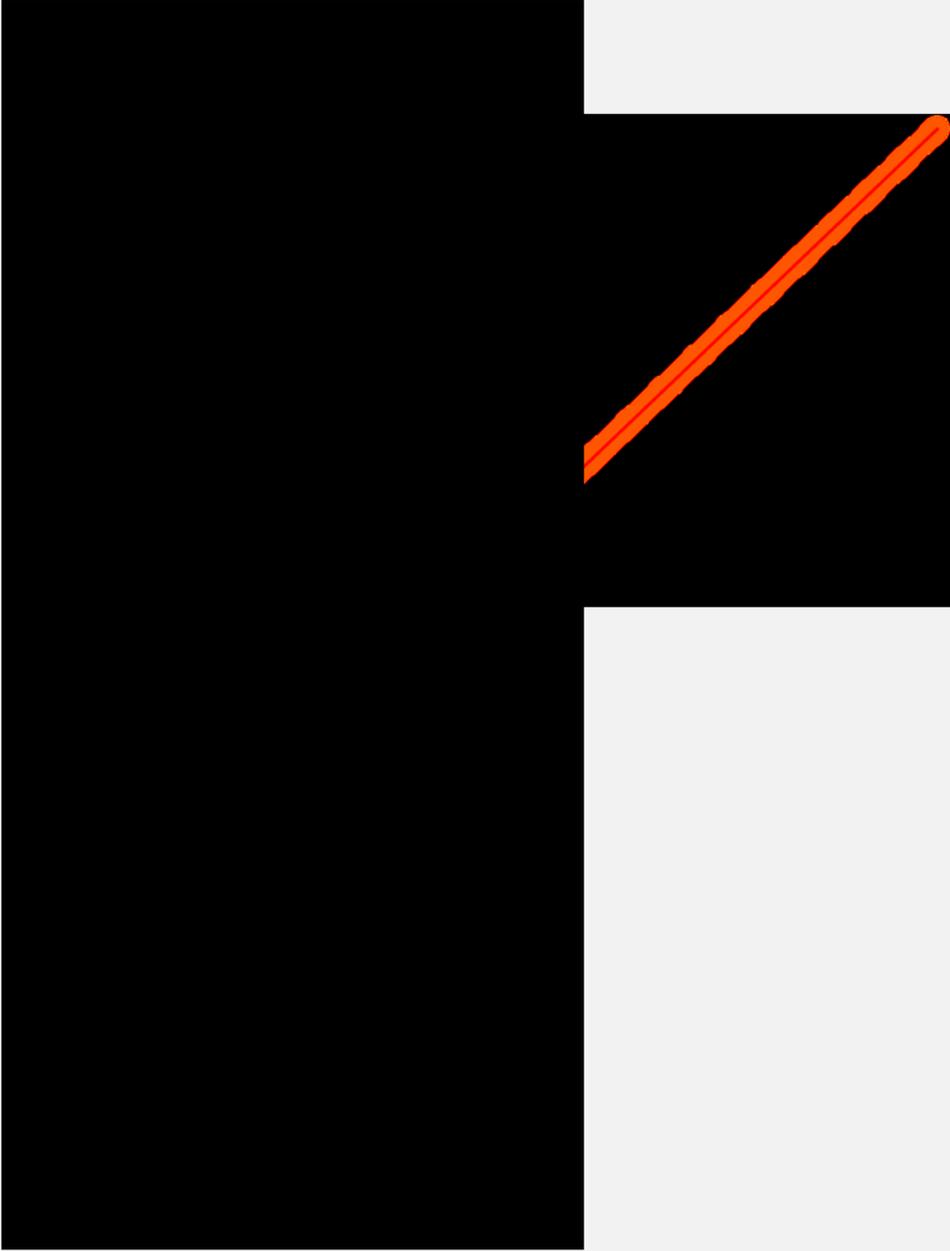
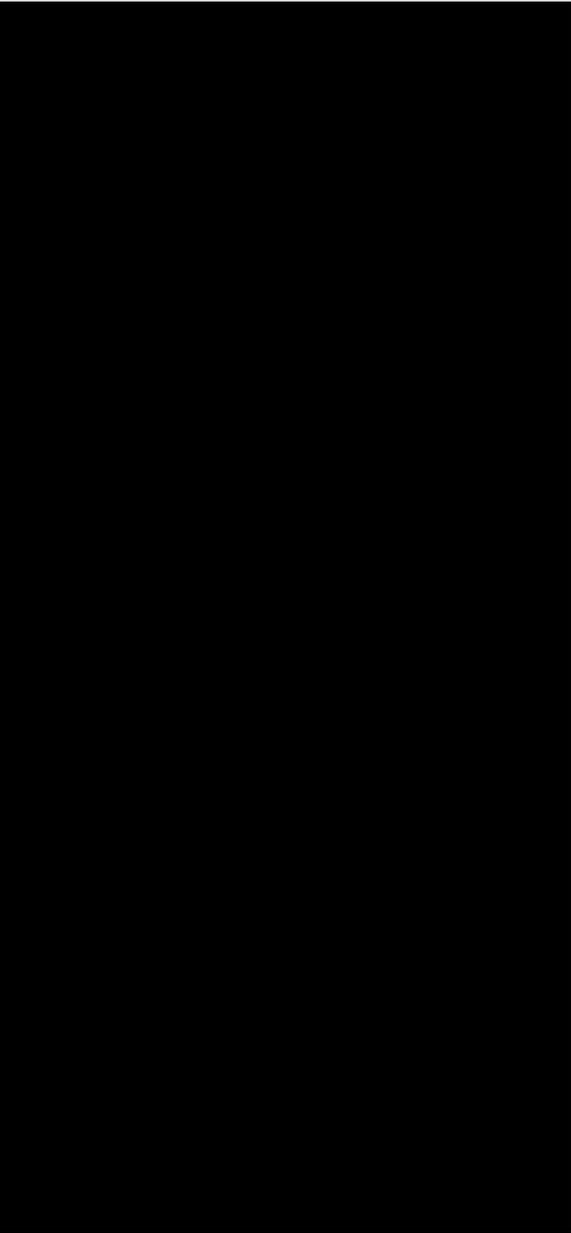
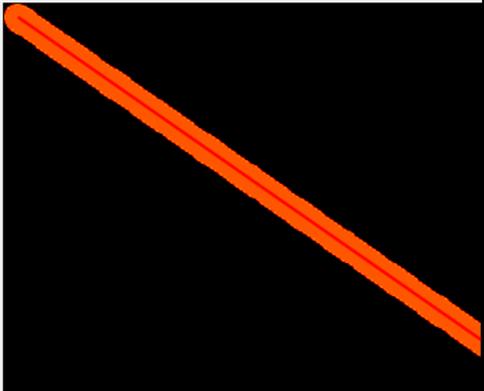
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# FOCUS ON IDENTIFYING GROUPS



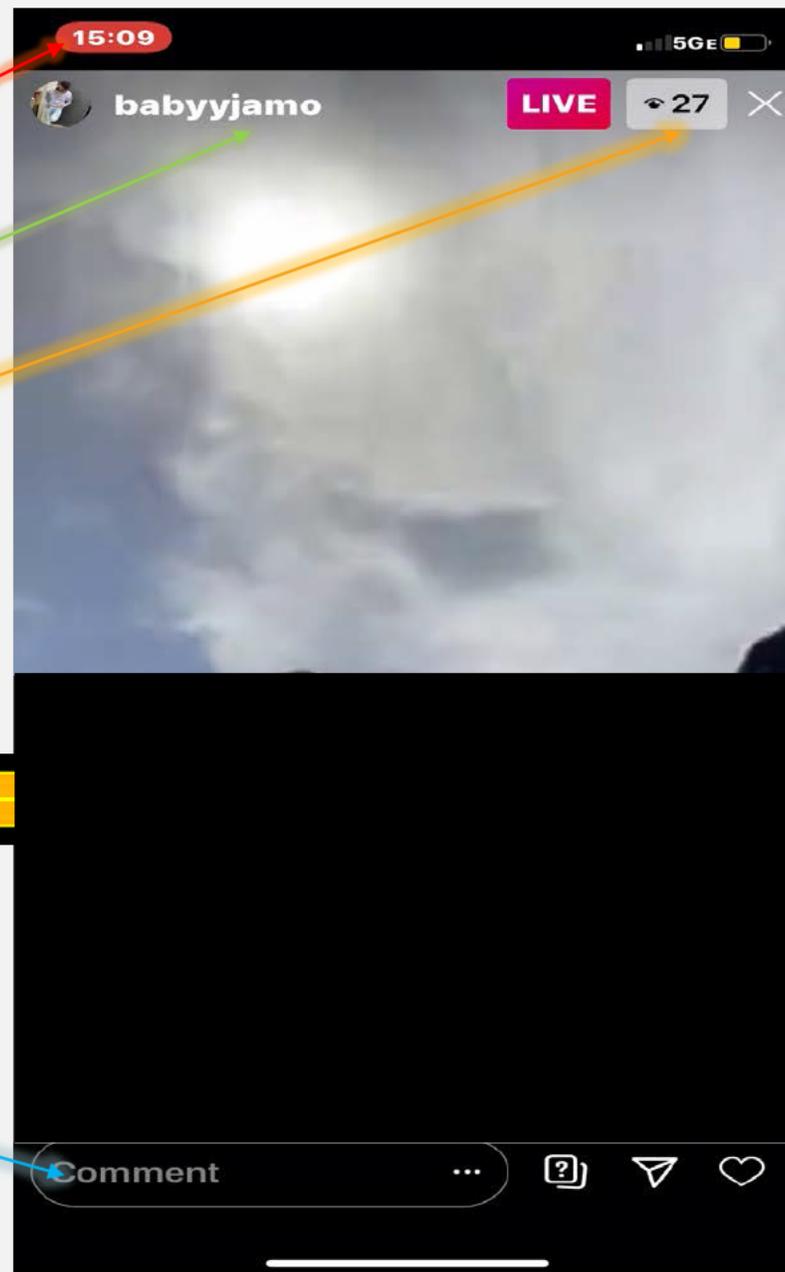


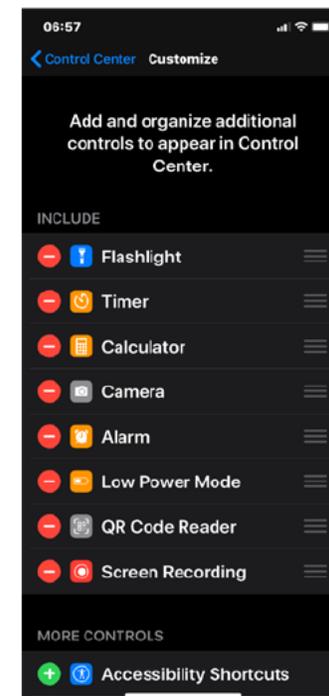
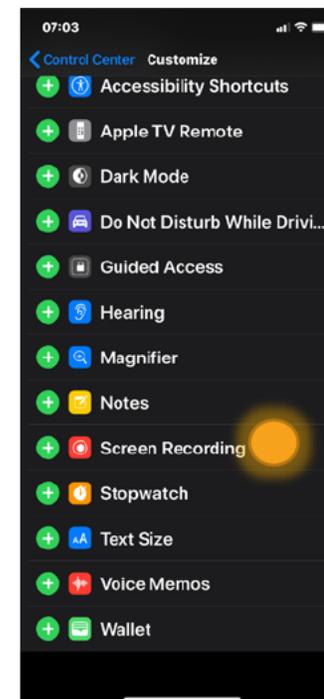
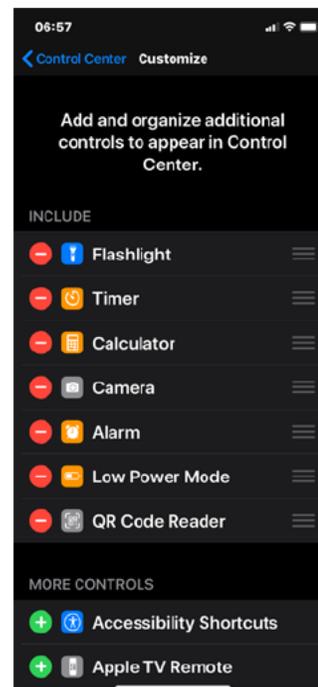
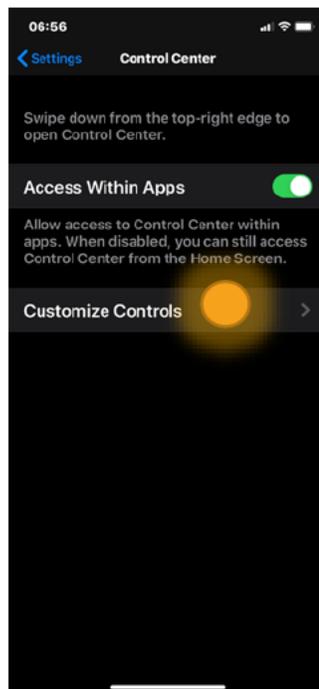
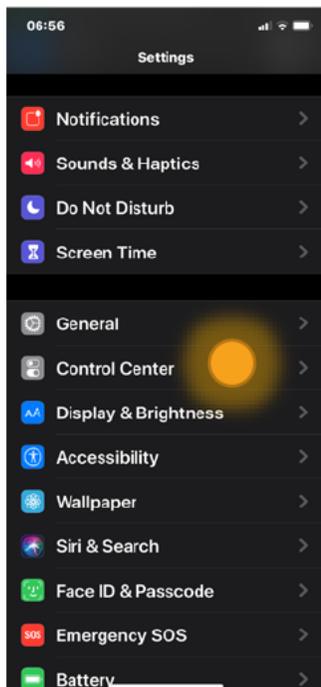
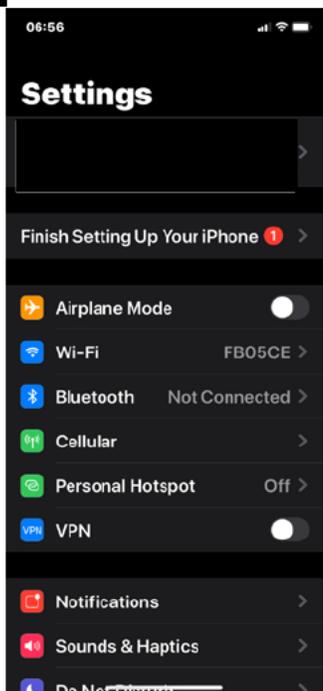
## VARIOUS UPLOAD METHO

- Static posts on account page.
  - Pictures and video's.
- Temporary posts added to an individual's "Story".
  - Pictures lasting up to 24 hrs.
  - Videos lasting up to 24 hrs.
- Instagram Live

# INSTAGRAM LIVE

- Time Stamp
- Account name
- Live viewers
- Viewers in the live
- Comment section





# PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

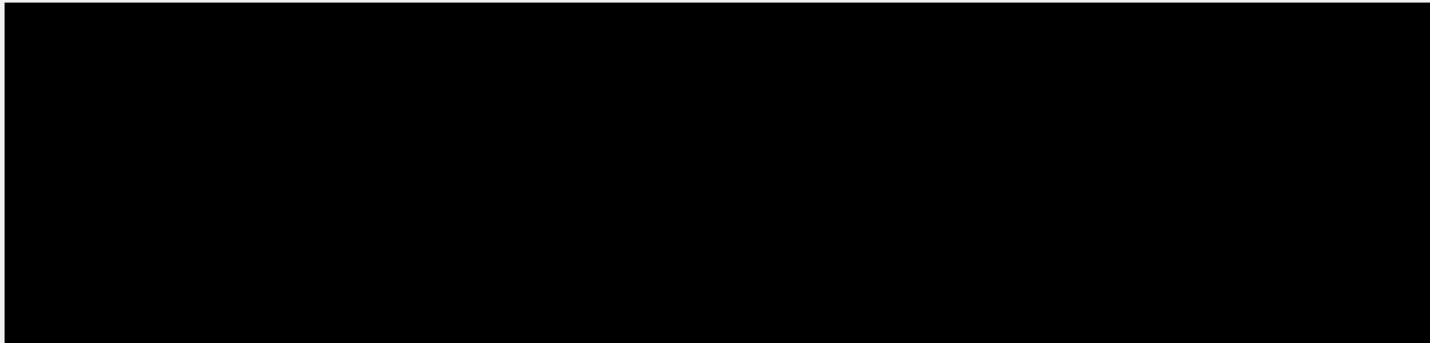
Screen Recording on Apple based cell phones.

# I SEE A GUN! WHAT DO I DO?

- Preserve, Preserve, Preserve...
- Take a Screenshot or Screen Record.
- USAO/OAG will request evidence either at papering or before any RIPS.
- Users DO NOT get alerted if you screenshot or screen record.

# OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT

- CONSULT WITH USAO!
- USAO expectations:



# PROACTIVE INTERDICTION

## STREET RIP

- CONSULT YOUR USAO FIRST.
- Time frame should be well within 24 hours.
- “Reliable Information”
- Securing evidence.

## ESW

- CONSULT YOUR USAO FIRST.
- Know the current residential location.
- Time frame is also key here.
- Pay attention to all details and relay to all members conducting the operation.

# INSTAGRAM PRESERVATION REQUEST



# Law Enforcement Online Requests

We are currently experiencing delays in responding to requests. We are working to resolve this as quickly as possible. If this is an emergency matter, or needs special attention, please respond with a detailed explanation and your request will be reviewed immediately.

## Request Secure Access to the Law Enforcement Online Request System

We disclose account records solely in accordance with our terms of service and applicable law.  
If you are a law enforcement agent or emergency responder who is authorized to gather evidence in connection with an official investigation or in order to investigate an emergency involving the danger of serious physical injury or death, you may request records from Facebook through this system.

I am an authorized law enforcement agent or government employee investigating an emergency, and this is an official request

## Request Access



Email

Enter your email address to receive a unique link to the Law Enforcement Online Request System. The link will give you access to the system for one hour.

Cancel

Submit



Records <records@records.facebook.com>

Fri 5/22/2020 7:24 AM



To: [REDACTED] (MPD)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the DC Government. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know that the content is safe. If you believe that this email is suspicious, please forward to phishing@dc.gov for additional analysis by OCTO Security Operations Center (SOC).

The following link allows authorized law enforcement officials to securely access our Law Enforcement Online Request System. The link expires in one hour. You do not need a login or password. If you do not use this link within an hour, you must return to facebook.com/records to request a new secure link.

To access our Law Enforcement Online Request system click <https://www.facebook.com> [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,  
Law Enforcement Response Team

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# Law Enforcement Online Requests

[Home](#)[Make a Preservation Request](#)[Make a Records Request](#)[FAQ](#)[Log Out](#)

## Requestor Information

[Edit](#)

Email [REDACTED]@dc.gov

Name [REDACTED]

Title Police Officer

Organization MPD Washington D.C.

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Location Washington D.C., DC, United States

## Preservation Request

Please complete all fields below to request preservation of account records. We will take steps to preserve account records in connection with official criminal investigations for 90 days pending our receipt of formal legal process. Additional information can be found in the [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) Law Enforcement Guidelines.

Internal Case Reference Number [?]

Accounts

Facebook

Instagram

mm/dd/yyyy



Add

FOIA Request No.: 2023-FOIA-00317  
Requester: Brennan Center for Justice



Instagram user names and Facebook vanities are not permanently tied to an account and can be changed over

# QUESTIONS?

Social Media Username Log

UC Account Number	Date NSID Received	Date Account was Created	Case Numbers	Primary Investigative Member	Secondary Investigative Member	Supervisor	Element	Social Media Platform	Username	Password	Account ID number	Date Training was completed	EO-21-025 Compliant	Approved By	Deconflicted Check (Name/Date/Time)	NSID Reviewed Official (must be updated every 30 days)		
													Yes	Commander Kyle		Lt. [REDACTED]	1-10-23	
													Yes	Commander Kyle		Lt. [REDACTED]	4-13-22	*De-listed April 2022 - used for monitoring only
													Yes	Commander Kyle		Lt. [REDACTED]	1-10-23	
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													Yes	Commander Kyle		Lt. [REDACTED]	8-04-22	Training pending / account paused



# Investigative Services Bureau Violent Crime and Suppression Division Violence Reduction Unit



2850 New York Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20002

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Assistant Chief of Police  
Investigative Services Bureau

**THRU:** Commander  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** February 12, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for January 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[Redacted Content]		

**Investigative Use – January 2022**

The following accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – January 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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2850 New York Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20002

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Assistant Chief of Police  
Investigative Services Bureau

**THRU:** Commander *CMSE*  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division *4-19-22*

**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** April 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for March 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains [REDACTED] active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – March 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – March 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**THRU:** Commander  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division [REDACTED]

**DATE:** May 2, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for April 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

*CMDC S.13.22*

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains [REDACTED] active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – March 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Investigation Numbers</b>	<b>Type of Investigation</b>

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – March 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.

One account (previously attributed to TSU) was de-listed as the operator clarified that the account was established solely for monitoring and not for undercover communication.



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**THRU:** Commander  
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**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** June 18, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for May 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

*CMOZ 6.20.22*

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – May 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – May 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for June 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains [REDACTED] active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – June 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – June 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for June 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – June 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – June 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** August 4, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for July 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – July 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – July 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** September 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for August 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – August 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – August 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** October 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for September 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – September 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – September 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** November 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for October 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[REDACTED]		

**Investigative Use – October 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – October 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.



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**THRU:** Inspector  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**FROM:** Lieutenant  
Violent Crime and Suppression Division

**DATE:** December 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for November 2022 Undercover Social Media Accounts

**Active Undercover Accounts**

Currently the Metropolitan Police Department maintains █ active, registered undercover accounts on social media.

Element	Number of Accounts	Platforms
[Redacted Content]		

**Investigative Use – November 2022**

No undercover accounts were used in specific investigations this month. Active, registered accounts not used in specific investigations are maintained for overt monitoring and potential future undercover needs.

Account Number	Investigation Numbers	Type of Investigation

**Deactivated/Compromised Accounts – November 2022**

No UC accounts were deactivated or compromised during the previous month.