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### **Board Meeting Dates**

**Next Meeting: September 8, 2015 - 6:00 PM**

November 10, 2015

### **Tennessee Private Investigation & Polygraph Commission Meeting**

August 21, 2015  
November 6, 2015

500 James Robertson Pkwy  
Davy Crockett Tower  
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### **Welcome New Members**

Rusty Harlow                      Holly Senatore  
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### **When is Surveillance Stalking?**

Determine the client's motive for conducting surveillance. If the surveillance serves a purpose for obtaining information that PIs usually obtain, courts will usually uphold surveillance if a private investigator:

- Has a legitimate purpose for surveillance.
- Conducts it in such a way that does not strike fear into the heart of a subject.
- Looks carefully at a client's motives for conducting a surveillance.

Once the necessary evidence is obtained, there is no reason to continue surveillance, regardless of what the client is willing to pay to continue. It is the PI's responsibility to know when to discontinue surveillance.

Once surveillance has been discovered by the subject, change the plan or take a break and continue later. If the subject brings a case against the PI, the court might uphold the legitimate purpose, but the PI has gone through the ordeal of having to prove that.

If at some point it is determined the client has no legitimate purpose for surveillance, call it off.

As Investigators we get access to databases with private information that we use in our investigations to verify or cross-reference. Be cautious about the information that you share with clients.

An attorney or employer may need you to locate a witness or a beneficiary, heir, former employee, etc. Don't make yourself liable if an individual asks you to locate a long lost relative or an old flame, contact the subject and tell them you have been asked to locate them. Get their permission to give your client their information. Get their permission in an email or have them sign a waiver. (A sample Locate Waiver can be downloaded in the Members Only section of the web site.)

## Top 25 Investigations in 2014

Cell Phone Records  
Fraud Investigations  
Missing Persons Investigations  
Workers Compensation  
Child Custody  
Asset Search  
Infidelity  
Surveillance  
Criminal Investigations  
Insurance Fraud  
Bug Sweep  
Skip Trace  
Corporate Investigations  
Computer Forensics  
Electronic Surveillance  
Background Investigations  
Accident Reconstruction  
Due Diligence  
Arson  
Financial Investigations  
Civil Investigations  
Domestic Investigations  
Judgment Recovery  
Video Surveillance  
Crime Scene

## Court Records

One of the most underutilized and important resources in an investigation is court records.

## Follow Twitter Users Anonymously

Monitor the Tweeter accounts anonymously using Twitter's List feature. The following steps will help you setup monitoring lists.

1. From your Twitter Home Screen click the Settings Button on the top right and select Lists.
2. From the Lists Page click the Create new list Button on the right.
3. Name the list, mark it as Private, and save it.
4. From the search box on the top right enter the names or key words to find those you want to monitor.

5. When you find a Tweet from someone you want to monitor click the name to display their Profile summary.
6. **Do Not Click Follow**, click the Settings Button next to the Follow Button and select Add or remove from lists...
7. A box displaying all your lists will appear. Add this account by placing a check in the box for the list you created to monitor the tweeter. There is no save button, to close this dialogue box click the X in the upper right corner.
8. After your done adding accounts to the new monitoring list go back to your Home page, click on the Settings Button, select Lists and click on your monitoring list. It will contain Tweets from the accounts you added.
9. To double check you are not following the account you added to the monitoring list go to your Home page and click Following to verify the account is not present.

## Update Your Information Online

Information in the online directory can now be updated online on the *Join Us* page. Please check the directory to make sure your information is accurate. Contact TPIA for a password if you don't have one.

Be sure to notify the State Commission of any changes.

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