

# HOW TO FIND ANY PUBLIC RECORDS

for Free!



Plus My Private Investigator's Short-Cut You Can Use Immediately!

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## About Me

My name is Kristina Hansen I am a Private Investigator/Skip Tracer.

I have worked as a licensed Private Investigator in both Texas and Florida and have over 25 years of skip trace experience. I am able to successfully perform locates for attorneys, real estate professionals, the auto repossession industry, bail bondsman, as well as forensic genealogists. I have a subscription to TLO as well as many other databases.

I have worked at the Cushing Forensic Genealogy- Kissimmee, Florida  
International Genealogical Research-CanadaThe Locators, Ltd.-Arizona  
Unclaimed Persons Network-Nationwide

I have also worked closely with the warrants section at Denton County Sheriff's Office in Texas, assisting them in locating individuals that had failed to appear in court. In addition I have helped numerous individuals locate lost family members, old friends, etc.

Services:

For attorneys and individuals:

**Family law attorneys-** to locate child support debtors



**Probate attorneys-** to locate missing heirs who are entitled to estate proceeds

**Real estate professionals-** to locate prior owners of foreclosed homes who are due excess funds from tax sales

**Forensic genealogists-** to locate relatives for health and finance issues, as well as locating biological parents, children, etc.

**Bail bondsman-** to locate wanted fugitives who have skipped out on their bail and are wanted by law enforcement.

I also document and prepare family histories in addition to some pro bono work for the Unclaimed Persons Network. This group works with morgues and coroners offices across the United States.

People do not believe the number of deceased individuals who remain unclaimed after their death because no one is able to locate the next of kin....it's quite deplorable really, and quite sad. I locate the family members and then they are contacted by the Coroner and given the information regarding the decedent.

I truly love helping people, whether I am assisting them to recover what is rightfully theirs, reuniting them with lost family members, or aiding law enforcement in locating criminals.....I love what I do...it is not a "job" for me.

## **WHAT ARE PUBLIC RECORDS?**

Public records are those records which are required to be maintained by a government entity or body.. These records must be made available for examination by the general public, when requested, as they are not considered to be confidential in nature and are not intended to be kept private. Public records include legal filings, land records, criminal and civil records, as well as accounting records and minutes of proceedings. Public records can also include military and war records, documents dealing with revenue and finance as well as education and employment files, just to name a few. Public records can be kept in many forms such as paper documents, documents on microfiche, photographs and both audio and video recordings,

## **WHAT'S IN A PUBLIC RECORD?**

There is a wealth of information that can be gathered from public records. Public records can contain the names and addresses of property and business owners, voter registration information, marriage and divorce information, birth and death dates of individuals as well as social security information for certain individuals. Military and war records that fall under the Freedom of Information Act will contain the military history of an individual and includes health, family and award particulars. Filing a Freedom of Information Act form with the government agency one is requesting records from can be a useful tool when researching public records.

## **WHAT'S IN A CRIMINAL PUBLIC RECORD?**

Criminal public records will reveal the criminal past of an individual along with the arresting agencies information. These records will contain the dates and location of prior arrests, as well as the outcome of any court proceedings held due to the arrest, as well as sentencing and incarceration locales. Criminal public records will also

show the individuals name and date of birth, residential address as well as the name and contact information for any attorney representing the accused individual.

Criminal records will, on occasion, also provide information as to the alleged victim of the crime.

## **WHAT'S IN AN ARREST RECORD?**

Arrest records will reveal the name and birth date of the individual arrested, along with their pertinent information such as eye and hair color, height, weight and whether or not the arrested person has any identifying marks such as scars or tattoos. The arrest record will also contain the reason the person was arrested, sometimes referred to as the "arrestable offense," as well as the location, date and time of the arrest. The arrest record will also state which law enforcement agency arrested the individual, as well as the holding facility, or jail, that the arrestee is being detained at.

## **WHAT IS AN ARREST WARRANT?**

An arrest warrant is a legal document, issued by a judge on behalf of the State, which authorizes law enforcement officials to arrest and detain an individual. Arrest warrants can be issued for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to; the need to speak with a witness who is not willing to cooperate with law enforcement, in an effort to collect DNA evidence from the accused, as well as being issued when someone violates the conditions of their probation and/or parole and also in the event that a person owes outstanding traffic ticket fines.

## **HOW TO SEARCH FOR AN INMATE IN THE USA PRISON SYSTEM**

There are various ways to locate an individual who is an inmate within the US prison system. There exists both nationwide and statewide databases which are available for utilization, that are maintained by various agencies. For example, if you are looking for a person in prison in Florida, you would visit the website of the Florida Department of Corrections. You can input a variety of information such as name or date of birth, which will result in a list of individuals matching the information you provide. Once you have located the individual, the database will usually contain the name and date of birth of the individual, their race and sex, the prison they are being held at, as well as the date of incarceration and the projected release date. The

most reliable and up to date database for locating individuals within the US prison system is vinelink.com. It is free to use and is regularly updated by each state's governing body; it is a nationwide database.

## **WHO CAN SEARCH FOR ARREST RECORDS AND WARRANTS?**

Anyone with access to a computer can search for arrest records and warrants. It is helpful to know what county, or jurisdiction, the person was arrested in. It will be in this counties database where the information can be located. Many states have what is called "warrant designators" next to someones name in a court record, which means they currently have an active warrant for their arrest. This varies from state to state, depending upon the privacy laws enacted in that particular territory. When a State does not allow warrant information to be included in the world wide web, warrant searches can be conducted via telephone, by contacting the Warrants Division of the police or sheriff's office that services that area. You will need to supply a name and date of birth, and the Warrant's Officer can verify whether that individual has an active arrest warrant or not.

## **HOW TO SEARCH FOR ARREST RECORDS AND WARRANTS FOR FREE**

The easiest way to locate arrest records and warrants for free is to use a major search engine and simply type the individuals full name, first, middle and last, and see what kind of results you receive. If the person has been previously arrested, you will see clickable links to information such as mugshots, police reports, accident reports and sometimes even news articles written about the person and their alleged crimes. Since not all publicly available information is legitimate and valid, it is always best to follow the links that lead you to government agency websites. One of the best websites to search for arrestees is mugshots.com. While this site is not a government maintained website, it will provide you with the information necessary to contact the arresting agency, or at least enough information to lead you to that state's legitimate databases. In order to facilitate your research in a timely manner, I suggest using [www.everify.com](http://www.everify.com)