

Buried Treasure

Finding Gold on the Hard Drive

Case I

We at The Lorenzi Group were working on a fairly complicated corporate theft case in which many revisions were made to a specific project. While we were able to restore several versions, including the stolen version, the defendant was holding strong and resistant to settling. We made an attempt to retrace the defendant's steps and started by looking through his appointments, which had been loaded onto his computer via a PDA. While we were perusing his appointments we stumbled across some interesting entries. It appeared as though the defendant had been collecting unemployment checks. After referencing his start date at his job it became quite evident that if his appointments were correct, he was collecting unemployment while make a very good salary as a contractor at his current job. We reported our findings to the attorney and after depositions a settlement was reached.

Case II

The Lorenzi Group was hired to investigate a hard drive concerning a possible sexual harassment case. Our client maintained that he had been involved in an ongoing affair with the party in question. However, he was concerned that she would state differently and file a lawsuit charging sexual harassment. We were asked to search for emails that would prove our clients assertions. The emails he was looking for were not contained on the drive. However, we were able to uncover several conversations on www.adultfriendfinder.com. This is a website for adults and adult couples to set up "dates". It was apparent that both parties had been on this site and actively pursuing these "dates" together. While we were unable to recover the emails he was looking for, we did find one to his wife stating that his boss was making him work late and that he would be home later. Minutes after he sent this email he used an instant messaging program to alert the possible plaintiff that his wife thought he would be working and that he would see her later. The case never proceeded any further, but our mission was accomplished.

Case III

We were investigating a hard drive pertaining to a divorce case and hoping to find emails that would be useful to our client. What we discovered was that the computer was running QuickBooks. QuickBooks is powerful accounting software that is commonly used to keep personnel and business accounting records. What was unusual was that there were two sets of books. One, of course, was valid while the other one was altered. It appeared as though our client's husband had attempted to falsify his company's earnings in order to minimize the amount of alimony and child support for which he would be liable.

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