Ideas for how this stuff could be used to
- Assess the credibility of allegations
- Assess the degree of difficulty of making a successful case

Consider its use
- As a basis for developing an investigative plan
- To prepare to interview and interviewing witnesses
- To establish a basis to for certain investigative techniques
- For use at hearings before courts on matters like
  - setting conditions of release
  - requiring that people not have contact with each other

- For Trial to determine guilt or innocence
  - as evidence
  - to cross examine witnesses on issues like bias for the defendant or against the government
Major Categories of open source material available

Investigative Reporting/ NGO reports - use Google Translate if you need to

Official Public records – records of incorporation or birth, death, marriage, property ownership

Private/ commercial or law enforcement databases of property, credit reports and bank accounts accessible to limited groups by subscription

Moveable Asset tracking sites: Plane and vehicle tracking sites

Social media postings
  • links to the beneficial owners of assets that may be recovered
  • links to the location of individuals and assets under investigation

Information describing the confiscation legal authorities of other countries
  • FATF reports www.FATF.gov, Informational Country reports on www.state.gov, NGO sites

Official public records – By State in US
Incorporation Record – Florida Corporation

Private commercial databases for public information about people and legal entities
Add’l limited access databases

Various asset tracking sites: Yacht tracking
Find where pleasure craft or commercial boats have last been seen

Flight tracker – Use to find location of planes?
Locating Assets, People, Their Travel and Relationships Using Social Media and other tools

Instagram
Facebook
Google translate
Google Earth

Locating Assets with
INSTAGRAM Posts and
GOOGLE EARTH MAPS
Can this stuff be used as evidence?

#1  Depends on your law, code of evidence and procedural code
   ◦ Consider if it can be used as a basis for search warrants or other investigative techniques?
   ◦ Could it be used in proceedings where the degree of reliability required to be established is lower
     ◦ at certain hearings like on conditions of release than at trial?
     ◦ As a basis to question a witness on cross examination or direct examination?

#2  Summary information from databases is not likely to be evidence to be relied on at trial
   ◦ ORIGINAL SOURCES ARE USUALLY REQUIRED EVEN IF COPIES ARE PERMITTED

#3  Usual key issues to consider for any evidence:
   ◦ How can I prove it is what I say it is?
     ◦ A picture of who, when and where?
   ◦ How can I prove it has not been altered?
   ◦ REMEMBER: It may not be there when you go back for it

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