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Greetings!

In the newsletter this month, you will find a featured article by Rob Stuart on a variety of issues involving the expanding role o social media in our society. It is an undertaking that Rob took on many months ago, and he put in a tremendous amount of research and time into the article, and was rewarded with the article being selected for inclusion in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

I think you will find it an intersting article, and we are proud to have Rob on the ICJE Board of Directors.

As always, if you have any ideas or thoughts on topics, specific websites of interest, or other material plesse feel free to email me at jimrechel@fuse.net, or send an email to me via ICJE.

Thanks also to those who participated in the maost recent survey.

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

Social Media: Establishing Criteria for Law Enforcement Use

By Robert D. Stuart, M.S. ,

ICJE Board Member - Rob Stuart

Over the past decade, social media has become a widespread presence that touches the lives of countless people, including law enforcement officers. Certain risks and rewards face officers, as well as their departments, who use social media. Missteps in its use can endanger the safety of officers and compromise criminal cases says Stuart in a recent article in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

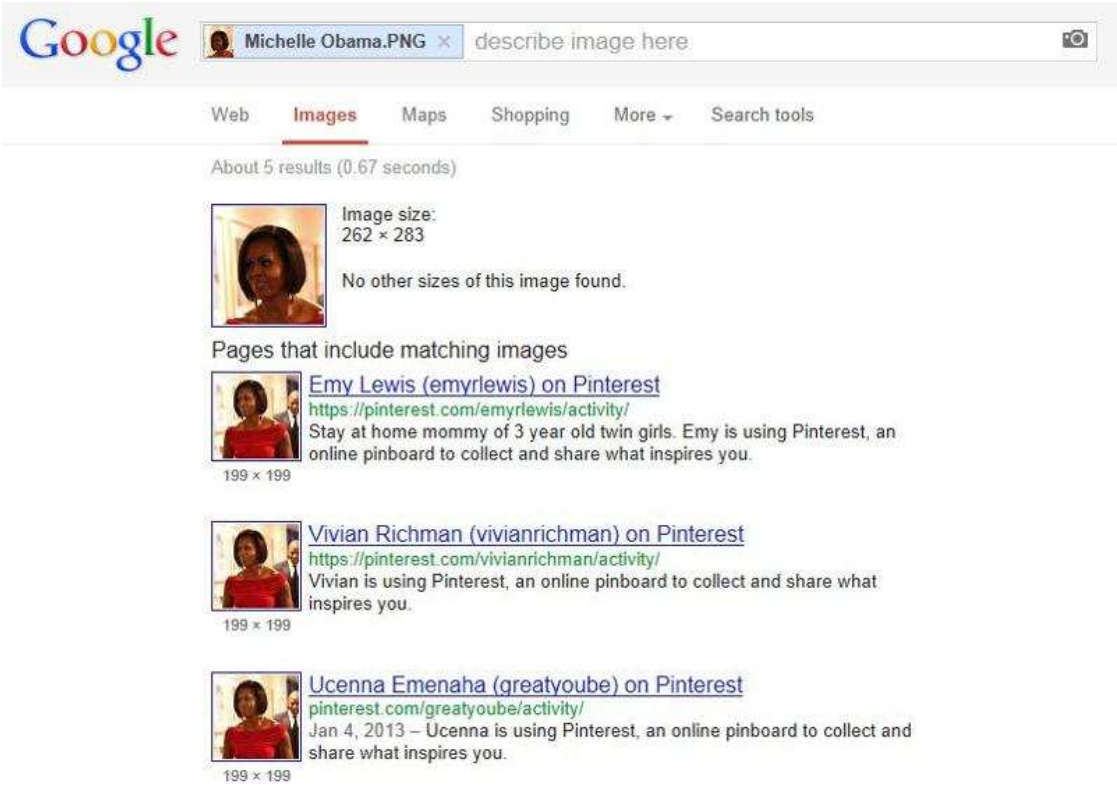
For the rest of the thought provoking article: Social Media and Law Enforcement

Using Google to Search with an Image

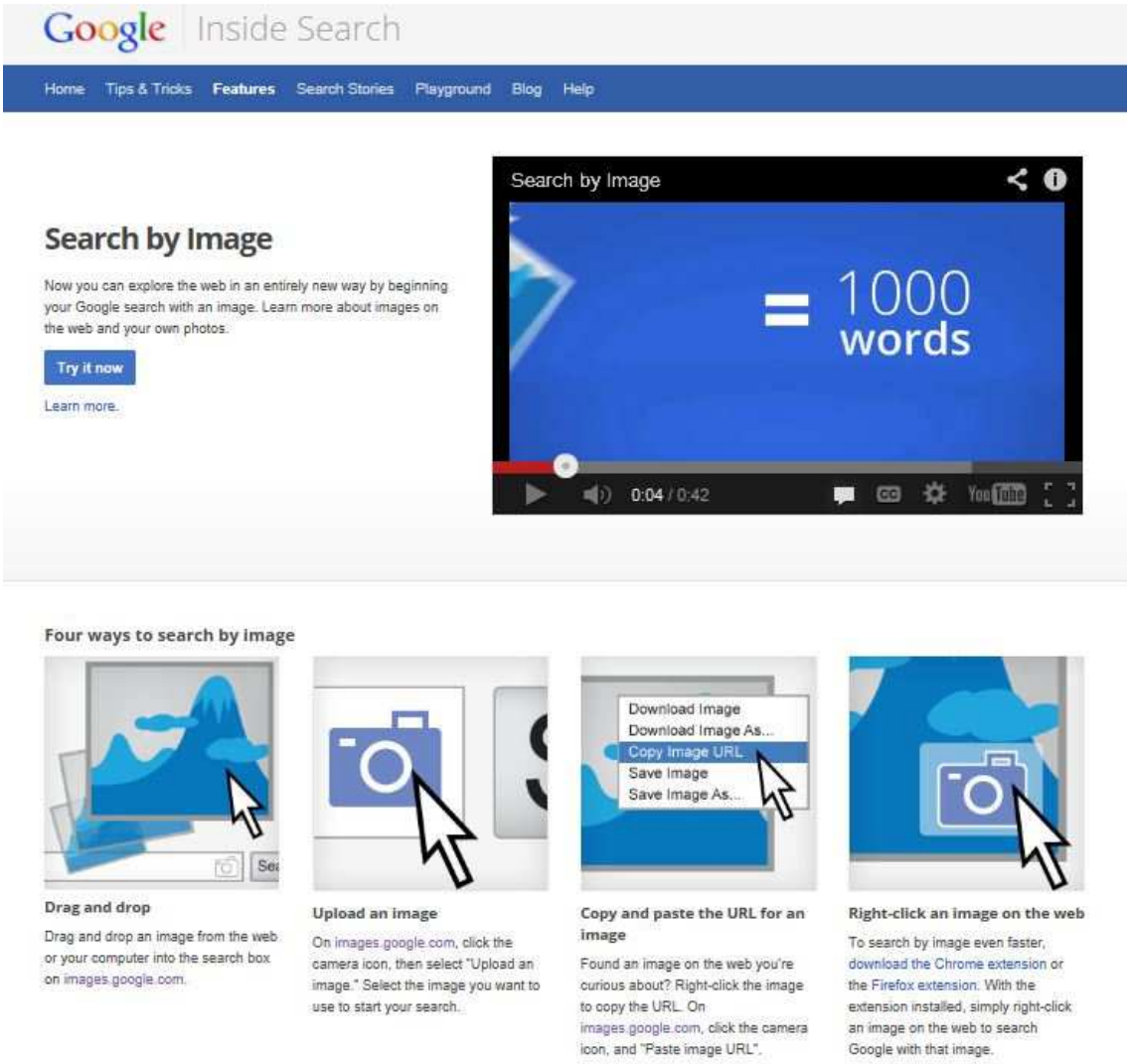
During a recent investigation, investigators were stymied in their attempts to identify the kingpin behind a nationwide debit card fraud. Part of the evidence was a photograph depicting an unknown individual laying on a bed of cash, who was believed to be the mastermind of the fraud. Working through traditional means, witnesses were able to identify the suspect and he was later indicted.

It got me thinking about the use of photos, and searching them in Google, and other services such as TinEye. So I went to a photograph released by the White House, and using the snipping tool available in Windows cut out a portion of the photo. I then saved it to my Picures file, went to Google, search by Images and seached the Internet for any site with the picture of Michelle Obama.

The results are shown below:



For more information on searching with an image go to: Search by Image



CrimeDex: An Idea to Consider to Identify Unknown Subjects

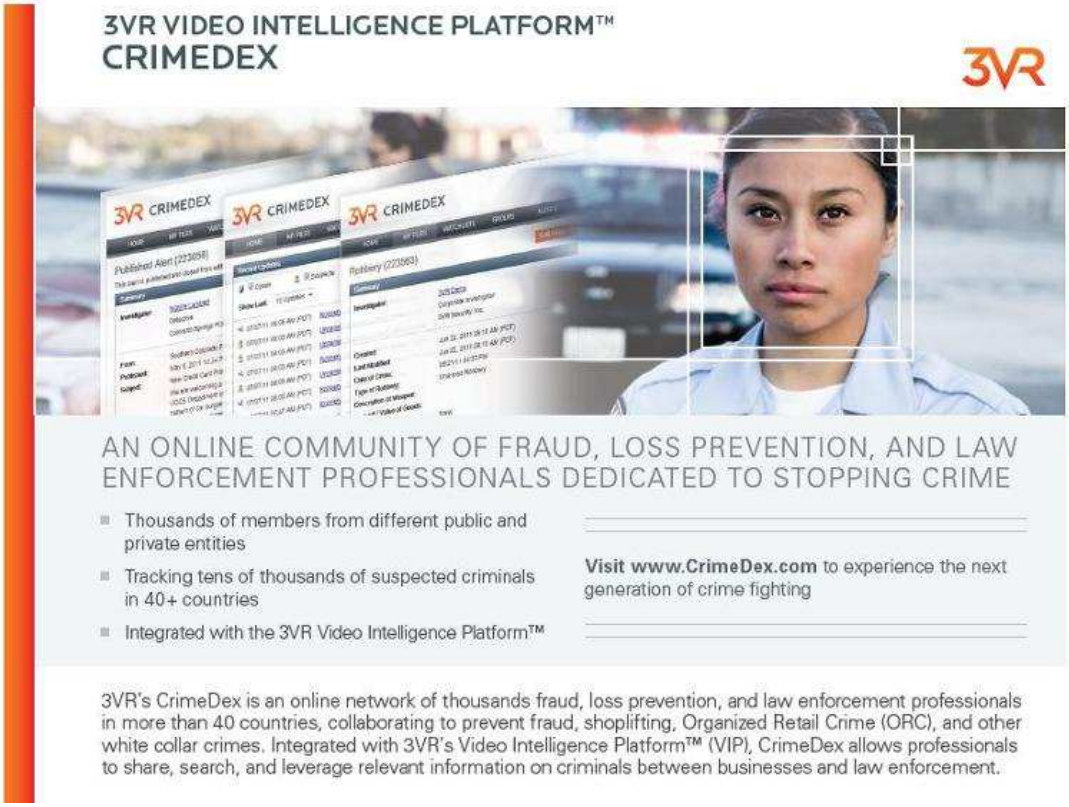
In addition to searching the Internet with an image, CrimeDex continues to expand its services for both private and public sector investigators. In another recent case a bank investigator submitted a bank surveillance photo to the CrimeDex database and found many other banks had similar photos of an unknown subject. CrimeDex did the searching automatically, without the investigtor hving to do anything.

From the CrimeDex website:

CrimeDex is an online network leveraged by thousands of fraud, loss prevention, and law enforcement professionals collaborating to prevent fraud, shoplifting, Organized Retail Crime, and other white-collar crimes. Integrated with 3VR's Video Management Software, CrimeDex allows professionals to share, search, and leverage relevant information on criminals between businesses and law enforcement.

- *CrimeDex members can:*
  - *Solve cases faster with access to information on over 15,000 crimes and suspects nationwide.*
  - *Broadcast information on wanted criminals to groups large or small.*
  - *Link criminals to more than one open case using powerful search and watchlist capabilities.*
  - *Collaborate more effectively between the private and public sectors.*
  - *Share video and images with other CrimeDex members to maximize the utility of your 3VR appliance.*

For more info: *CrimeDex Information*



Flight Tracking and Tail Numbers

Last Wednesday night I happened to notice a small headline about a private jet crash in Thompson, Georgia. Why it caught my eye I don't know, but I clicked on the link to read the article. At the time, I did not know that the crash took the life of a native of Eutaw, Alabama, Tiffany Porter, a 2002 graduate of Warrior Academy. Our thoughts and pryers are with her family and loved ones.

What I did notice, is that the writer of the article included a comment that they knew that the flight had originated in Nashville, TN but that thye di not know anything else about the jet or its tail number.

I thought to myself, "Why didn't the writer do five minutes of research on the Internet and find out?"

As a result, I thought it might be important to pass on the resources available to any investigator who may need to find the flight path, tail number or other information on flight. Using the Internet to

Track Private Planes and Flights I use FlightAware, but there are many sites available, some free some charging.

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