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# "Digital Forensic Evidence -The New Frontier"

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#### **Mobile Forensics Process**

- Using proper seizure and processing techniques are critical to what can and cannot be recovered from a mobile device and avoiding digital data contamination.
- The Seizure & Collection Process:
  - Identification/Handling
  - Collection/Preservation
  - Acquisition/Image



### Identification/Handling

#### Identification:

- Safety first visually check the smartphone for external connections and physical evidence.
- Ensure properly documentation or photograph has been obtained prior to moving the smartphone
- Check battery life



### Collection/Preservation

#### Preservation:

- To avoid pressing buttons, handle the phone by the corners
- Avoid unnecessary usage of the smartphone
  - Do not:
    - ➤ Make or receive calls
    - > Check the call logs
    - > Check messaging
    - ➤ Using 3rd-party Apps
    - ➤ Attempt to unlock/lock
    - ➤ Power the phone on or off



#### Collection/Preservation

#### Preservation:

- Check Bluetooth connections and history for external evidence:
  - Smart watch (places the phone to the suspect)
  - Connection with vehicle and/or GPS device
- Place the phone in "airplane mode" to isolate the device from the network.
- If the device is locked?
  - Use faraday packaging or heavy duty aluminum foil.

- Acquisition/Extract:
- Used validated forensics software to acquire/extract evidence:
  - Oxygen Forensic Detective
  - Cellebrite Mobile Forensics
  - MSAB XRY
  - MobilEdit



#### Evidence from the mobile:

- Evidence:
  - SMS
  - Call History
  - Phonebook
  - Email
  - Multimedia
  - Documents
  - GPS Data
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-party Communication apps (Skype, Whatsapp, Instagram, Snapchat)
  - Social Media Apps (Facebook, Google+, Twitter)



- Evidence from the SIM Card:
  - ICCID Integrated Circuit Card ID, which is the <u>SIM card serial</u> number and can be traced to the purchaser of the SIM card.
  - LAI Local Area Identity, which is the last cell tower the SIM card connected to.



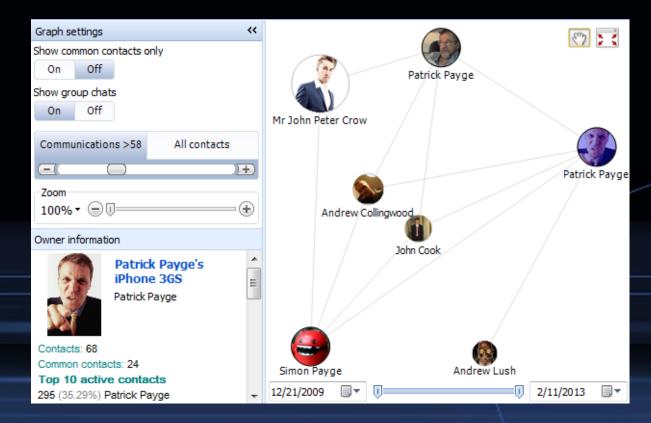
#### Evidence from the microSD card:

- Pictures (transferred to the phone) and Photos (taken by the phone)
- Audio and video files
- Documents
- The mobile device database, which is transferred to the phone
- Mobile device application databases



#### Connecting the Suspects:

 Once mobile evidence, 3<sup>rd</sup>-party communication apps and social networking applications extracted, suspects communications are analyzed and linked.



## Questions



Mobile Calls
Video

Text Messages

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