



## Cursory Indicator New York Versus NYS OCA

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Commercial Investigations LLC takes pride in using primary source verification to remain compliant with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). Cursory Indicator New York (CI NY) was officially released in 2011 after having been in development since 1999, it was created by our very own Michelle Pyan with the help of the New York State Sheriffs' Association. Exclusive to Commercial Investigations and our clients, it is comparable to the New York State Office of Court Administration (NYS OCA) search for criminal records. With a tiered system that indicates when more comprehensive inquiries are necessary, it quickly assesses when additional research is needed and positively identifies subjects by matching at least two of the four main identifiers: name, date of birth, social security number, and address; so, we know when there is a match before any additional costs are incurred. Easy to use and with results available in two to four hours with data updated daily, CI NY is cost-effective with savings of about 65%. While CI NY and NYS OCA both find and show felony information at the county level, CI NY additionally finds more misdemeanor information from the local, city, town, and village level, arrest information, and variations of names and dates of birth, all with direct online access.

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Commercial Investigations LLC knows all of this to be true through conducting many queries on behalf of our clients. CI NY has been able to uncover sex offenders that NYS OCA returned as "no results found". While performing a cyber investigation on one particular individual, multiple "hits" were found pertaining to a sexual assault case. When this happens, our procedure is to open a developed criminal record, where we locate the court and reach out to obtain the final disposition. When running a search with NYS OCA, no results were found. This forced us to perform more research. When reaching out to our NYS OCA liaison, to question their "no results found", we were only provided the control number, incident date, and the court the case was heard at. No charge information was included. The additional information that was provided by NYS OCA matched that of which was found on CI NY. Our CI NY original search caused us to open a Sex Offender Registry search, reporting back that the subject in question had an offense in the second degree over a 14-year-old female. If we had only run the NYS OCA search and did not use CI NY, we would have sent our clients a "no results found" report, which could have led to them hiring a sex offender. Cases of this severity should not be missed by the NYS OCA. Because we have CI NY and did not rely on the NYS OCA's lack of results, we were able to perform our due diligence and provide our client with a complete criminal history.



CI NY remains FCRA compliant while continuing to abide by our primary source verification rules. This is because we go to the primary source of the data that is found. With this, potential employees and volunteers are given the deserved time and dignity, especially those with common names, through intensive research and positive identity match before any adverse information is relayed to the subject or client. Commercial Investigations wants to be sure we are 100% certain we have the correct person, while also saving our clients time and money in the process.



## Due Diligence: Fly Me To The Clink

### Meet Due Diligence... Last Scene From Due

*Duey uncovers a terrible secret about Prue's favorite bakery and is forced to find another. Duey knew Prue would be upset, but with Commercial Investigations Cyber Investigation they can be sure their wedding will go perfectly ... right?*

#### Fly Me To The Clink

It was like waking up to a nightmare. A horrible, awful nightmare. While Duey and Prue did not eat any of the drugged Jordan Almonds, many of the guests had taken them home, and some snacked on them while at the wedding. This included the flower girl, Prue's seven year old niece. She only ate one, and spat it out because she didn't realize it had almonds, and she hates almonds, but she still tasted it.

Sue had called the police as soon as Coco had departed the balcony. She ran up to Duey and Prue, and told them exactly what she heard from Coco. By the time the police arrived Coco had slipped up to her hotel room, and hotel management had to let them in. Sue closed her eyes envisioning the look of shock and disappointment in Duey and Prue's faces. Their perfect wedding, ruined by Coco's selfishness. They didn't even get their last dance. After Coco was led out of the hotel in handcuffs, and the police received contact information for everyone at the wedding to try to recover spiked almonds, Sue and Justin leapt into crisis saving mode.



"Justin, we *have* to do something to salvage the night, or this will be all that anyone remembers from Duey and Prue's wedding!"

"I completely understand, but what on earth could we possibly do to save this?" Justin inquired wryly.

"Well, let's give them their last dance! I know what song they had chosen, do you have a portable speaker with you?"

"Yes, but..."

"Well go get it! Meet me at my room in fifteen minutes, grab the cider donuts that were meant for the guests, track down Duey and Prue, and tell them I'll be with them in a moment!"

Sue flew around, gathering the guests that hadn't left or were staying in the hotel for the night. She was going to make this perfect for Duey, and Prue! She had everyone go to her room, and met Justin at the door fifteen minutes later.

"Do you have the speaker?" Sue asked.

"Yes, but..."

"Do you have your phone?"

"Yes, but..."

"Did you grab the cider donuts?"

"Yes, but..."

"Great! Give them here, and go get Duey and Prue." Sue exclaimed excitedly.

"Do we need a secret knock or something?" Justin joked, half serious.

"Ohhh, maybe, knock four times once you get back with them, then I'll get the music going."

With that, she shut the door to prepare. A couple minutes later Justin knocked dutifully on the door with Duey and Prue in tow.

Frank Sinatra's Fly Me To The Moon was blaring out of the speaker, and Prue announced it was time for the couple's last dance. Everyone watched, and cheered, and Duey and Prue shared this magical moment.

A few days later the paper announced Coco's arrest. She was charged with Aggravated Criminal Sale of Cannabis, a Class C Felony, Criminal Possession of Cannabis in the first degree, a Class D Felony, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class A Misdemeanor. Duey shook his head in disappointment as he read the press release. Prue looked on in silent commiseration.

#### To Read Coco Caines Full Report, Visit

<https://tinyurl.com/vaja44bz>



# Guardian & The Sheriffs

"Guardian, I need you to go to the NYS Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference at The Desmond Hotel. We're setting up a booth and I will be delayed, so you'll be on your own for a few hours. Can I trust you to be on your best behavior?"

"I'm stung, Michelle. Am I not always on my best behavior? I will not let you down. I shall print a cheat sheet on light green paper so ours stands out from the many white pages and will bring my new favorite treat."

The week of the Conference arrived and our fearless mascot struts his way down the halls of The Desmond. Guardian finds a Commercial Investigations' table and sets up information sheets, some CI products, and his new favorite snack. Not until he is all organized does he look to his left and see none other than the Office of Court Administration. "Ooo hoo hoo, this is going to be fun." And in walk the first few conferees.

An Albany County deputy comes up to Guardian seemingly interested in CI's booth. "Well deputy, I see your name is Michelle. Do you know Michelle Pyan? She's our President and, like you, she is also blonde."

"Of course. We have a network of blonde Michelles in New York. We meet every third Friday. Say, I've heard about Cursory Indicator. Can you tell me a little more about it?"

"Absolutely! Since our Michelle is a Licensed Private Investigator, we have access to databases that other companies can only dream about. We can with certainty identify our Subject from others with the same name ... we include misdemeanors and felonies, some of which might be missed in County searches ... we include local criminal data ... our results are ready within two to four hours and ... *(with a sly glance to the left)* we dramatically reduce costs demanded by the Office of Court Administration."

"You mean to tell me Cursory Indicator can completely replace the OCA?"

"Not completely. About ten percent of our searches indicate that a Subject has a criminal record.

In that case, and only in that case, we go to the State to get primary source verification. That is a requirement we have to satisfy for the Fair Credit Reporting Act. But since the Office of Court Administration charges almost \$100 per name, we are able to give our clients a quality product at a fraction of the cost."



"Sounds good! Let me take one of those papers and ... have to try this lollipop. What's in it, anyway?"

"It's deep fried mouse dipped in chocolate. I call it Mighty Tasty Mouse ... well what do you know? She likes it so much she ran outside to tell all her friends."

## Spotlight: CI Year Rewind

Whew, can you believe that 2021 is almost over!? It has been quite a year not just for us here at CI, but for everyone as well! In June we made the transition from working from home to coming back to the office and boy, did we make the most of it!



With the help of our creative president, Michelle Pyan, and some of our trusty CI staff, they were able to come up with weekly events to honor our return to the office. Each week, starting from the first week of July, we had a fun day planned for us, with the final event in September.

### Here is a list of what we did each week!

- Novelty Ice Creams for Ice Cream Month
- Breakfast Food Truck
- Mocktail Party for our new printer, Ricoh Suave
- Tick Enemy and Payday candy bars
- Succulent Planting Party
- Polo Shirts (Check out our headshots on our new website)
- Writing Letters to Military Personnel
- Dolce and Biscotti Scones
- Lunch Food Truck
- Red Velvet Cupcakes
- And to wrap it all up, dinner at Saratoga National!

Now isn't that a way to celebrate our return to the office! You could say we know how to have a good time here at CI! We really do enjoy being back together in the office and being able to do our team bonding in person, and socially distanced of course.

Check out our Facebook for pictures of all the events!



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