

Beyond Traditional Skip Tracing: A Case Study for Private Investigators

Advanced Techniques for Locating Elusive Subjects

Introduction: The Private Investigator's Dilemma

For most Private Investigators (PIs), skip tracing begins with databases like TLO, IDI, LexisNexis, or IRB. These tools provide last known addresses, phone numbers, and financial records—but what happens when none of these work?

- ◆ No active address updates.
- ◆ No bank accounts in their name.
- ◆ No visible online footprint.

This is where Next 72 Intelligence steps in. Our team specializes in locating the untraceable, using cutting-edge investigative methodologies that go beyond traditional skip tracing.

Why Traditional Skip Tracing Fails in High- Stakes Cases



The Problem with Database-Only Skip Tracing

- ✓ Public records are often outdated, showing old addresses or disconnected phone numbers.
- ✓ Financial records may not exist if the subject operates off the grid (cash-only, crypto, or aliases).
- ✓ Social media searches yield nothing—many people erase their digital footprints to avoid detection.

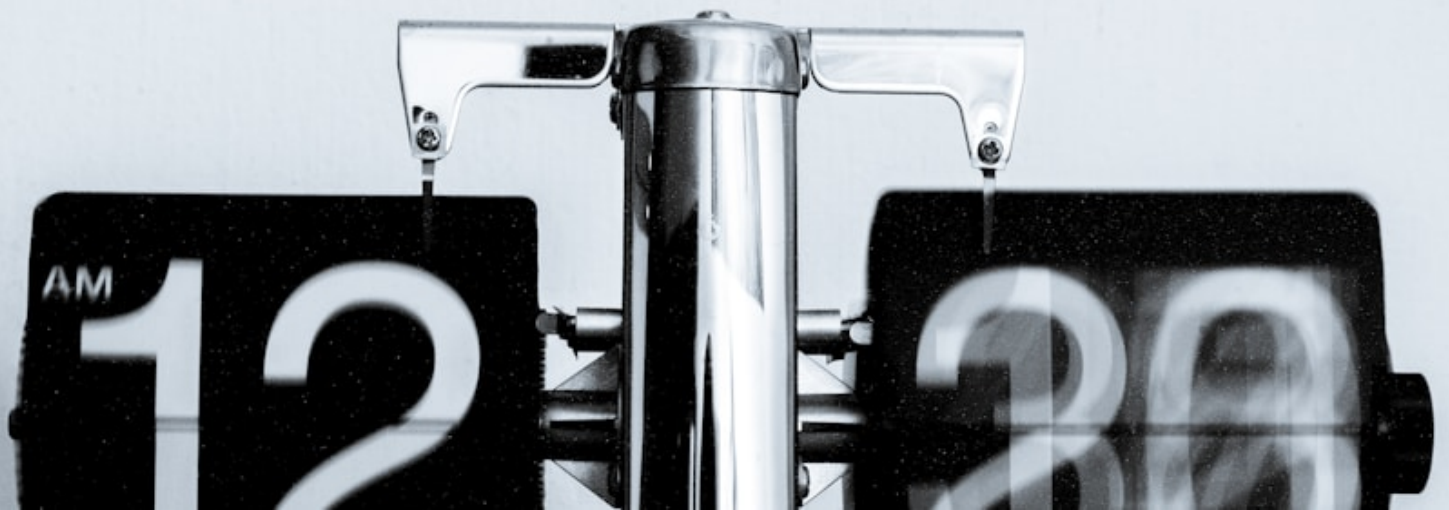
For high-value cases, such as fraudsters, fugitives, and hidden asset locates, you need more than just a data dump. You need real intelligence—a combination of geolocation tracking, financial forensics, and behavioral analysis.



Advanced Skip Tracing Techniques That Get Results

1 Historical & Real-Time Geolocation Tracking

Instead of relying on old address records, we track where the subject has actually traveled, even if they use burner phones or change identities.



2 Banking, Crypto & Asset Intelligence

Following financial footprints often leads directly to the target. Fraud suspects often believe crypto wallets are untraceable—but with the right tools, we can follow blockchain transactions to real-world cash-out points. We also can follow bank card transactions when they are on the run.



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Behavioral & Predictive Movement Analysis

People are creatures of habit—they still need to work, eat, and live. By analyzing where they've been through high-tech geo-signal tracking, we can predict where they are likely to be next.

A group of people are gathered in what appears to be an art gallery or a modern office space. In the center, a man in a dark suit and tie is looking towards the camera with a serious expression. To his left, a woman with long brown hair is looking down at her phone. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair is gesturing with her hands as if in conversation. The background is filled with various abstract art pieces, including a large one with colorful geometric shapes and another with a grid pattern. The lighting is warm and focused on the people.

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International Tracking

People who flee often still have digital footprints—even if they don't realize it. Airline bookings, crypto withdrawals, and rental agreements can lead to their next destination.



Real-World Case Study: The \$100 Million Investigation


The Challenge:


An ex-bank official vanished with \$100 million from a real estate transaction.


Initial Roadblocks:


- ✓ No active addresses or phone records.
- ✓ No visible bank accounts in his name.
- ✓ Traditional skip tracing methods yielded zero results.

Our Approach & Breakthrough

 Step 1: Geolocation Tracking → Identified movement patterns tied to business associates' addresses.

 Step 2: Asset Tracking → Discovered a linked financial account still making transactions.

 Step 3: Alias Identity Analysis → Found a new identity in Venezuela, confirmed by recent banking activity.

 Step 4: Cell Phone Tracking → Pinpointed his location and handed the case to the insurance company & DEA.

Outcome:

Within two weeks, the investigation led to the subject's arrest and recovery efforts for stolen funds.



Why This Matters for Private Investigators

- ◆ If you only use traditional skip tracing tools, you're missing 30-40% of cases.
- ◆ The hardest subjects to find require forensic-level intelligence—not just public records.
- ◆ By combining geolocation, financial tracking, and predictive analytics, you can close cases faster.



The Future of Skip Tracing for PIs

As people become more sophisticated at hiding, Private Investigators must evolve their techniques.

- ✂ What worked 5 years ago no longer works today.
- ✂ Traditional skip tracing is becoming outdated.
- ✂ Advanced intelligence & forensic tracking are the future.

For PIs handling seemingly impossible locate cases, the key to success is leveraging cutting-edge technology, comprehensive data analysis, and predictive modeling.

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