

## Cell Phone Forensics | Homicide

### Scenario

Criminal Defense case where the client attorney has three cellphones, related to a homicide. The client needed to understand the relationships between the owners of the cellphones.

### The Challenge

The client attorney wanted a better understanding of why the shooting took place. The three cellphones were collected by law enforcement, but no analysis was completed by law enforcement on the communication between the parties involved.

### The Solution

The client attorney hired Vestige to perform digital forensics and analysis of the cellphones involved in the case.

- Through the analysis, Vestige was able to determine that the Victim and one of the female subjects in the case had been involved in a sexual relationship.
- Vestige was also able to pull out all of the text communication, pictures and videos between the parties.
- Digital evidence showed the Victim in this case tried to communicate with female subject with different social media applications, after being blocked.
- The location data within the Victims cellphone also revealed stalking-like behavior.
- A video on the Victim's phone showed a successful kidnapping attempt of the female subject.
- The Victim's cellphone showed that he would repeatedly show up at the female subject's house after she got off work. This was the same activity on the night the Victim was shot.
- A video map of the Victim's movements the night of the shooting was created and turned over to the prosecution based on cell phone location data.

### The Result

All of the additional videos, communication and location data of the Victim, was turned over to the prosecution. After showing the malicious actions of the Victim, based on his cellphone evidence, the prosecution dropped the charges of the shooter from Capital Murder and reduced it to Manslaughter.

### Key Points

*Vestige was contacted to perform Cell Phone Forensics to analyze communications between parties involved in a homicide.*



*A murder was indeed committed. However, the guilty person's sentence was greatly reduced based on cell phone forensics that uncovered digital evidence & location data that demonstrated provocation, excessive stalking and attempted kidnapping by the victim before he was killed.*

*See sanitized letter from the shooter's attorney to Vestige after the court ruling on the **BACK** of this page >>*

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# Testimonial Letter | from Law Firm

The following is a sanitized follow-up letter Vestige received after court and his sentence was reduced:

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TO: Vestige Digital Investigations

Dear Vestige,

I want to send my sincerest thanks for the work Vestige did on the case.

Your work was a large reason we were able to show the district attorney that our client was justified in his actions in this case. You literally were a large reason we were able to give this young man his life back. You should be very proud!

By way of explanation, I am learned counsel for the Administrative Office of the United States courts, which means I handle some of the most complex criminal cases in the country and was previously appointed by the United Nations to represent the lead defendant in the second largest international criminal case in history. The reason I give this background is because I have worked with many of the world's leading experts in many forensic disciplines, including digital forensics.

Of all the digital forensic experts I have worked with, your ability to explain complicated information in ways attorneys and ordinary people can understand, is the best I have ever seen.

Please know that you have the gratitude of our client, his family, and our entire team. It speaks very well of you and Vestige that you were willing to work on this indigent client's case. I look forward to working with you again someday.

Please advise if there is some manner in which I can acknowledge your professionalism and skill so that other potential clients of Vestige can know of the work you do. Also, feel free to share this letter with potential clients.

Sincerely,

**James A. Castle**

**Attorney at Law**



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