



ENHANCED BUSINESS INTEGRITY REVIEWS

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Section 1:

WHAT IS A BUSINESS INTEGRITY REVIEW?

What is a Business Integrity Review?

- A background check for vendors
- An opportunity to prevent a vendor who is likely to be noncompliant from gaining authorization
- An opportunity to save resources

Two Types of Business Integrity Review

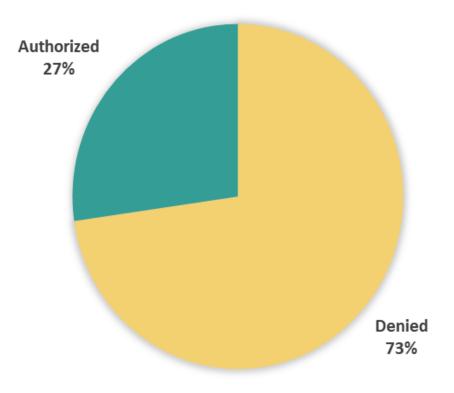
Basic Review

- 15 30 minutes
- Information search and verification
- Same for all vendors

Enhanced Review

- Time consuming
- Request and examine documents
- No two are the same.

Results of Enhanced Business Integrity Reviews



11 Enhanced Reviews since 2016

- 3 vendors authorized
- 8 vendors denied
- Zero vendor appeals

Section 2:

LAWS, RULES AND POLICY: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

7 CFR § 246.12(g)(3)(ii)

Activities indicating a lack of business integrity include fraud, antitrust violations, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, receiving stolen property, making false claims, and obstruction of justice.

Washington Administrative Code 246-790

- Provide complete and truthful information
- Cooperate with requests
- Provide business and financial documents
- No outstanding violations, claims, or disqualification
- Not disqualified from SNAP
- State may verify identity of applicant

Washington Administrative Code 246-790

When there is an outstanding WIC or SNAP sanction or claim, don't:

- Sell store to or buy store from a relative or person with a financial relationship
- Reorganize the business structure to avoid the sanction or claim (convert corporation to LLC)

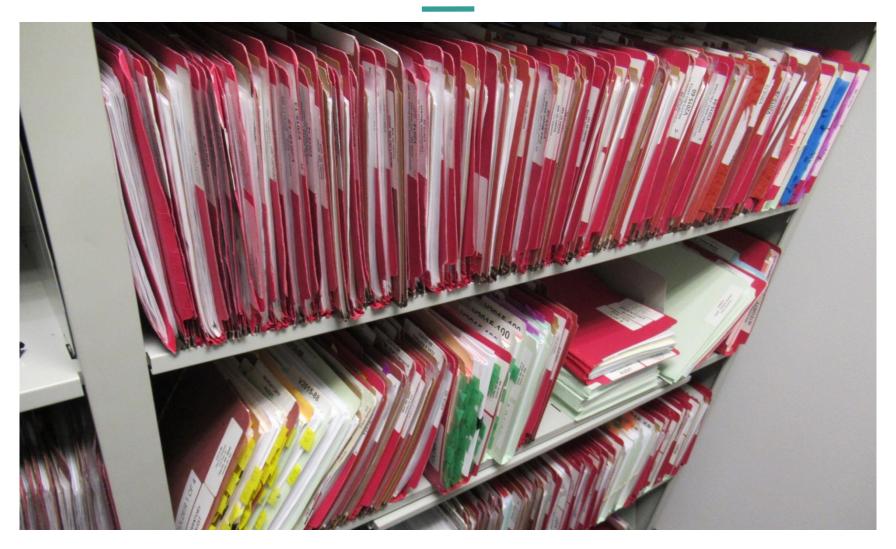
Section 3:

HOW TO DO A BASIC BUSINESS INTEGRITY REVIEW

Collect Information

- Past history of sanctions
- Do they own other businesses? Who are they in business with?
- Business, financial, or family connections to a sanctioned person or entity
- Criminal convictions or civil judgments
- Provided truthful and accurate information

Search Your Records



Investigative Databases





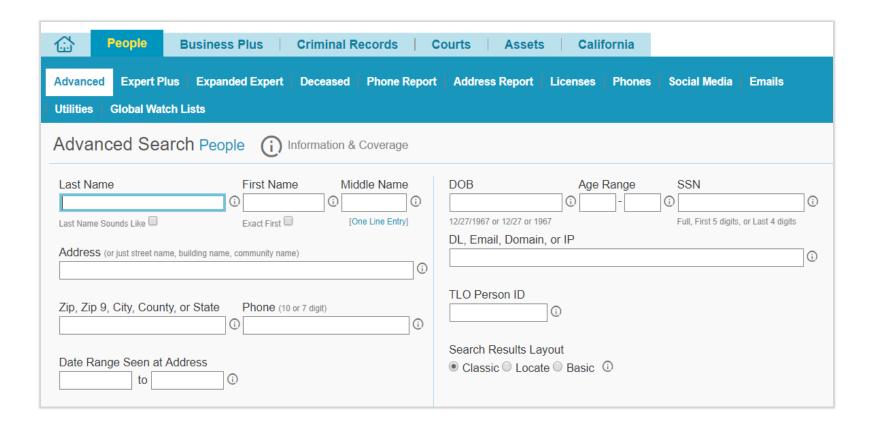


- Useful for identifying applicants and finding connections
- Addresses, aliases, phone numbers, property, vehicles, liens, relatives, associates

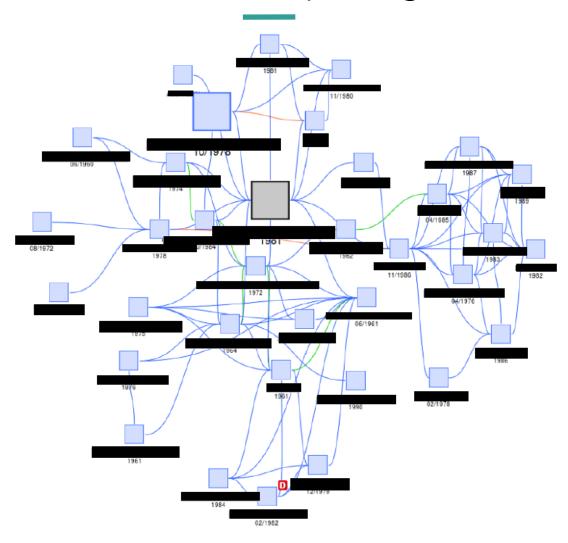
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Can be inaccurate or outdated

TLO Person Search



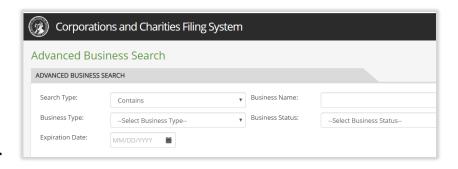
TLO Relationship Diagram



Public Information Sources

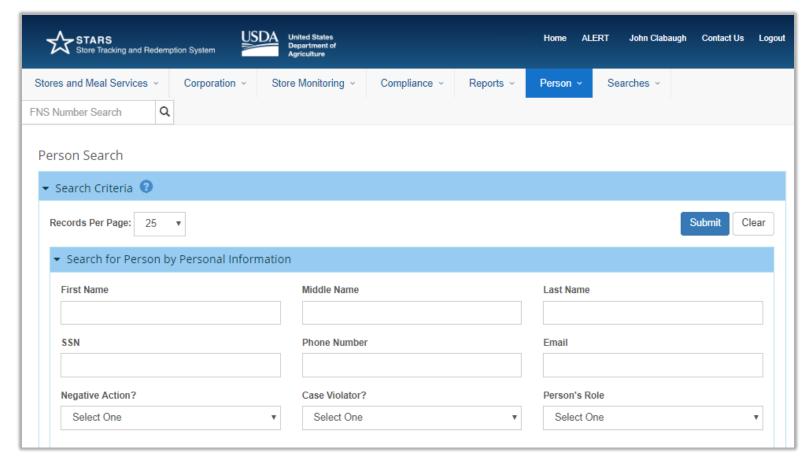
- Secretary of State
- Business licensing
- Workers compensation
- County assessor/treasurer
- County auditor/recorder
- Vehicle licensing





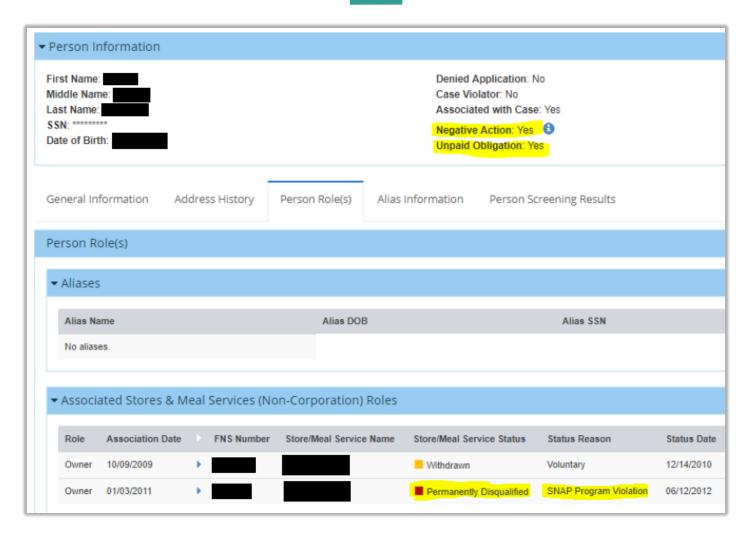


STARS Person Search

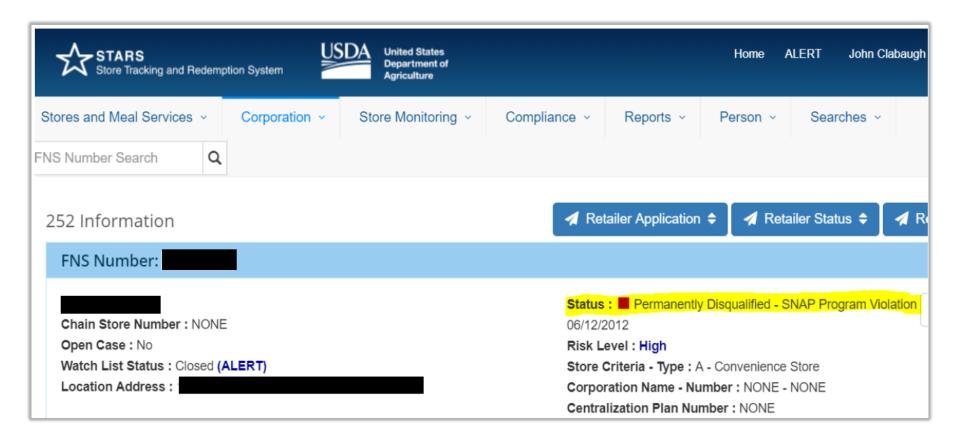


(Website: stars.fns.usda.gov)

STARS Person Search Results

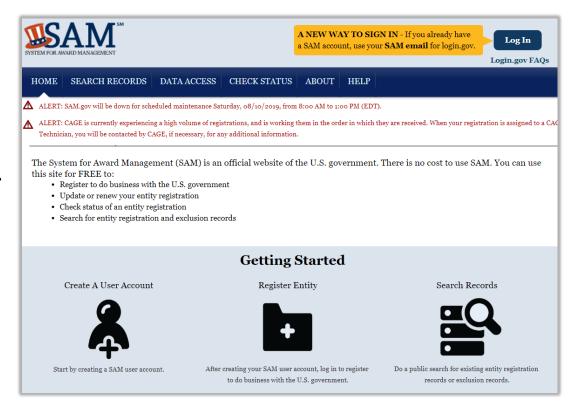


STARS Store/Meal Service Search



System for Award Management

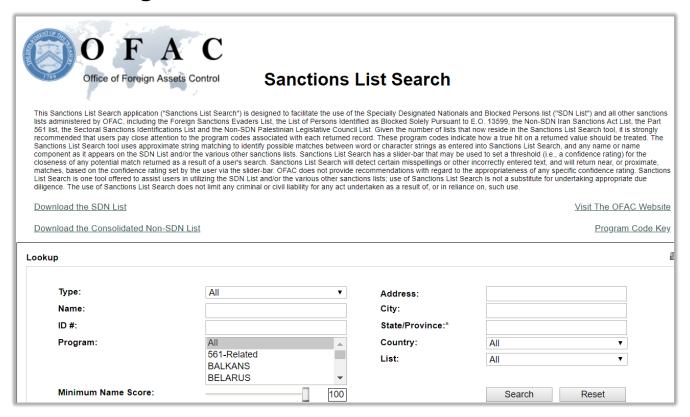
- Are they excluded from federal contracting?
- Search records > Advanced search -**Exclusion**



(Website: Sam.gov)

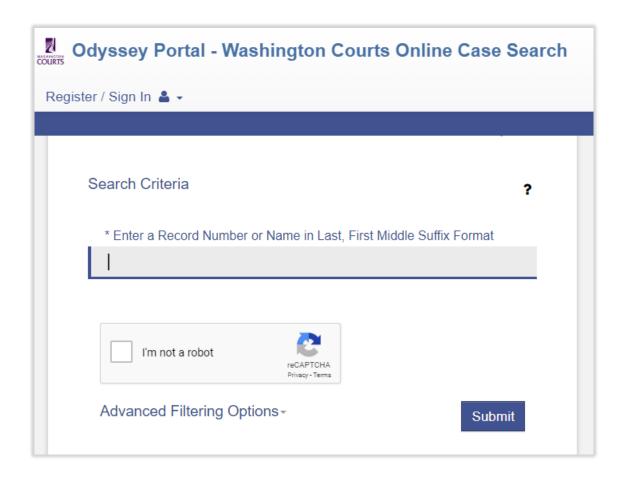
U.S. Treasury Sanctions

Office of Foreign Assets Control: Trade and economic sanctions



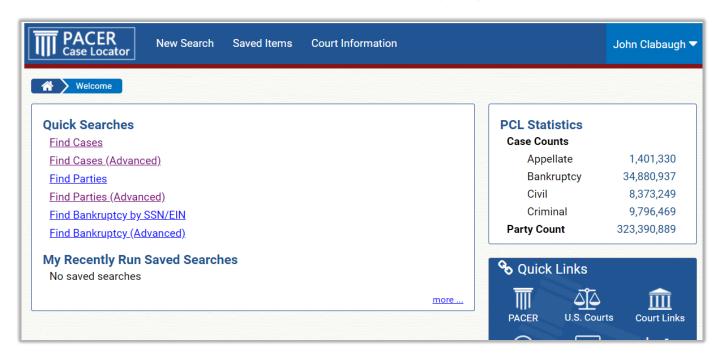
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State and Local Court Records



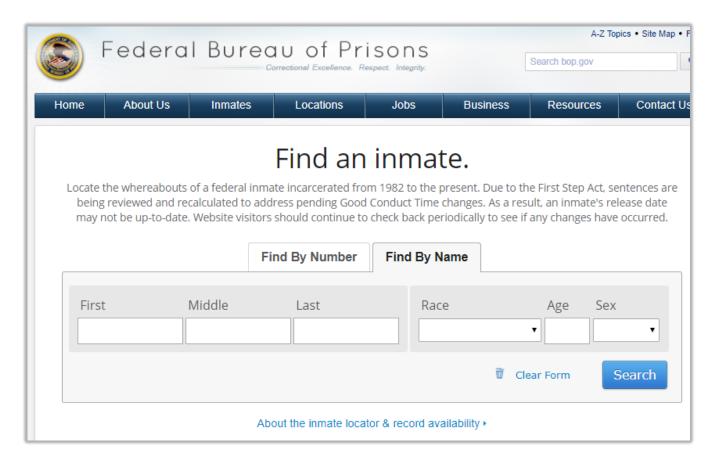
PACER – Federal Court Records

Criminal, civil, and bankruptcy records



(Website: pacer.gov)

Bureau of Prisons – Inmate Locator



(Website: bop.gov/inmateloc)

Do They Meet the Selection Criteria?

- Minimum quantity and variety of supplemental foods
- Approved infant formula supplier







Section 4

HOW TO DO AN ENHANCED BUSINESS INTEGRITY REVIEW

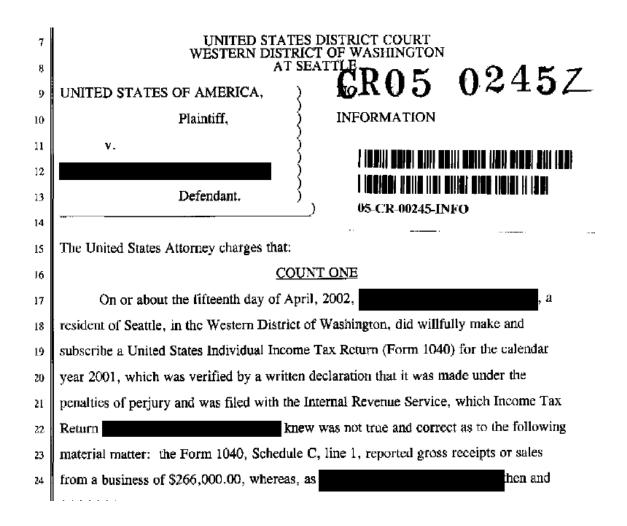
Collect Evidence

- Evidence to substantiate that there is a business, financial, or family connection between the applicant and a sanctioned person or entity
- Details about criminal convictions or civil judgments
- Follow the money

State and Local Court Documents

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SID:			Defendant Used Mo		e
DOB:	170011100		First Time Offender	r	
	, 17GS11180		🛘 Jail One Year or Le	ess	
PCN: 926137182			☐ Juvenile Decline ☐ Mandatory ☐ Discretionary		
I. Hearing The court conducted a sentencing hearing this date and present were: Defendant: Defendant's Lawyer: DEPUTY PROSECUTOR: II. Findings 2.1 Current Offenses: The defendant is guilty of the following offenses, based upon a guilty					
plea on April 18, 2018:					
Count	Crime		RCW	Class	Date
1 Vio	lation of the Unifo	rm Controlled	69.50.401(1), (2)(c)	С	09/21/17
Sub	stances Act: Manu	ıfacture			
Mar	rijuana				

Federal Courts – Indictment or Information



Federal Courts – Judgment

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		Un	NITED STAT	ES DISTRICT C	COURT	
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U	NITED STATES		TILLER .		A CRIMINAL CASE	
			AT SEATTLE	ner Case Number:	CR05-0245TSZ	
		81	ERK U.S. DISTRICT OF WAS	USM Number:	35442-086	
THE DE	FENDANT:			Defendant's Attorney		
📕 pleaded	guilty to count(s)	1 of the I	nformation		(Date of	Plea: June 27, 20
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The defend	ant is adjudicated a	guilty of the	se offenses:			
<u>Title</u>	& Section		Nature of	Offense	Date Offense Concluded	Caunt No.
26 U.S.	.C. § 7205(1)	Willfully Fi	iling False Tax Return		4/15/2002	1

Federal Courts – Bankruptcy

Fill in this information to identify you	r case:
Debtor 1	
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	Western District of Washington
Case number (if known)	

Check one box only	as directed	in this f	orm and	in
Form 22A-1Supp:				

- 1. There is no presumption of abuse
- 2. The calculation to determine if a presumption of abuse applies will be made under Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation (Official Form 22A-2).
- 3. The Means Test does not apply now because of qualified military service but it could apply later.
- Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 22A - 1

Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for being accurate. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. Include the line number to which the additional information applies. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). If you believe that you are exempted from a presumption of abuse because you do not have primarily consumer debts or because of qualifying military service, complete and file Statement of Exemption from Presumption of Abuse Under § 707(b)(2) (Official Form 22A-1Supp) with this form.

Part 1: Calculate Your Current Monthly Income What is your marital and filing status? Check one only. ■ Not married, Fill out Column A, lines 2-11. Married and your spouse is filing with you. Fill out both Columns A and B, lines 2-11. ☐ Married and your spouse is NOT filing with you. You and your spouse are: ☐ Living in the same household and are not legally separated. Fill out both Columns A and B, lines 2-11. Living separately or are legally separated. fill out Column A, lines 2-11; do not fill out Column B. By checking this box, you declare under penalty of perjury that you and your spouse are legally separated under nonbankruptcy law that applies or that you and your spouse are living apart for reasons that do not include evading the Means Test requirements. 11 U.S.C § 707(b)(7)(B).

Fill in the average monthly income that you received from all courses, derived during the 6 full months before you file this bankruptou

Bill of Sale or Purchase and Sale Agreement



known as

BILL OF SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That and 00/100 Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby
acknowledged, to it in hand paid by acknowledged, to it in hand paid by
second part, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and deliver unto the said party of the second part, the
following described personal property now located at City of County of Count
state of Washington, to-wit:
Furniture, fixtures and equipment inventory and other intangible assets of that certain business

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the said party of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. And said party of the first part, for its heirs, executors, administrators, covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, their executors, administrators and assigns, that said party of the first part is owner of the said property, goods and chattels and has good right and full authority to sell the same, and that it will warrant and defend the sale hereby made unto the said party of the second part, their executors, administrators and assigns, against all and every person or person, whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set its hand this 23rd day of November, 2010.



Lease Agreement

<u>LEASE</u>
THIS LEASE AND OPTION made this commencement date of
December, 2015, by and between hereinafter
referred to as Lessor, and hereinafter referred to
as Lessee,
WITNESSETH:
The Lessor does hereby lease to the Lessee those certain premises
commonly known as , Washington,
County, Washington, to-wit:
TOGETHER WITH the operating equipment, furniture, fixtures, leasehold improvements of said property. Upon the following terms and conditions:
1. TERM: The term of the lease shall be for a period of 10 years
(with 5 year option to extend) commencing on the above
commencement date with lease deposit of \$10,000 which is
refundable after taking subsequent adjustments when lease is

RENT: The rental for the premises shall be \$11800.00 per month, payable monthly in advance on or before the 20th day of each month for much month. Direct Description 1 11 1

terminated.

Bank Statements





1.888.BUSINESS (1.888.287.4637)

bankofamerica.com

Bank of America, N.A. P.O. Box 25118 Tampa, FL 33622-5118

Your Business Fundamentals Checking

for September 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

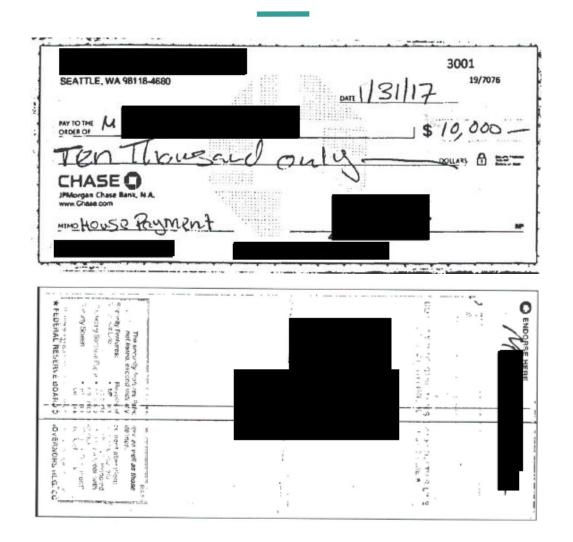
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Account summary

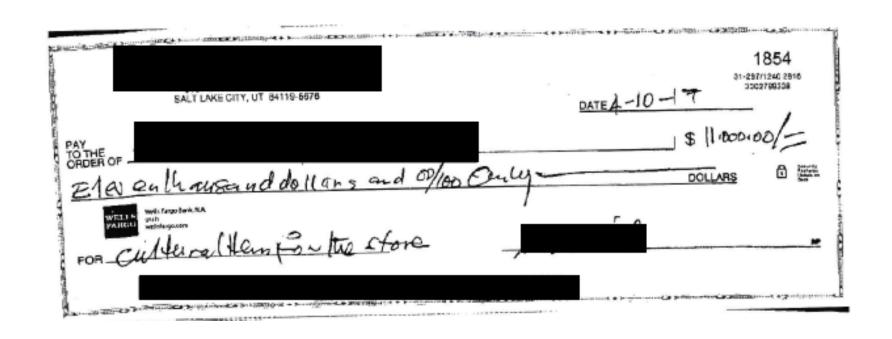
Ending balance on September 30, 2017	\$755.44	
Service fees	-0.00	
Checks	-3,508.86	
Withdrawals and other debits	-4,697.79	
Deposits and other credits	8,901.09	
Beginning balance on September 1, 2017	\$61.00	

of deposits/credits: 53 # of withdrawals/debits: 51 # of items-previous cycle1: 0 # of days in cycle: 30 Average ledger balance: \$1,069.89 ¹Includes checks paid,deposited items&other debits

Check Withdrawals



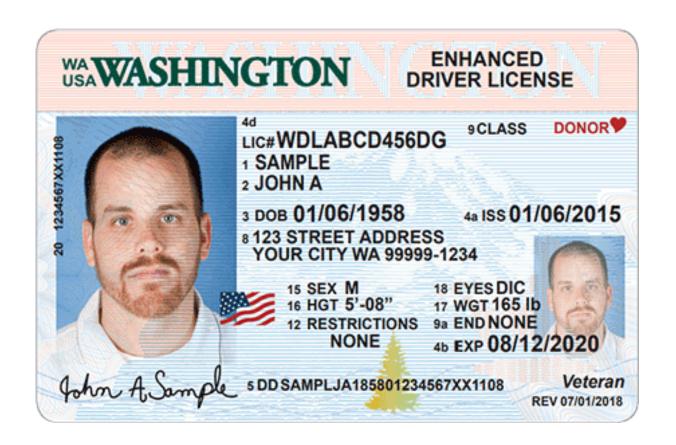
Check Deposits



Account Signature Cards

WASHINGTON TRUST BANK		Account Owner(s) Name & Address	
03/09/2016			
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Driver's License or ID Card



Surveillance





Social Media facebook Linked in **►** YouTube

- Confirm associates and relationships look at friends
- Public profiles with incriminating evidence

Section 5

CASE STUDY: GREEN FRESH MARKET

Red Flags

- Prior store failed WIC inventory audit, 3 year DQ
- STARS comments note red flags

Prior owner has new business at same location



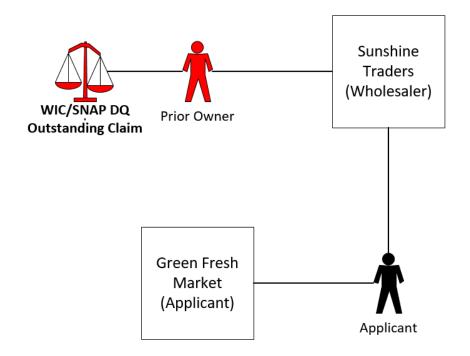
Key Evidence

- Surveillance of warehouse of Sunshine Traders
- Public disclosure from WA Dept. of Agriculture

Washington State Department of Agriculture Food Safety Program PO BOX 42591 Olympia, WA 98504-2591 (360) 902-1876 food Storage Warehouse License License Expiration Date: March 31st						
Issued To:		Site Add	ess: L	icense Number:	RECEIVEL	
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Findings

- Prior owner and Applicant co-own Sunshine Traders
- Applicant falsely stated that they have no businesses together
- Applicant refused to cooperate with the review



Disposition

- Denied due to existing financial relationship
- Did not appeal



Section 6

CASE STUDY: BOB'S GROCERY & DELI

Red Flags

- Applicant Jimmy Garrison used to own a store with brother Danny
- Danny owned a different store that was PDQ from SNAP
- Jimmy and Danny co-own Garrisons LLC, which owns the building that Bob's is in



Key Evidence

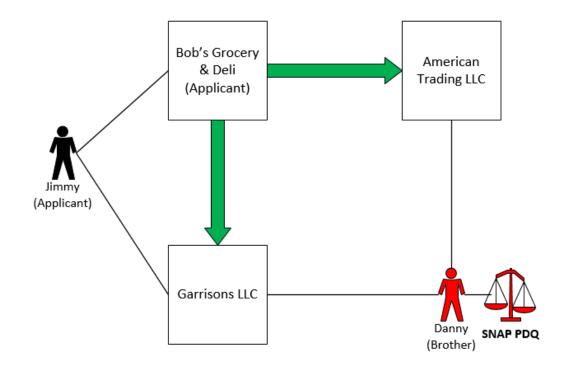
- Bank signature card shows Danny is authorized to sign checks
- 162 checks are signed by Danny
- \$114,170 to American Trading LLC, which is owned by Danny

Count of Checks Signed by Danny & Jimmy						
Garrison						
	Total	Signed by	Signed by			
Month	Checks	Jimmy	Danny			
Mar-16	82	24	6			
Jul-16	101	0	26			
Aug-16	99	0	19			
Sep-16	99	0	30			
Oct-16	95	0	24			
Nov-16	99	0	27			
Dec-16	101	0	30			
TOTAL	676	24	162			

Checks to American Trading LLC					
	Check				
Date	#	Amount	Maker		
6/21/2016	2628	\$35,000	Danny		
9/8/2016	2890	\$28,500	Danny		
10/8/2016	3001	\$25,670	Danny		
11/29/2016	3164	\$25,000	Danny		
Total		\$114,170			

Findings

- Danny has undisclosed interests in Bob's Grocery & Deli
- Danny is receiving financial benefit from the store in two ways



Disposition

- Denied due to existing financial relationship
- Did not appeal
- Case referred to USDA Office of Inspector General



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