

Case: Due Diligence Inquiry

A southern California businessman requested a due diligence report regarding the lifestyle and habits of a younger acquaintance of his business partner who began aggressively interfering with their business relationship.

In depth courthouse research revealed the acquaintance had recently been arrested in Northern California and charged with misdemeanor battery for physically attacking a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

Surveillance efforts proved frustrating due to several factors. First, the subject was apparently in the process of moving from one residence to another at the time surveillance was initiated. We initially found him at his reported residence but eventually it became clear that he no longer lived there.

Second, the subject kept inconsistent hours at his place of employment, his father's mortgage business. One day his vehicle was spotted in the parking lot in early afternoon and was the only vehicle left when surveillance discontinued at 10:00 p.m. The vehicle was still parked and unmoved early the following morning.

Thirdly, it seemed the subject spent at least some of the time out of town, perhaps in Southern California.

Finally, those few times when he was successfully located he was found to be unusually alert to his surroundings. He performed several counter surveillance measures that were likely due to the criminal battery case pending against him.