

# Where's Vedder?

## The Challenge:

Please help find our dear friend Vedder Casyn. His last known location was [this location](#). We believe it's within a public forest area in his home state.

The answer should represent the MD5 hash of the address of the location. For example, if the address is: "150 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10006" then the flag will be e8244cb2f4d53117e9797af909123e86. Make sure to have the address format the same as above.

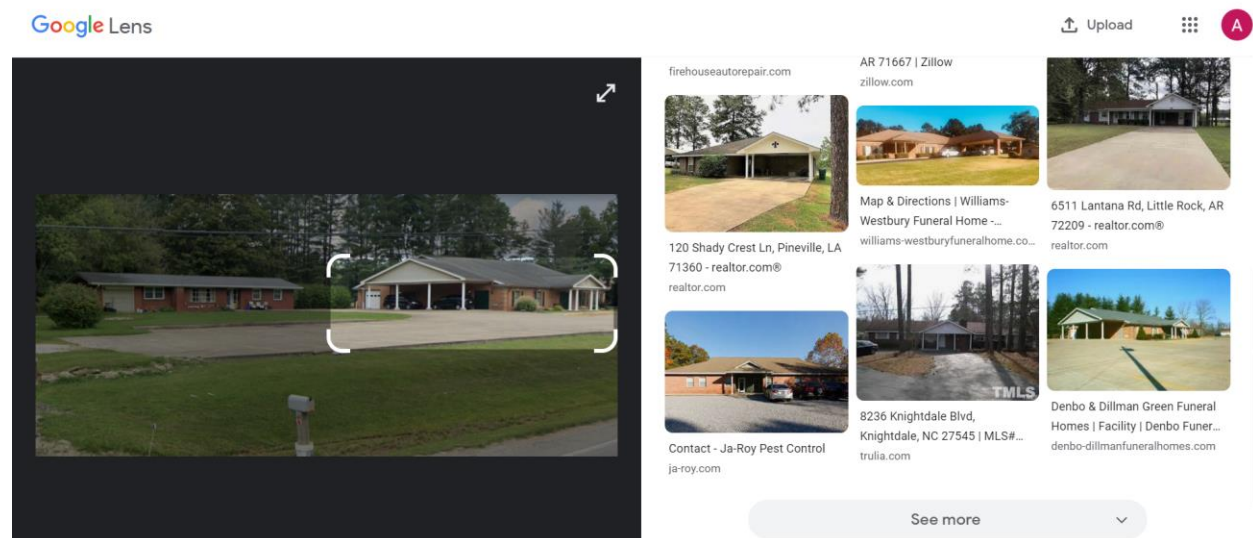
[This video](#) is helpful for thinking about the right way.

## Step 1 - Observations:

We started inspecting the files for clues. Came up empty-handed metadata. The team agreed the building looked like a funeral home or church. There were no identifying signs on the building and no address or clues on the mailbox. We also tried finding any clues from the second building but came up empty handed.

## Step 2 - Identification

**We tried searching several areas in the photo using google lens. A lucky hit in the location in this photo brought up a building that looked like the place!**



## Step 3 – Confirmation

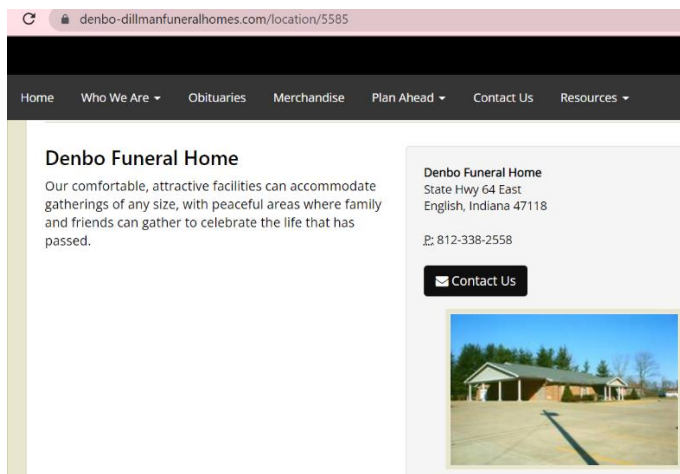


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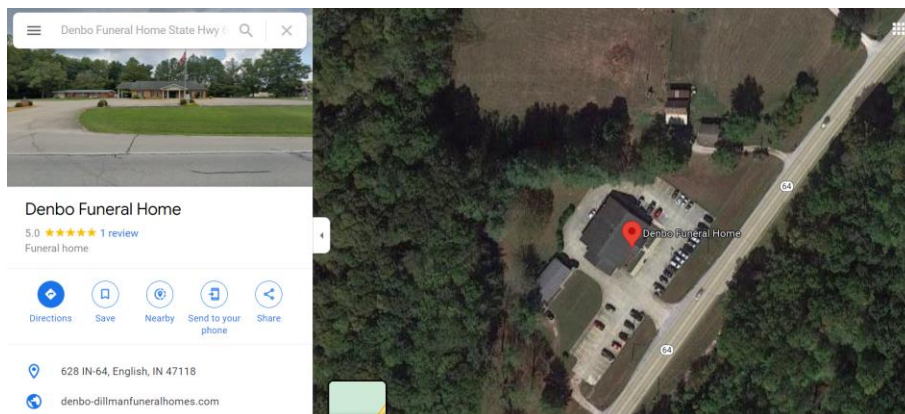


We navigated to the Denbo & Dillman Green Funeral Home by clicking on the photo from the search results.

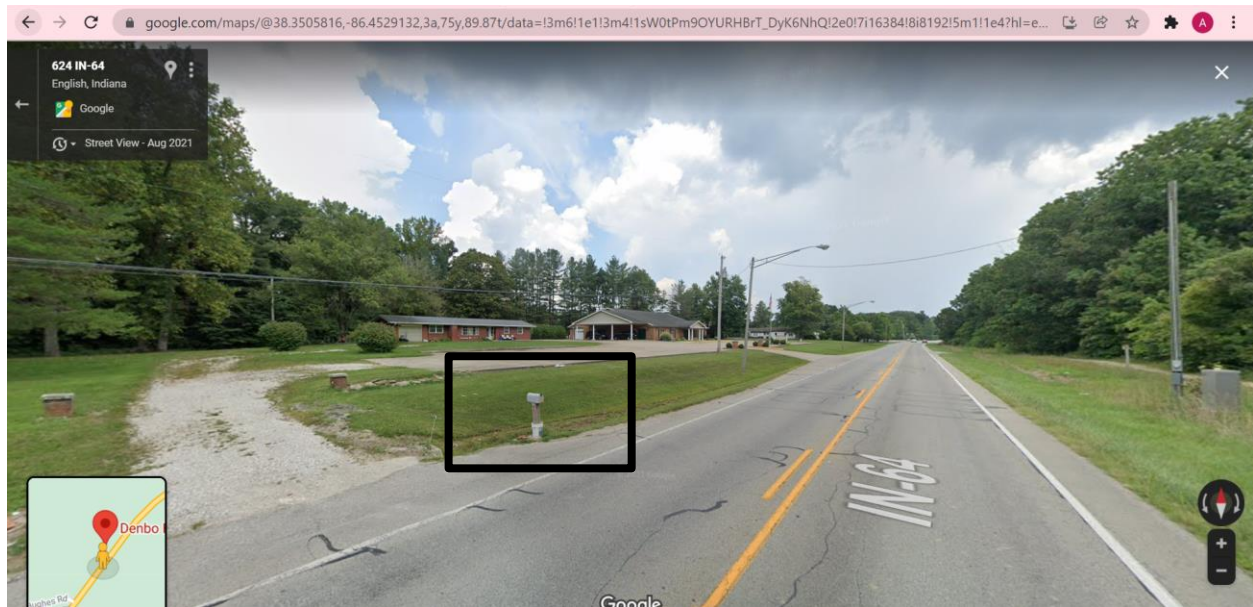
### Website:



Then using the address on Google Maps were able to confirm it was the correct place by examining the mailbox and second building in the photo.



Then checking the street view:



The mailbox confirmed this one for us. It was unique with the bucket at the base of the pole.

#### Step 4 – Flag Generation

The final step was to generate a hash of the standard address, including the address, city, and postal code. We copied the address from Google Maps, hashed it using CyberChef, and entered the flag.

Flag Spoiler:


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## Lessons learned:

The address to enter for the hash could be entered multiple ways. We tried multiple different ways. It was frustrating to say the least but eventually entered the address correctly and scored the flag.

## Fail:

Using address directly from website:

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Operations	Recipe	Input
md	<div>MD5</div>	State Hwy 64 East English, IN 47118
MD2		
MD4		
MD5		
MD6		
Microsoft Script Decoder		
Median		
Play Media		
Hamming Distance		

time: 1  
length: 35  
lines: 1

Output

32604728621163c86fca9532fdfa79c4

## Success:

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md	<div>MD5</div>	628 IN-64, English, IN 47118
MD2		
MD4		
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MD6		
Microsoft Script Decoder		
Median		
Play Media		
Hamming Distance		

start: 7  
end: 28  
length: 21

length: 28  
lines: 1

Output

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