**iPhone Forensic Image: Important Databases and Files**

**Getting Started:** To view the files in the Encase Image

1. Locate “**Results**” in the Left Nav
2. Double Click “**Encryption Detected (1)”**
3. In the Listing Pane – Click “**documents.zip**”
4. Expand “**vol5**”

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| File Name | Description | File Location |
| AddressBook.sqlitedb | Contact information and personal data like name, email address, birthday, organization | vol5/mobile/Library/AddressBook |
| AddressBookImages.sqlitedb | Images associated with saved contacts | vol5/mobile/Library/AddressBook |
| Calendar.sqlitedb | Calendar details and events information | vol5/mobile/Library/Calendar |
| call\_history.db | Incoming and outgoing call logs including phone numbers and time stamps | *vol5/wireless/Library/CallHistory* |
| sms.db | Text and multimedia messages along with their timestamps | *vol5/mobile/Library/SMS/* |
| voicemail.db | Voicemail messages | *vol5/mobile/Library/Voicemail/* |
| Sfari/Bookmarks.db | Saved URL addresses | vol5/mobile/Library/Safari |
| Safari/History.plist | User’s internet browsing history | vol5/mobile/Library/Safari |
| notes\_sqlite | Apple Notes application data | vol5/mobile/Library/Notes |

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| File Name | Description | File Location |
| Maps/History.plist | It keeps track of location searches | vol5/mobile/Library/Maps |
| Maps/Directions.plist | Saved location searches | vol5/mobile/Library/Maps |
| consolidated.db | Stores GPS tracking data | root/Library/Caches/locationd |
| En\_GB-dynamic-text.dat | Keyboard cache | vol5/mobile/Library/Keyboard |
| **general.log** | **Device information** (serial #, version #, etc.) | vol5/logs/AppleSupport |
| **lockdownd.log** | **ICCID number** (Integrated Circuit Card Identifier) identifies each SIM internationally. It is also considered as Issuers Identification Number. | vol5/logs |
| **lockdownd.log.1** | **phone number** | vol5/logs |
| Envelope Index | Email addresses on phone | vol5/mobile/Library/Mail |
| xxxxx. .emlx | Email messages | vol5/mobile/Library/Mail/POP…  /INBOX.mbox/Messages |
| locationd | Google Coordinates of places | root/Library/Caches/locationd |

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**This following contains a description of the major files and how to access them in Autopsy.**

**CALL HISTORY**

One of the most useful databases on the iPhone is the call history. The call history stores the phone numbers of the last people contacted by the suspect. As newer calls are made, the older phone numbers are deleted from the database, but often remain present in the file itself. Querying the database will provide the live call list, while performing a strings dump of the database may reveal additional phone numbers. This can be particularly useful if the suspect cleared the call log. The file */mobile/Library/CallHistory/call\_history.db* contains the call history.

View in Autopsy

1. Select **call\_history.db** in the **Listings** pane
2. Select **Indexed Text** in the **Data Content** pane and scroll down to call

**EMAIL DATABASE**

All mail stored locally on the iPhone (that is, mail that is not downloaded from an IMAP server) is stored in a SQLite database having the filename */mobile/Library/Mail/Envelope Index*.

Unlike other databases, this particular file has no extension, but it is indeed a SQLite database. This file contains information about messages stored locally, including sent messages and the trash can. Data includes message headers, mailboxes, and the message data itself. This database is somewhat complex and contains six tables: mailboxes, messages, message\_data, properties, pop\_uids, and threads.

Mail contains the *email address* used on the phone device.

To obtain a list of **mailboxes** stored on the device:

View in Autopsy

1. Select **mobile/Library/Mail** in the **Directory Tree** pane
2. Select **Envelope Index** in the **Listing** pane
3. Select **Indexed Text**
4. Scroll down to mailboxes

To obtain a list of **email messages** stored on the device:

View in Autopsy

1. Select **mobile/Library/Mail**/POP-coralblue…./Messages in the **Directory Tree** pane
2. Select **the .emlx files** in the **Listing** pane
3. Select **Indexed Text**. The email messages are displayed.

**ADDRESS BOOK CONTACTS**

The address book contains individual contact entries for all of the contacts stored on the iPhone. The address book database can be found at */mobile/Library/AddressBook/AddressBook.sqlitedb*. The following tables are primarily used:

ABPerson

Contains the name, organization, department, and other general information about each contact.

ABRecent

Contains a record of recent changes to properties in the contact database and a timestamp of when each was made.

ABMultiValue

Contains multivalue data for each contact, including phone numbers, email addresses, website URLs, and other data for which the contact may have more than one.

ABMultiValueEntry

Some multivalue entries contain multiple values themselves. For example, an address consists of a city, state, zip code, and country code. For these fields, the individual values will be found in the ABMultiValueEntrytable. This table consists of a parend\_id field, which corresponds to the rowid of the ABMultiValuetable

View in Autopsy

1. Select **mobile/Library/Address Book**/ in the **Directory Tree** pane
2. Select **AddressBook.sqlitedb** in the **Listing** pane
3. Scroll down to ABPerson for listing of people in the address book.
4. Scroll down to ABMultiValue for additional information on each contact in the Addressbook.

**SMS MESSAGES**

The SMS message database contains information about SMS messages sent and received on the device. This includes the phone number of the remote party, timestamp, actual text, and various carrier information. The file can be found on the iPhone’s media partition in */mobile/Library/SMS/sms.db*:

View in Autopsy

1. Select **mobile/Library/SMS** in the **Directory Tree** pane
2. Select **sms.db** in the **Listing** pane
3. Select **Indexed Text**
4. Scroll down to messages

View in SQLite Browser

1. Application -> Database Assessment -> SQLite database
2. Open Database -> corpus -> sms.db
3. Execute SQL -> select \* from message;
4. Click the forward triangle.

**NOTES**

The notes database is located at */mobile/Library/Notes/notes.db* and contains the notes stored for the iPhone’s built-in Notes application. It’s one of the simplest applications on the iPhone, and therefore has one of the simplest databases.

**VOICEMAIL**

The voicemail database contains information about each voicemail stored on the device, and includes the sender’s phone number and callback number, the timestamp, the message duration, the expiration date of the message, and the timestamp (if any) denoting when the message was moved to the trash. The voicemail database is located in */mobile/Library/Voicemail/voicemail.db*, while the voicemail recordings themselves are stored as AMR codec audio files in the directory */mobile/Library/Voicemail/*.

Voice mails must be extracted using SQLlite .

The audio files themselves can be played by any media player supporting the AMR codec. The most commonly used players include Quicktime and VLC.