Disk Drive Investigation for John Brinkley Fake Driver's License Case

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Abstract

A computer forensic investigation was completed on a disk drive seized from the home of John Brinkley with a valid search warrant. Access to the drive was accomplished using a tool called Hiren's BootCD PE, which allowed access into the Windows 7 disk while bypassing the password. In the investigation, several files were recovered containing personal information such as email addresses, home addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth for various individuals. An HTML file was found which appears to have hosted a website for a company called "IDs 'R' Us". Additionally, several images were recovered, some of which contain fake driver's licenses (licenses marked with the words "Fake Driver's License"), and some of which are just pictures of various people. The files recovered during the investigation range in the time of their creation from 2001 to 2016. Also, several emails were recovered during the investigation, many of which specifically mention this "IDs 'R' Us" business. Most of these emails are either addressed to or sent from an individual by the name of Ira Aubrey Badun.

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Affiant's Background

Kollin Labowski is a Computer Science student in the class of 2022 at West Virginia University. He has over 5 years of experience in computer programming, particularly with Java, C, Python, and PHP. He is currently pursuing an area of emphasis in Cybersecurity and has experience penetration testing with Kali Linux. Kollin has used a wide variety of computer forensic tools, including but not limited to, Nmap, Wireshark, Dirbuster, John the Ripper, and Ghidra. Additionally, Kollin is currently enrolled in CPE 435, Computer Incident Response, at West Virginia University. In this class, Kollin gained a solid understanding of the forensic investigation process, and the government policies relating to them. This class is also where Kollin as introduced to many of the forensic tools he had used, particularly as part of the National Cyber League competition, where he ranked within the top 98 percent of the country.

Incident Material

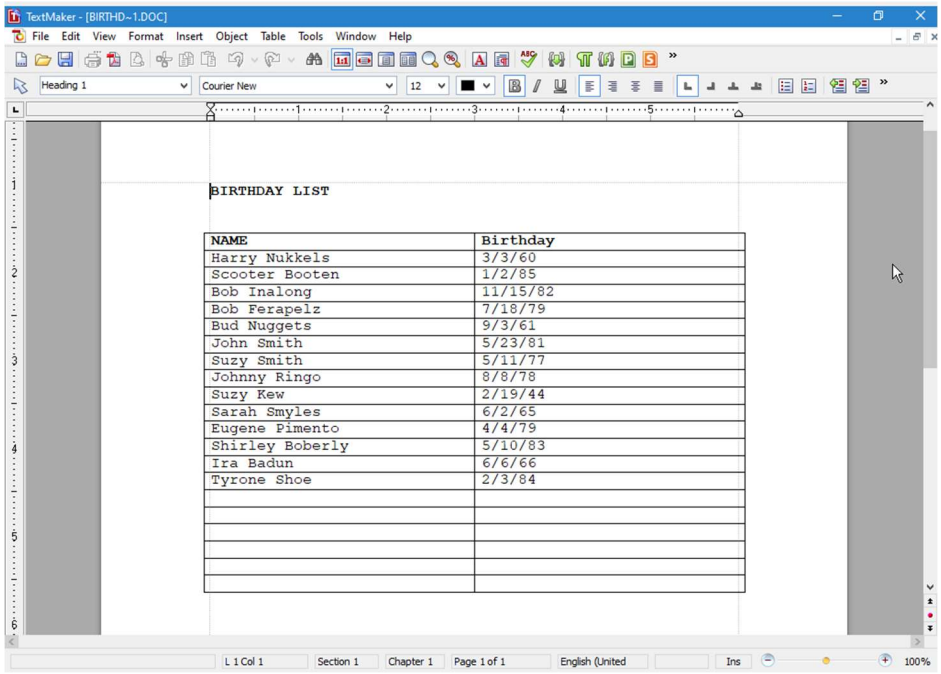
The following section contains images and documents recovered from the disk drive. All files are displayed here in chronological order, based on their "Modified" date. Each image or document displayed here is followed by a screenshot of its metadata. Each document also has its name listed, in addition to a time stamp of the time the file was modified (with accuracy of within a minute). Finally, the directory each of the files were found in can be found by viewing the nearest directory listed above the screenshot of the file (ex: the first file can be found in the directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents\LOOT* as seen below).

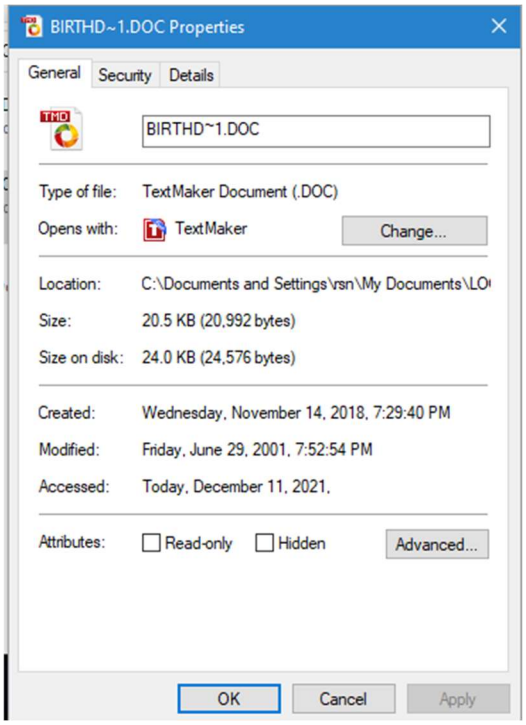
June 29, 2001

On this day, a list of 14 individuals and their birthdays were added to the system.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents\LOOT*

7:52 PM: *BirthD~1.DOC*



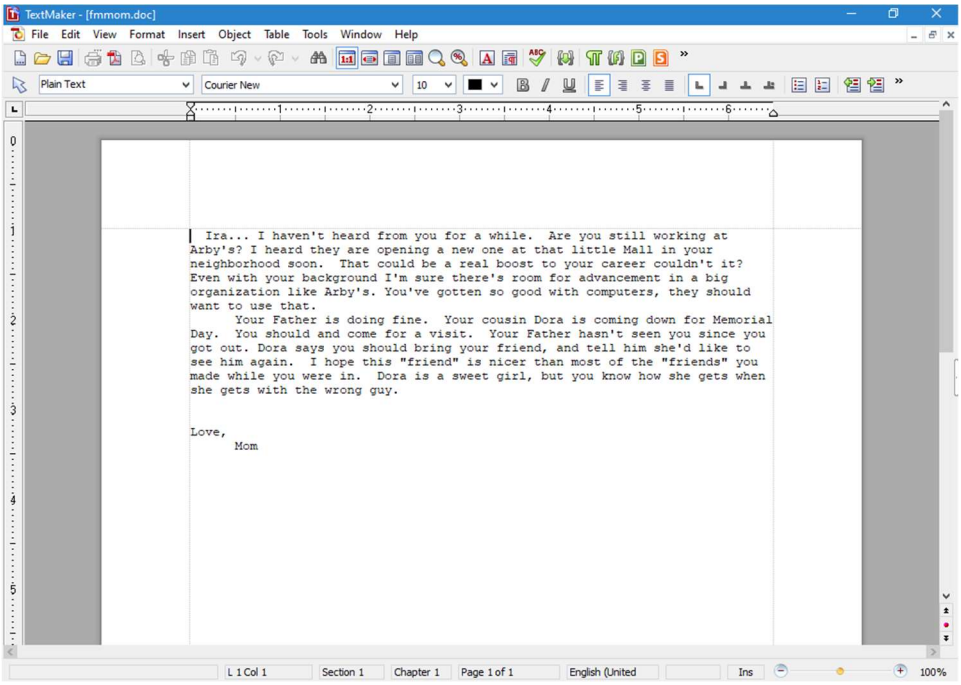


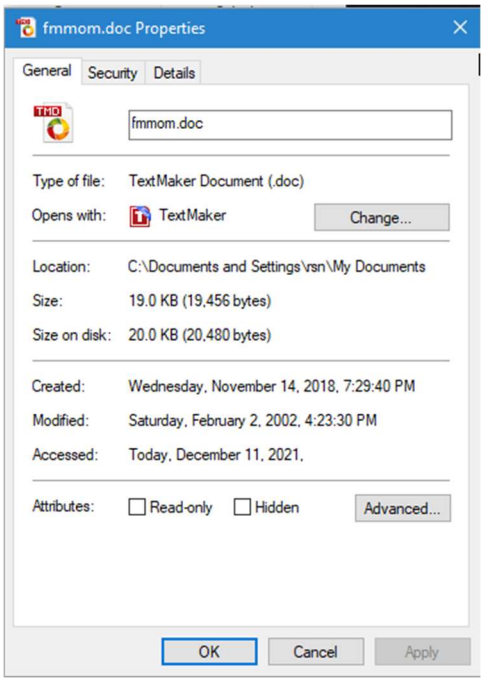
February 2, 2002

On this day, an email was received addressed to an individual named Ira. The email appears to have been sent by this individual's mother.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*

4:23 PM: *fmmom.doc*



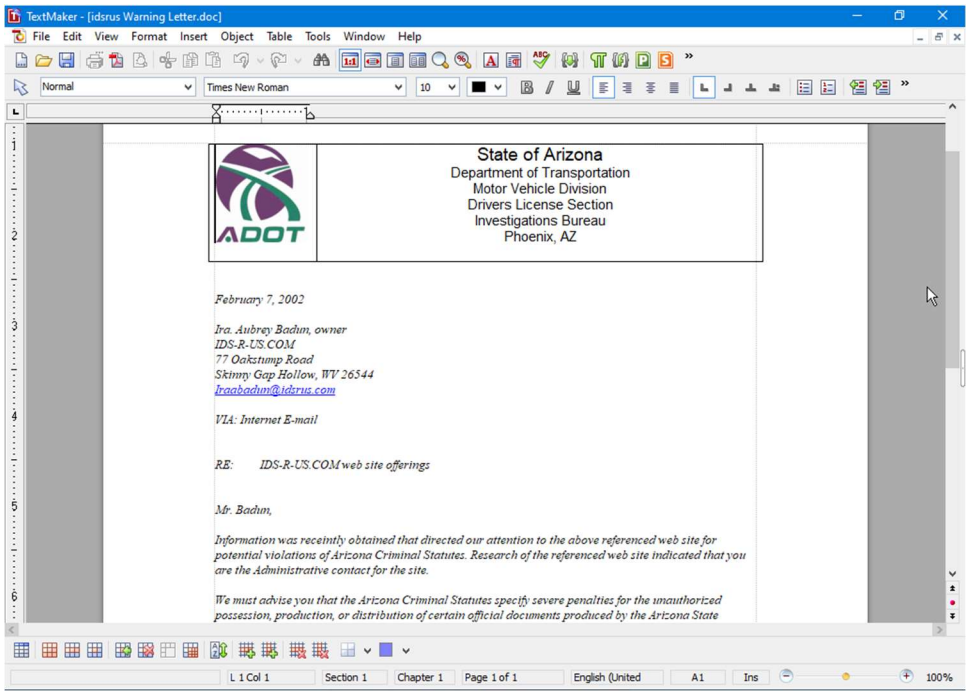


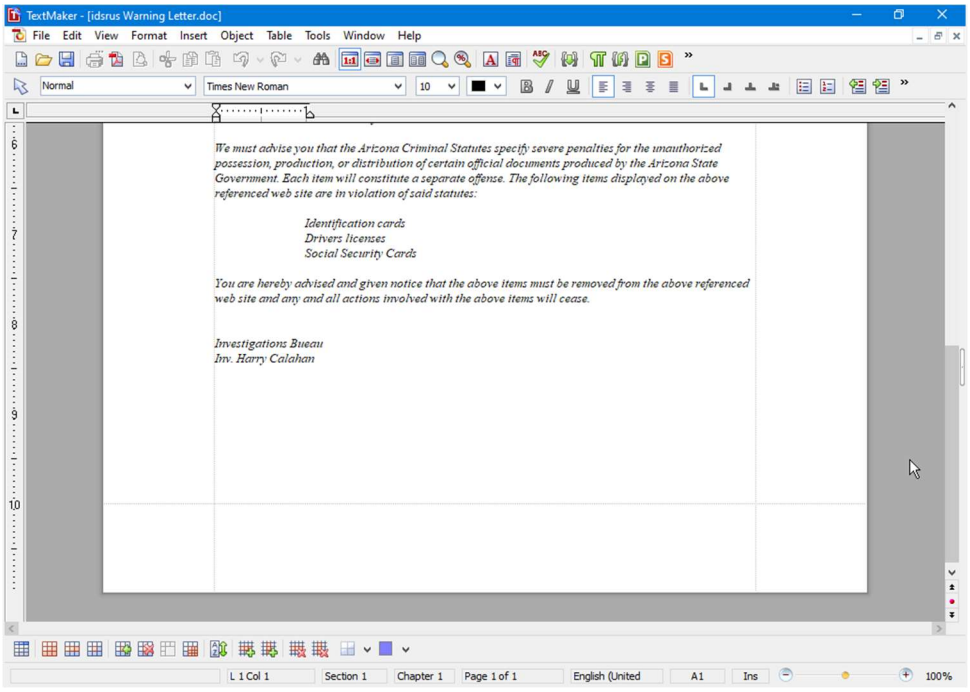
February 7, 2002

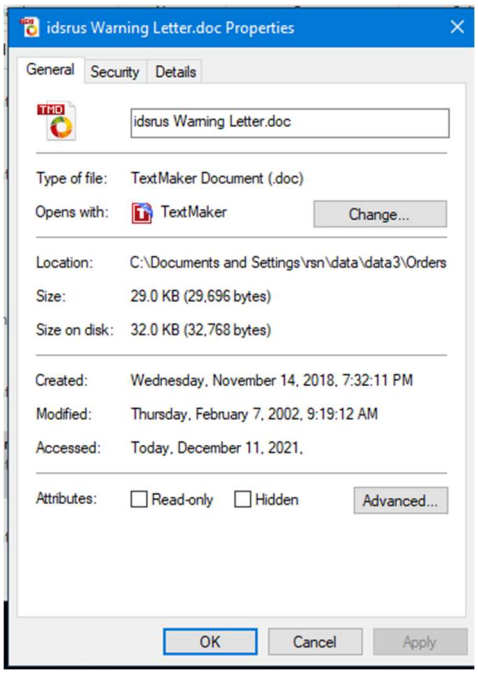
On this day, the State of Arizona Department of Transportation sent a letter to an individual named Ira Aubrey Badun. The letter was regarding some alleged activities that the addressed individual was doing which violated their policies.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records*

9:19 AM: *idsrus Warning Letter.doc*



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General
Security
Details
idsrus Warning Letter.doc
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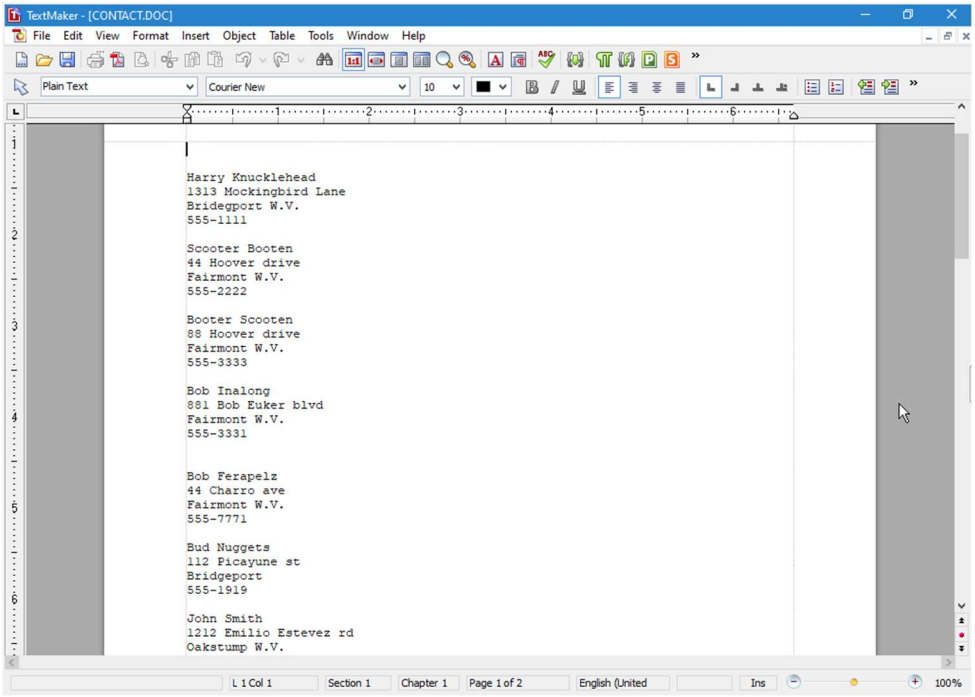
Size on disk: 32.0 KB (32,768 bytes)
Created: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7:32:11 PM
Modified: Thursday, February 7, 2002, 9:19:12 AM
Accessed: Today, December 11, 2021,
Attributes: Read-only Hidden
Advanced...
OK
Cancel
Apply

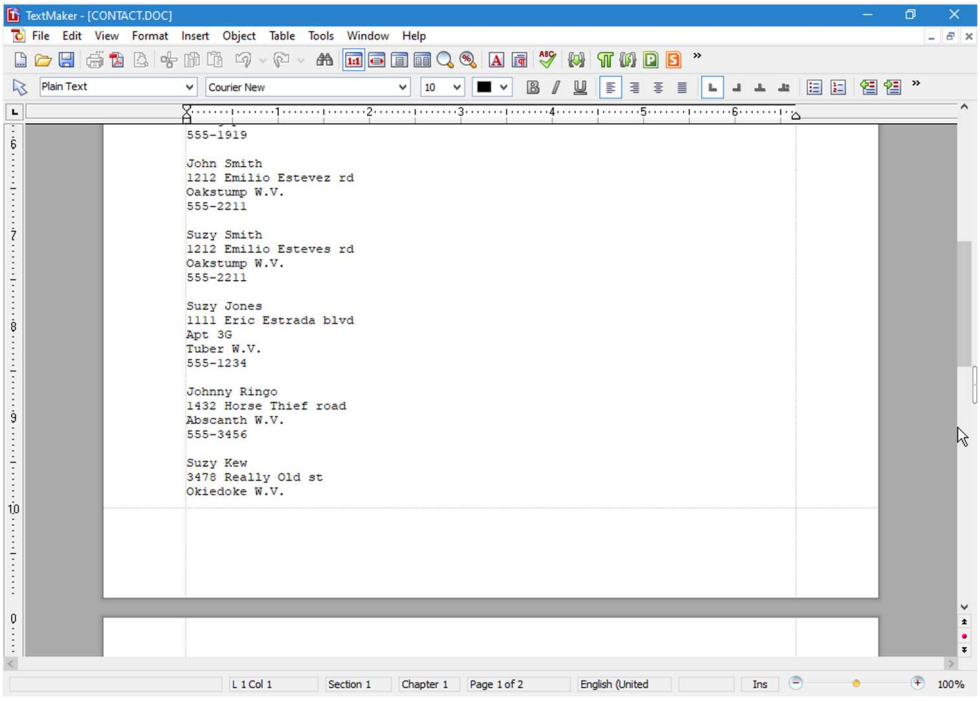
February 11, 2002

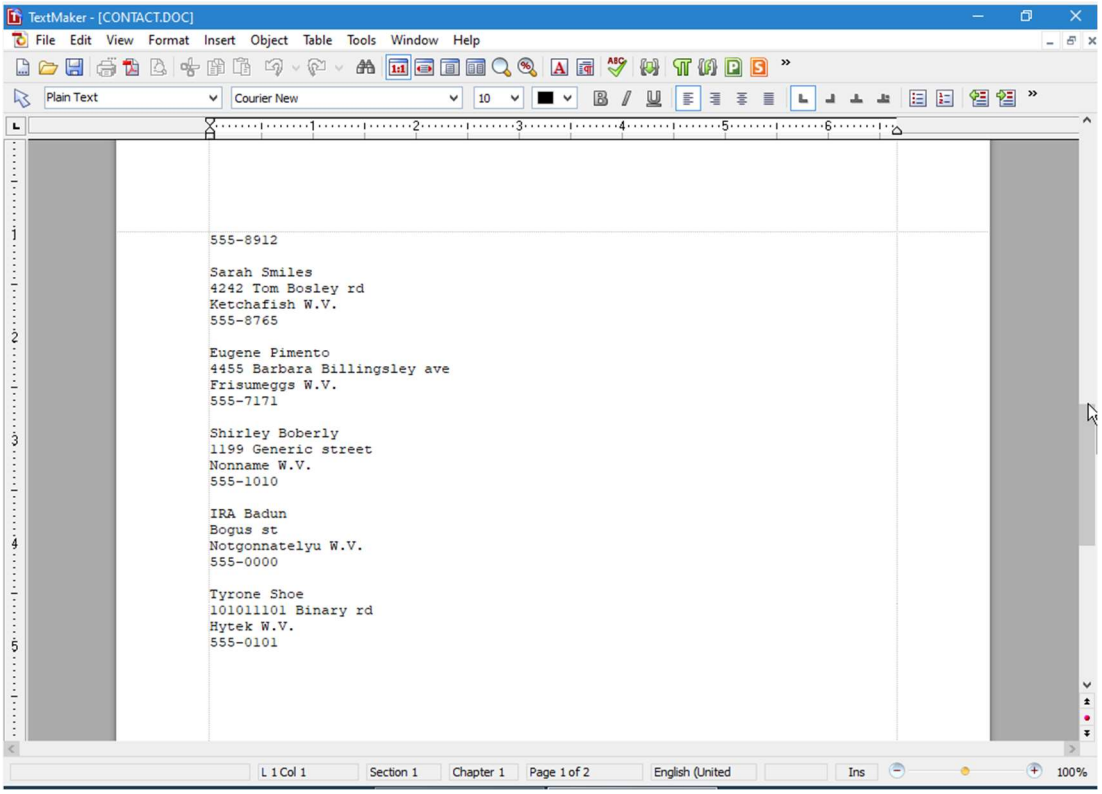
On this day, a list of 16 individuals and what appear to be their home addresses were added to the system.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents\LOOT*

8:01 PM: *CONTACT.DOC*



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Ketchafish W.V.
555-8765
Eugene Pimento
4455 Barbara Billingsley ave
Frisumeggs W.V.
555-7171
Shirley Boberly
1199 Generic street
Nonname W.V.
555-1010
IRA Badun
Bogus st
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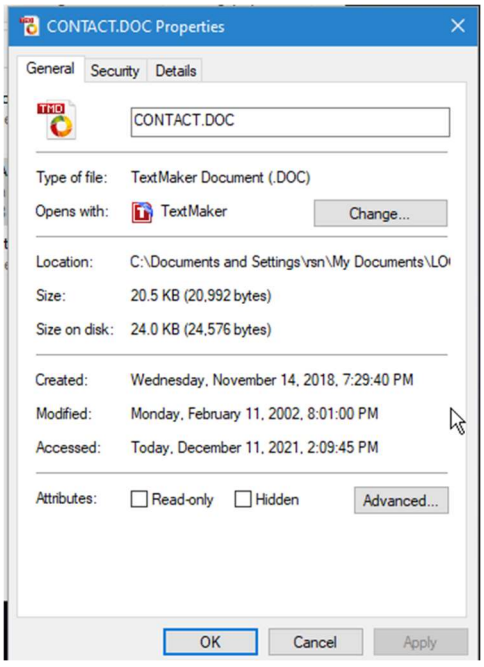
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General
Security
Details
CONTACT.DOC
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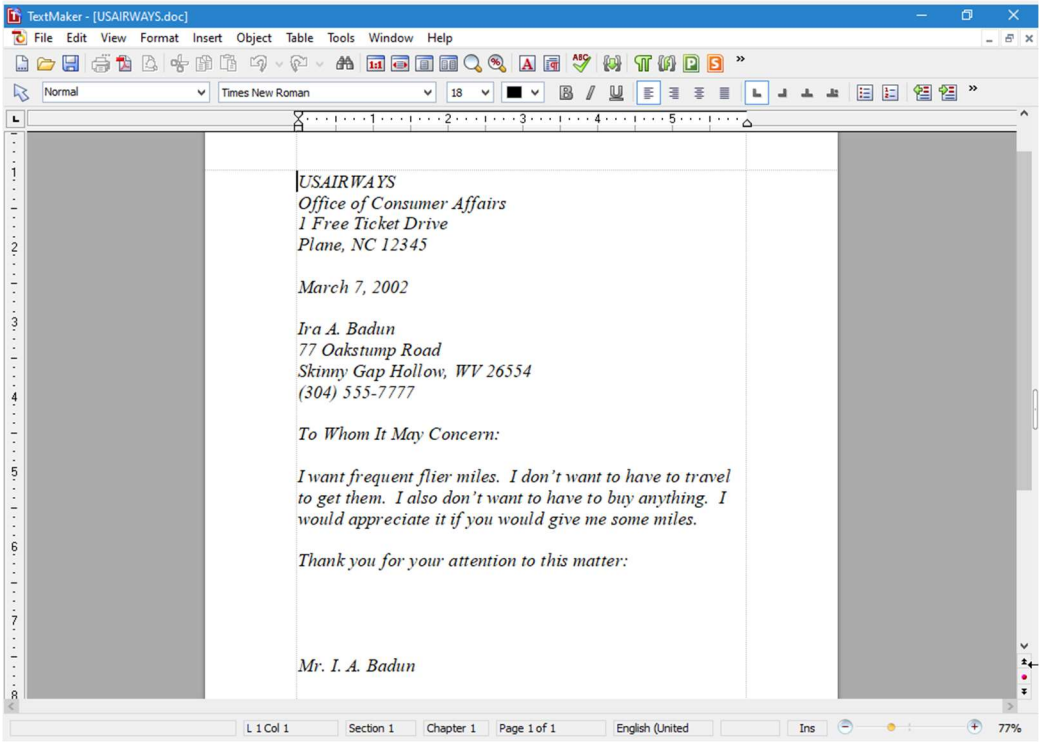
Change...
Location: C:\Documents and Settings\vsn\My Documents\LO
Size: 20.5 KB (20,992 bytes)
Size on disk: 24.0 KB (24,576 bytes)
Created: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7:29:40 PM
Modified: Monday, February 11, 2002, 8:01:00 PM
Accessed: Today, December 11, 2021, 2:09:45 PM
Attributes: Read-only Hidden
Advanced...
OK
Cancel
Apply

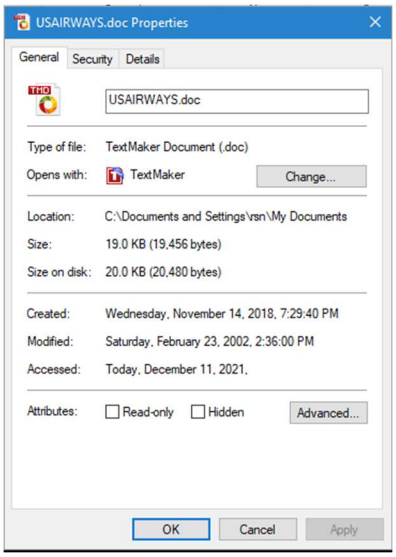
February 23, 2002

On this day, an individual named Ira A. Badun (likely the same individual mentioned in previous documents) sent an email to USAIRWAYS to request frequent flier miles.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*

2:36 PM: *USAIRWAYS.doc*



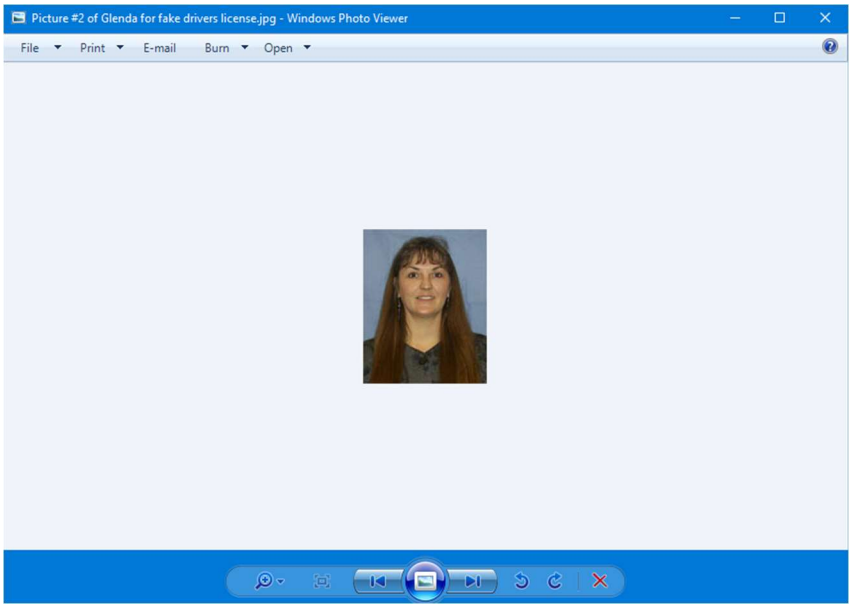


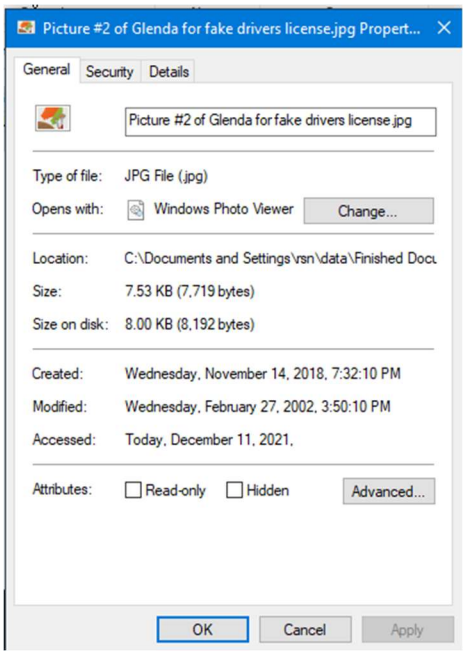
February 27, 2002

On this day, 2 images of different individuals were added onto the system. Both file names contain the term “fake drivers license”.

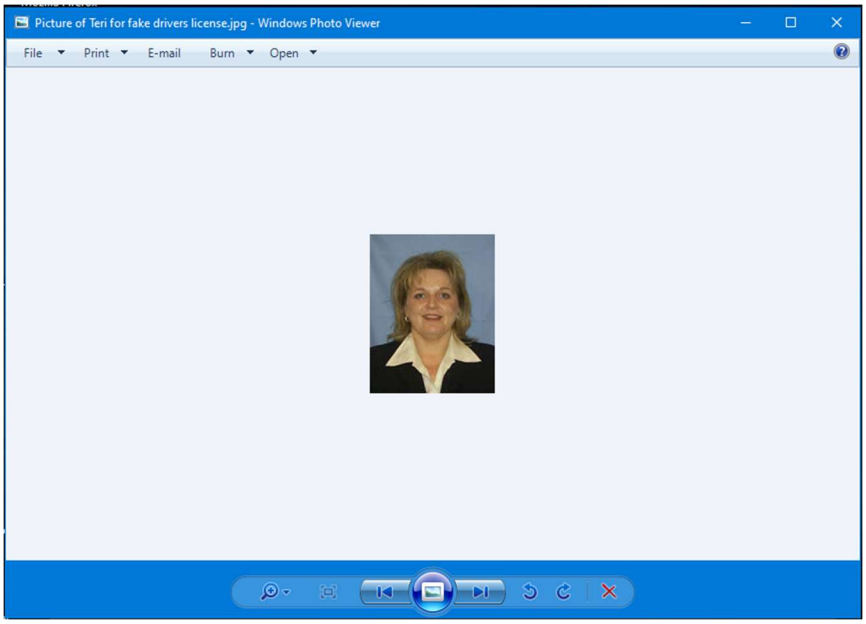
In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\Finished Documents\Stuff for Mikey*

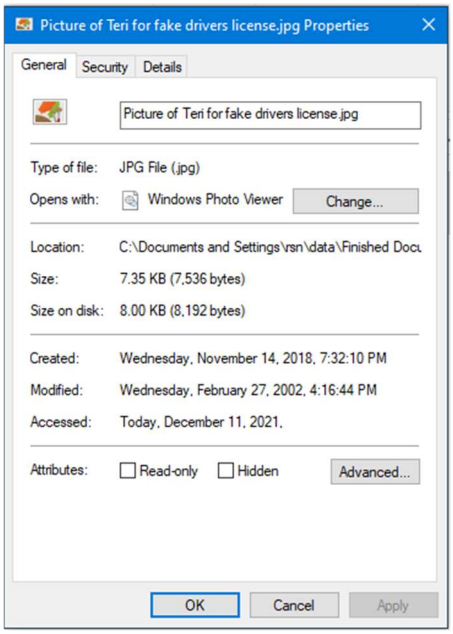
3:50 PM: *Picture #2 of Glenda for fake drivers license.jpg*





4:16 PM: *Picture of Teri for fake drivers license.jpg*



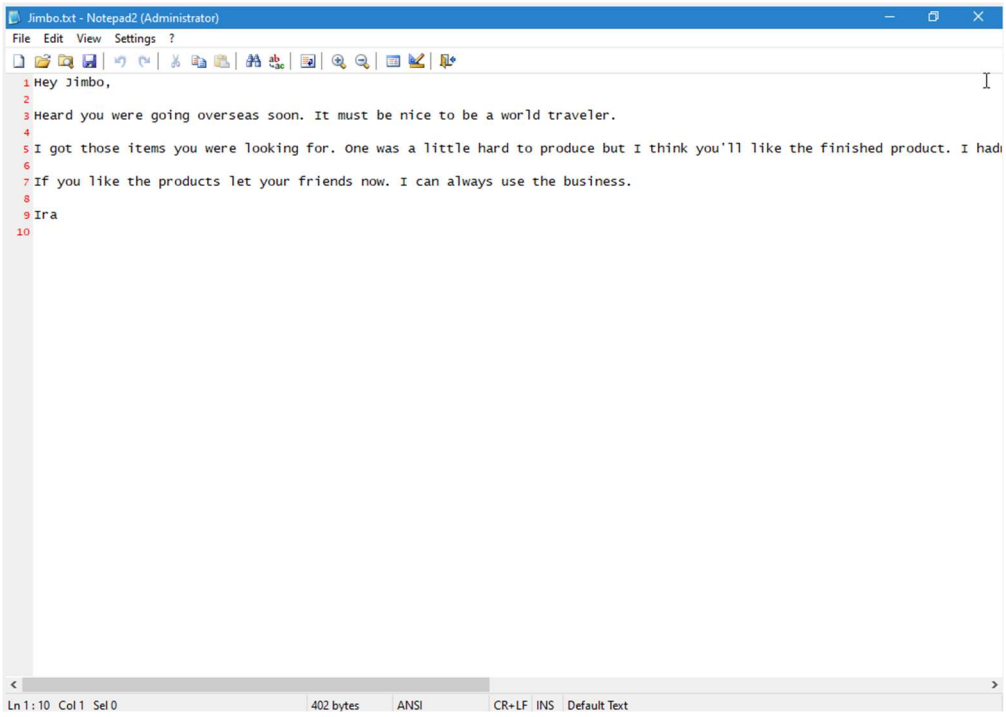


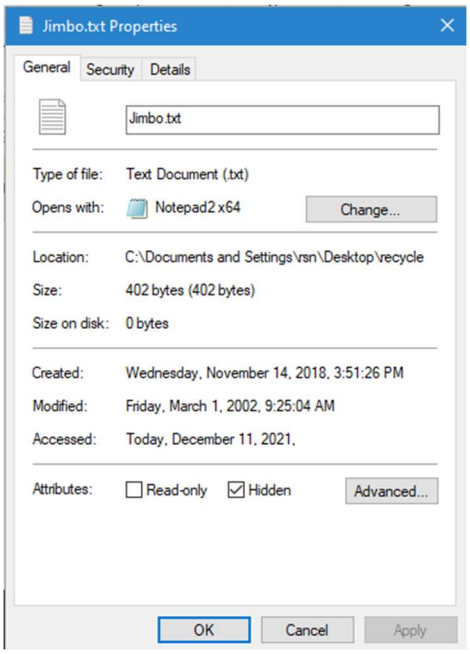
March 1, 2002

On this day, a message appears to have been drafted by the individual named Ira, and the message was to be sent to someone who goes by “Jimbo”. The message mentions some “items”, however it is unclear what specifically this might be referring to.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\Desktop\recycle*

9:25 AM: *Jimbo.txt*



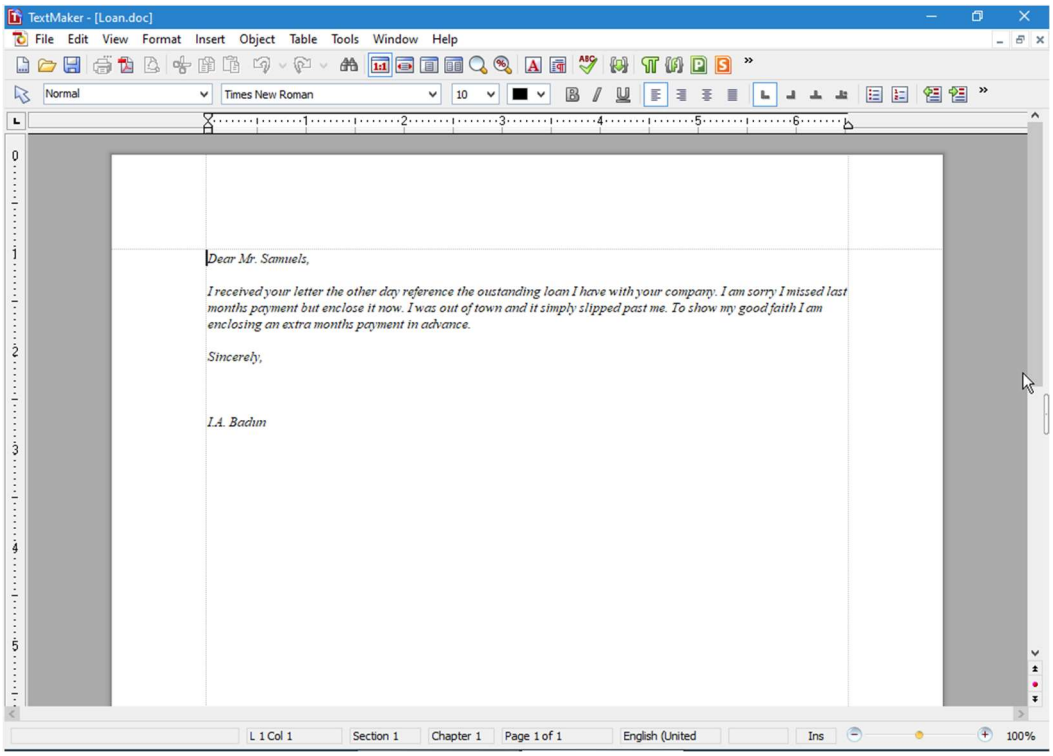


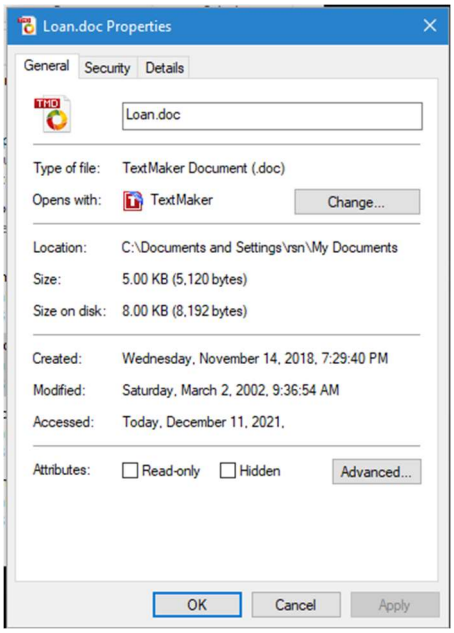
March 2, 2002

On this day, it appears that the individual Ira Badun has sent a message to someone named Mr. Samuels regarding a loan.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*

9:36 AM: *Loan.doc*



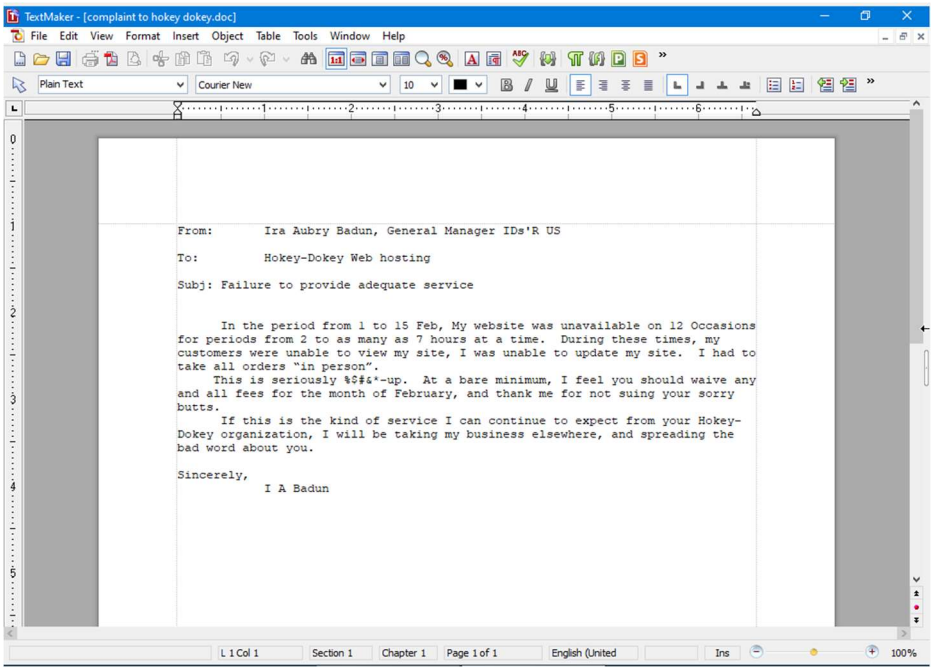


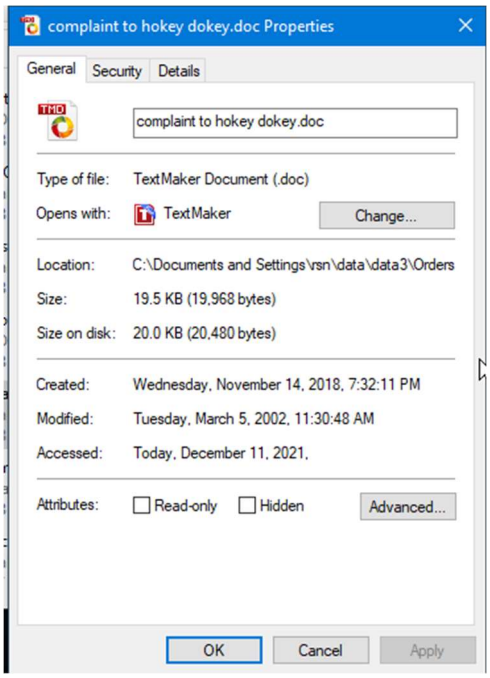
March 5, 2002

On this day, the individual Ira Badun appears to have sent a message to a business called Hokey-Dokey Web Hosting. The message appears to be regarding a loss of availability for some website.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records*

11:30 AM: *complaint to hokey dokey.doc*



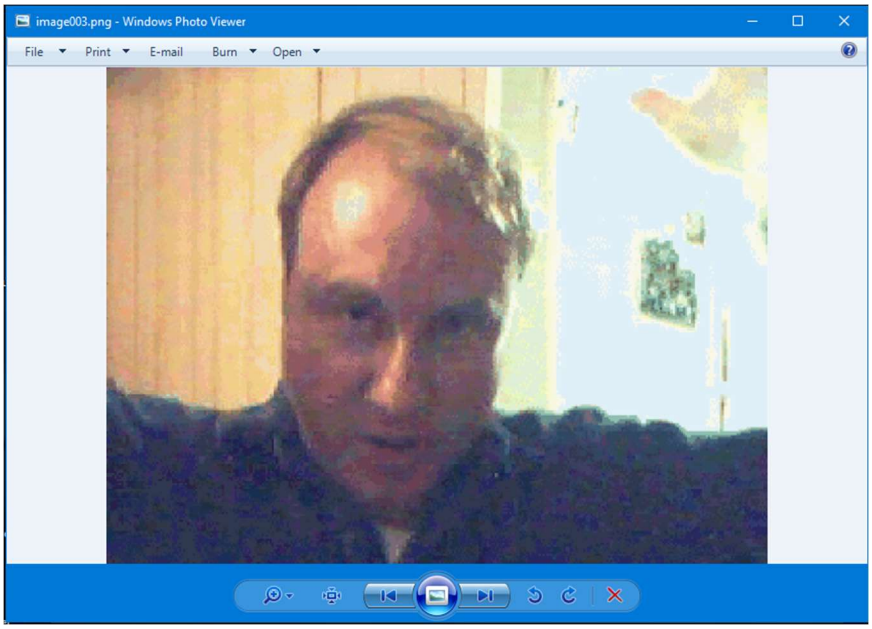


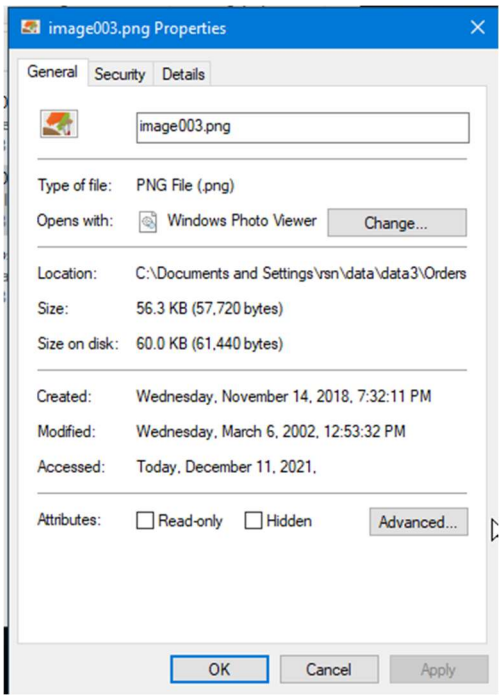
March 6, 2002

On this day, images and HTML files were added for a website which appears to be titled “IDS ‘R’ US”. Additionally, an email addressed to “IDsRUs” from someone named Jack Morton was found on the server.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records\IDsrus_files*

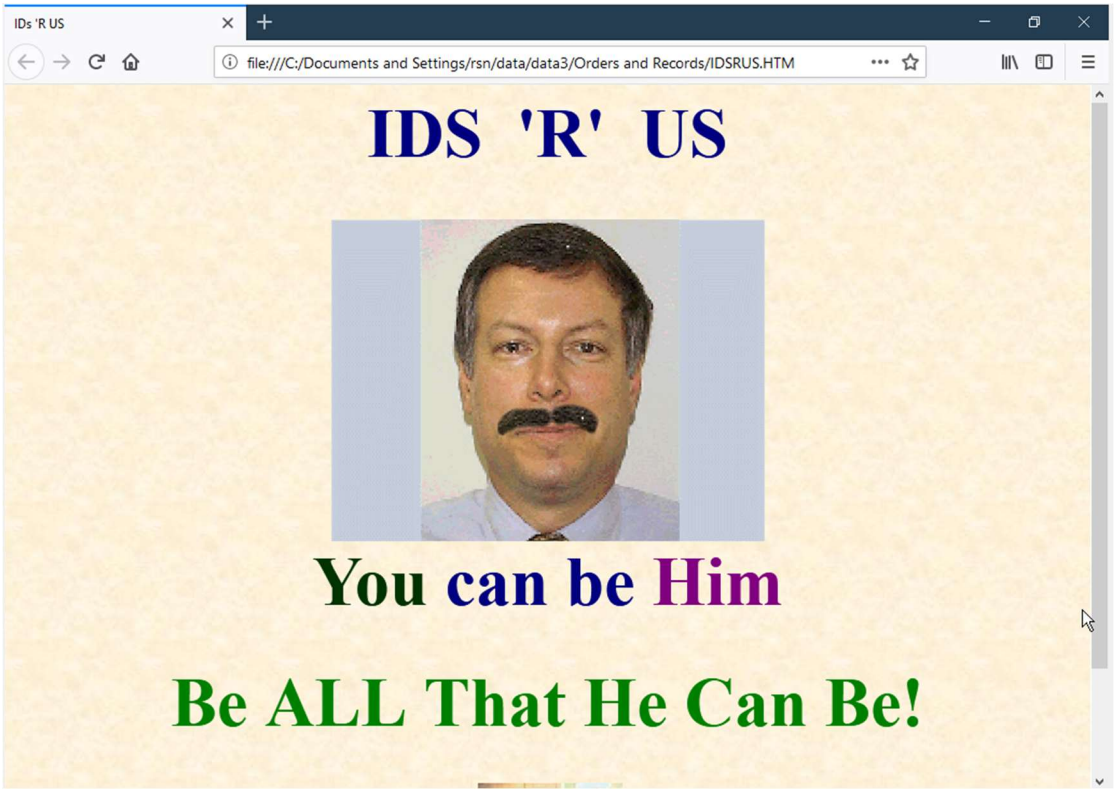
12:53 PM: *image003.png*

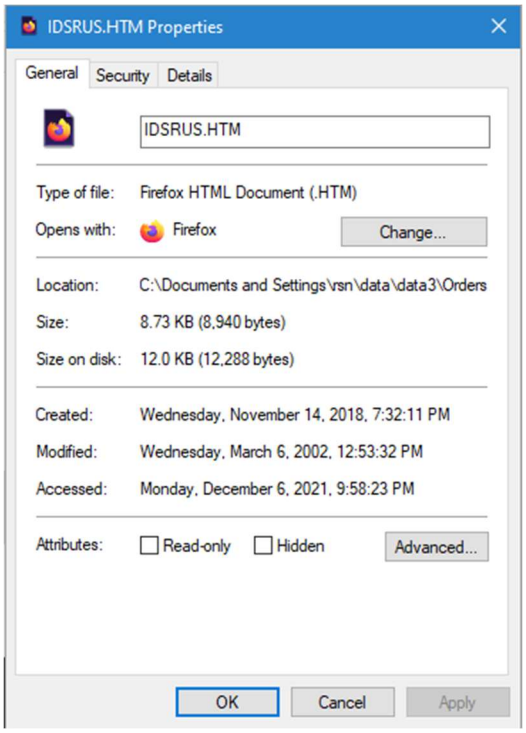




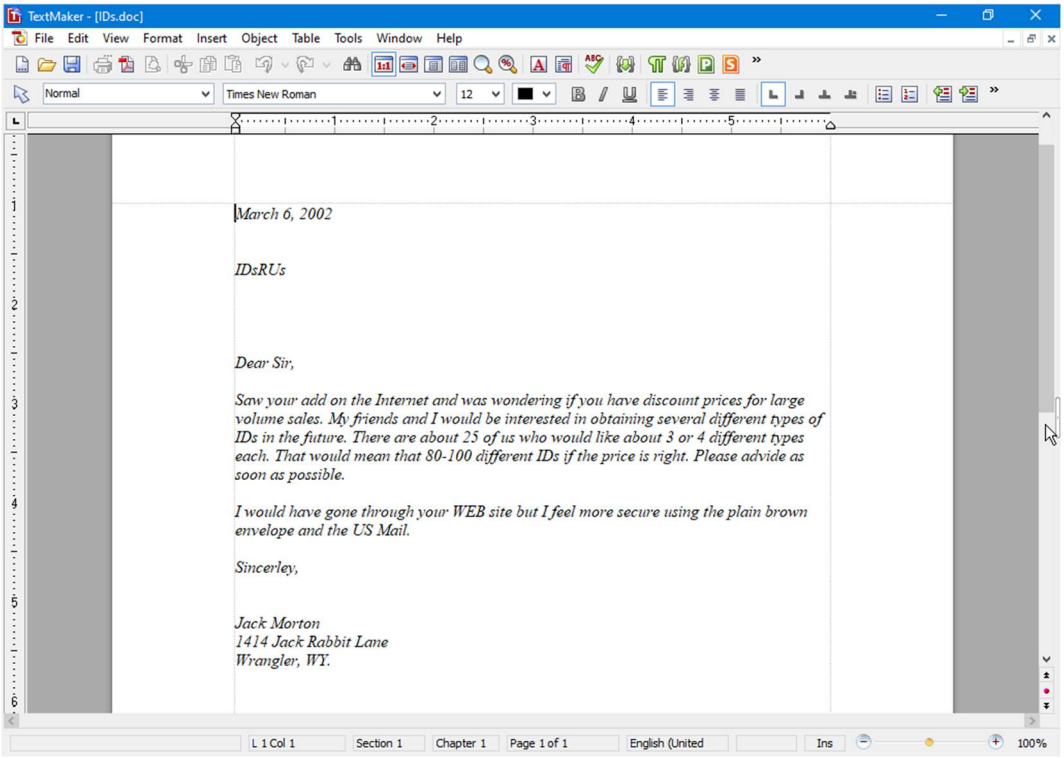
In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records*

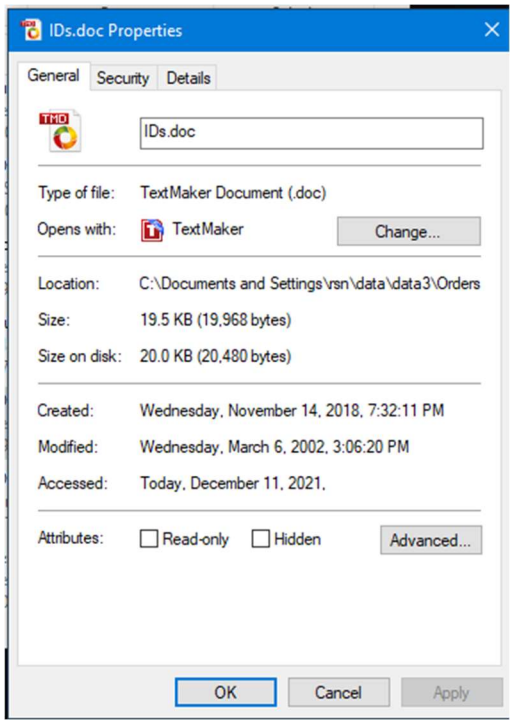
12:53 PM: *IDSRUS.HTM*





3:06 PM: *IDs.doc*



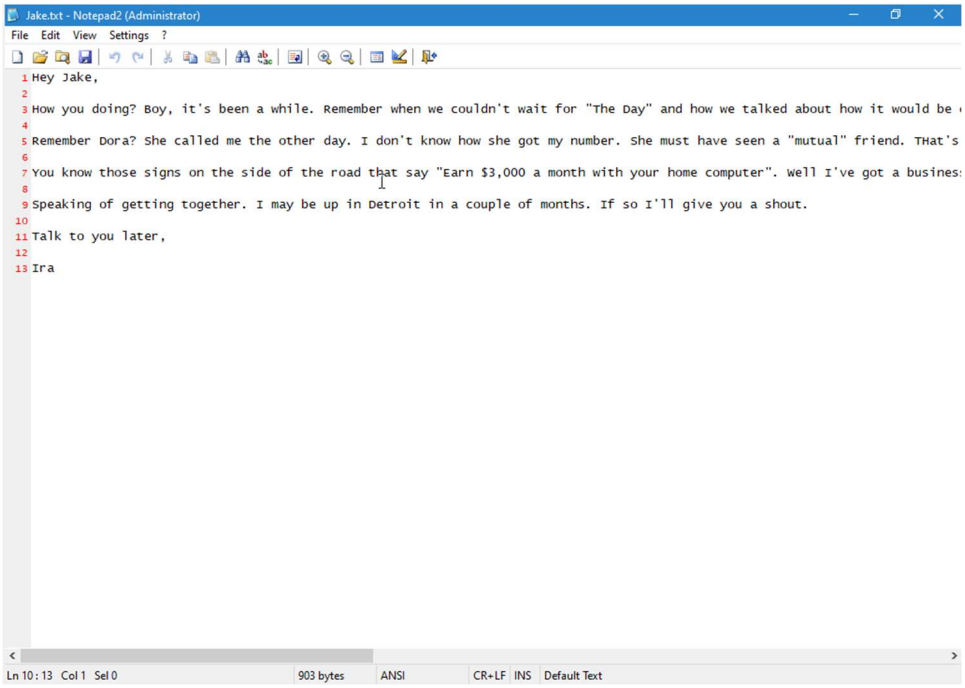


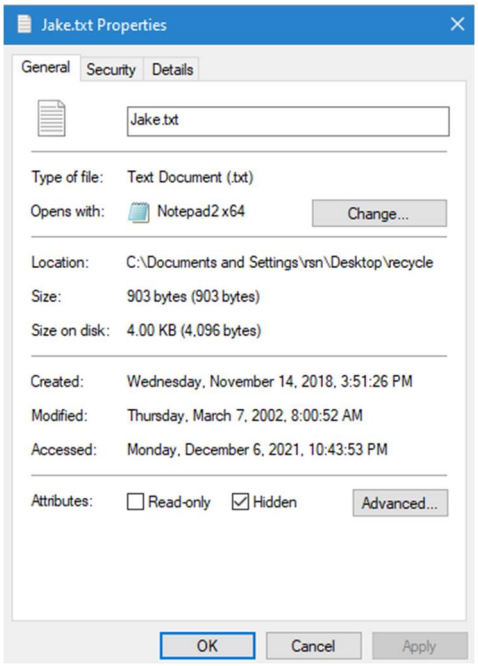
March 7, 2002

On this day, several messages which appear to be coming either to or from the individual Ira Badun appear in the server discussing various topics.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\Desktop\recycle*

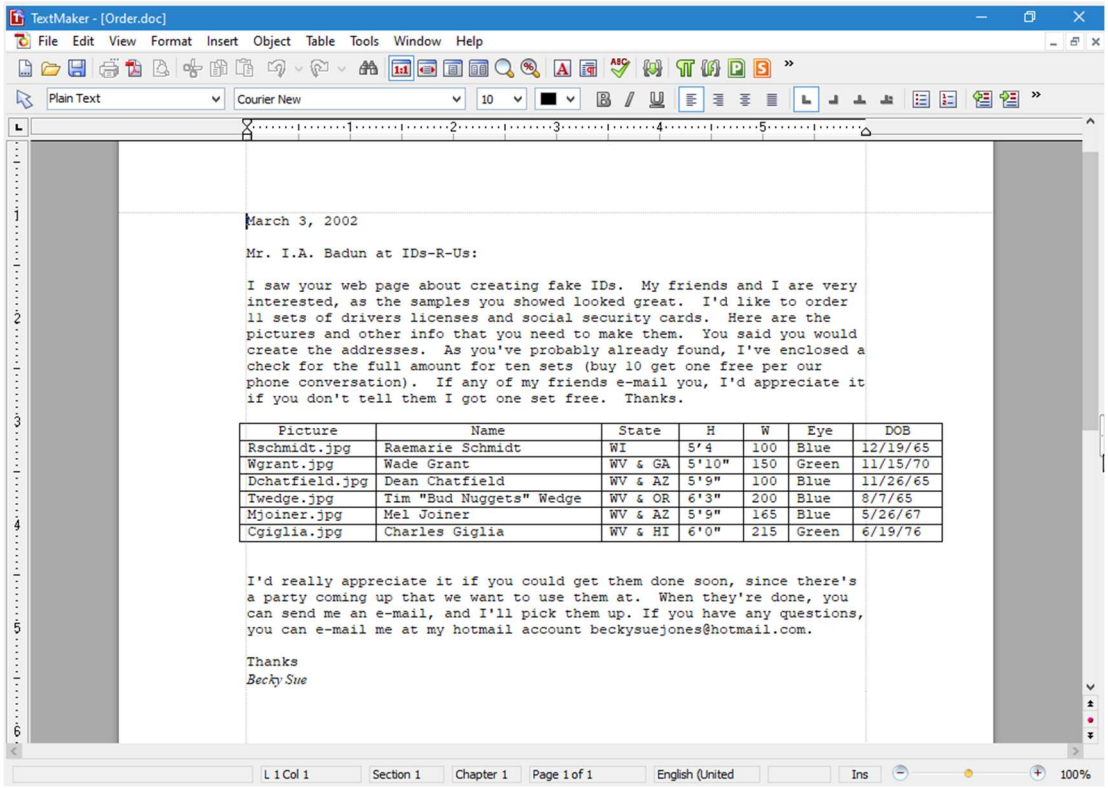
8:00 AM: *Jake.txt*

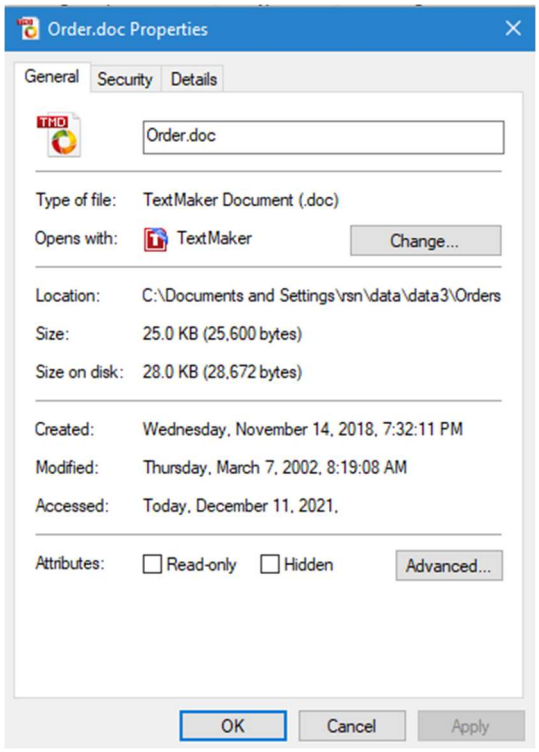




In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records*

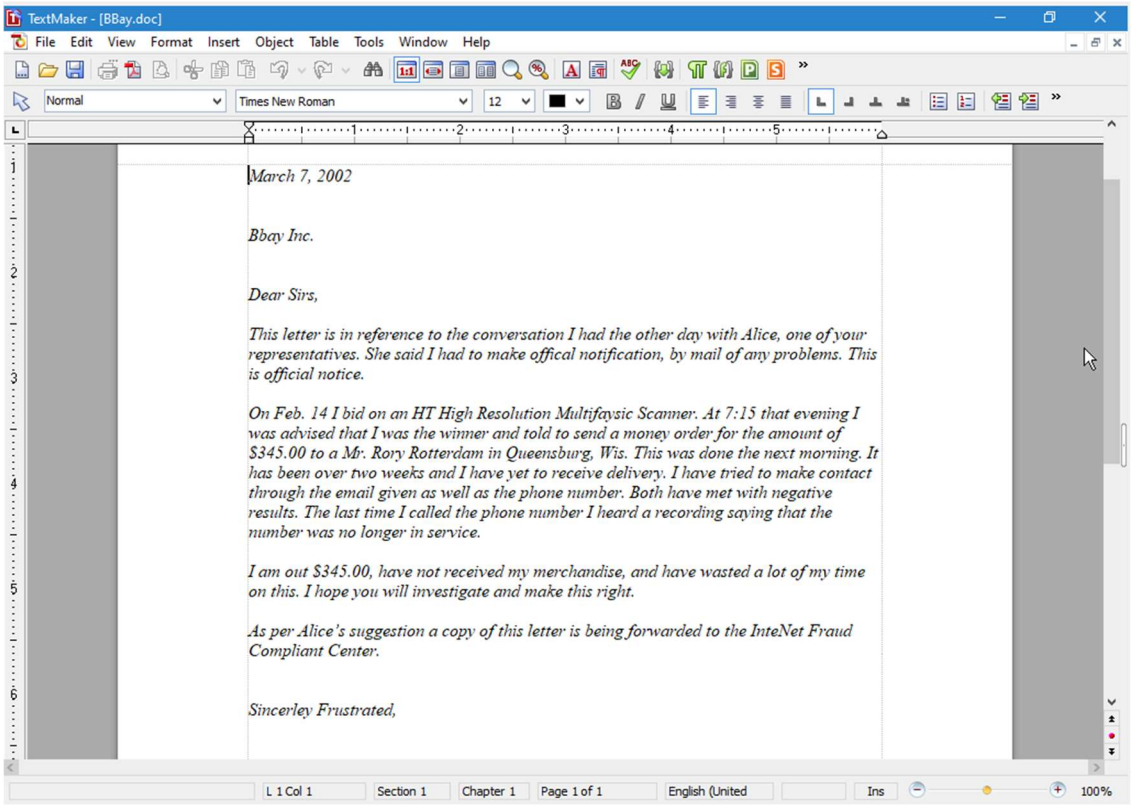
8:19 AM: *Order.doc*

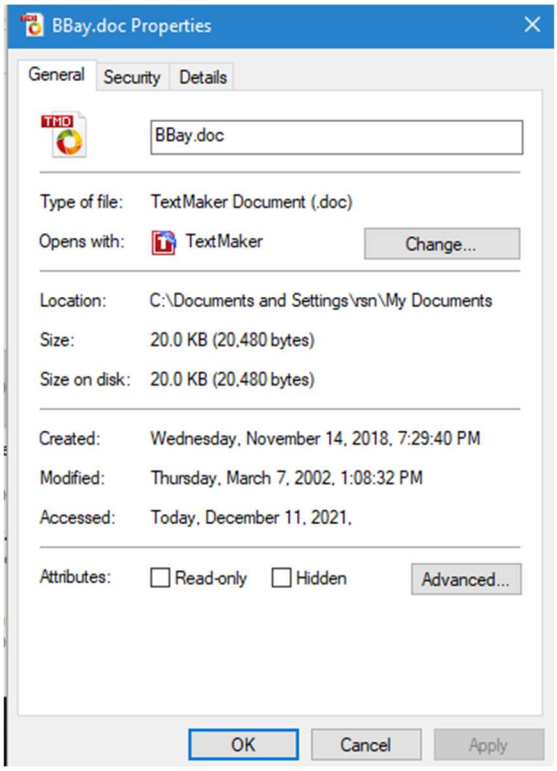




In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*

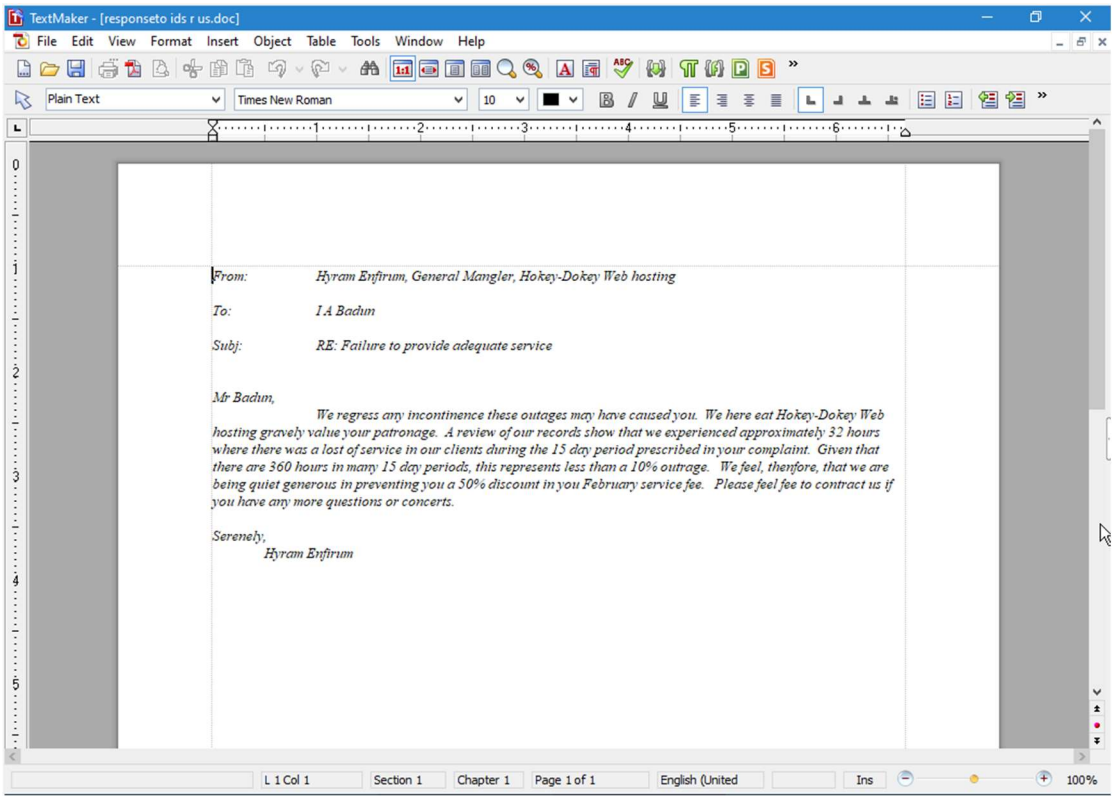
1:08 PM: *BBay.doc*

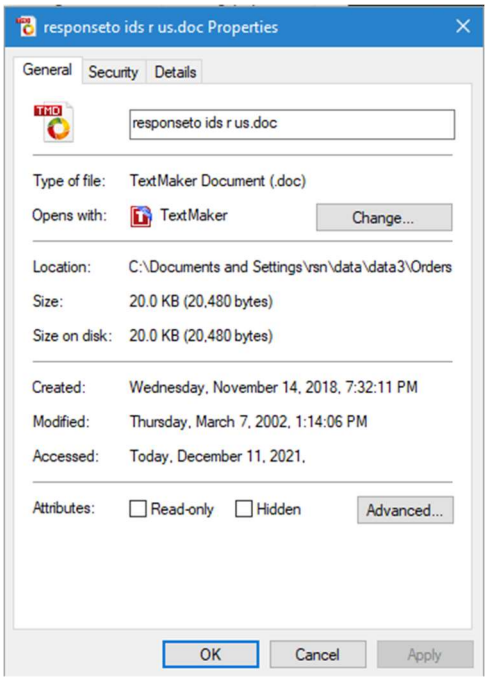




In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records*

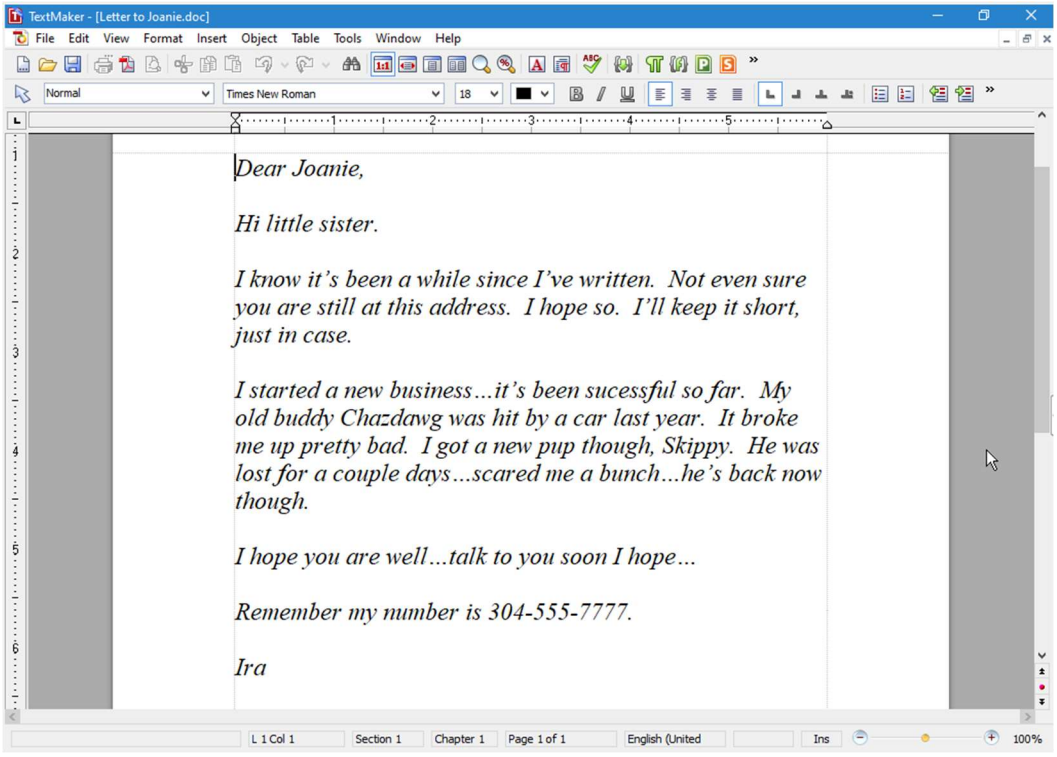
1:14 PM: *responseto ids r us.doc*

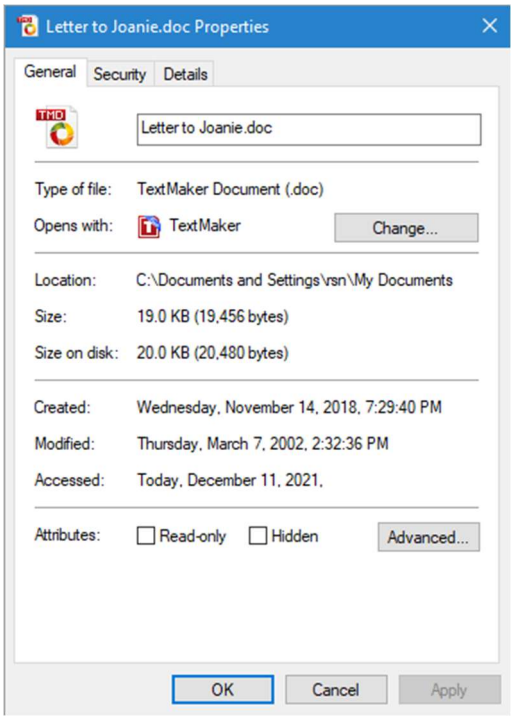




In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*

2:32 PM: *Letter to Joanie.doc*

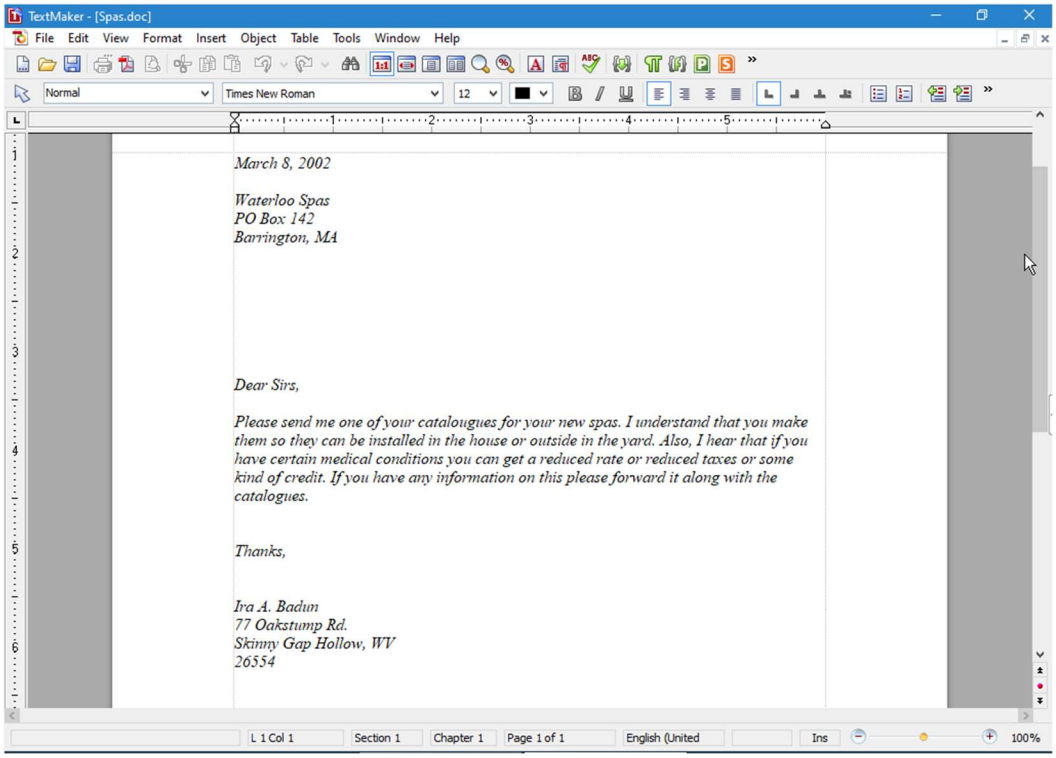


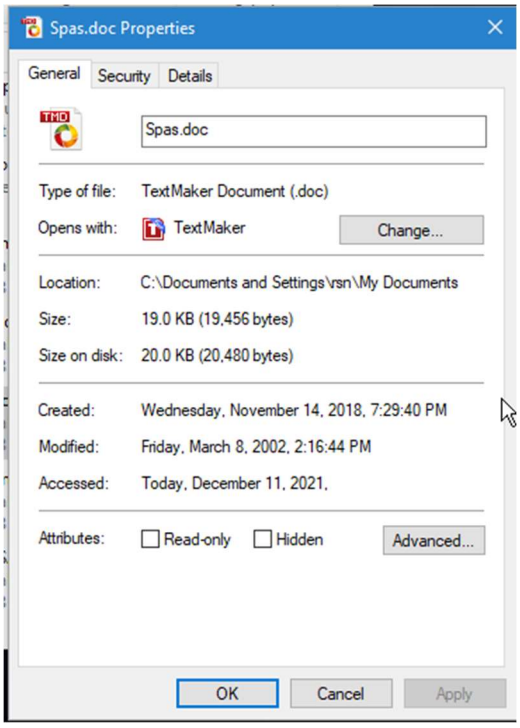


March 8, 2002

On this day, the individual Ira Badun sent an email to Waterloo Spas, inquiring about their spa catalogue.

In directory *C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents*





March 13, 2002

On this day, it appears that an email was sent from the individual Ira Badun to DESRON Internet Services. The email is inquiring about hosting a website with the URL www.IdsRUs.com.

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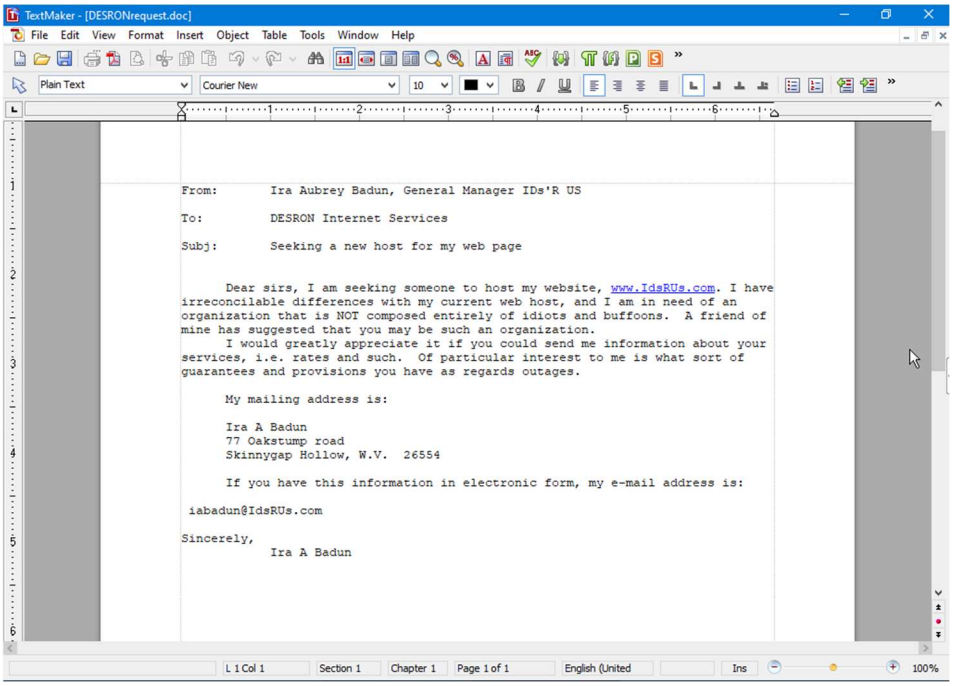

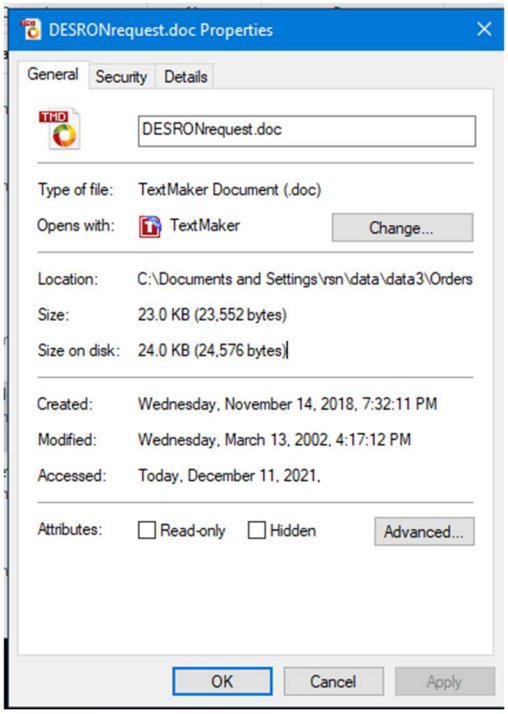

March 15, 2002

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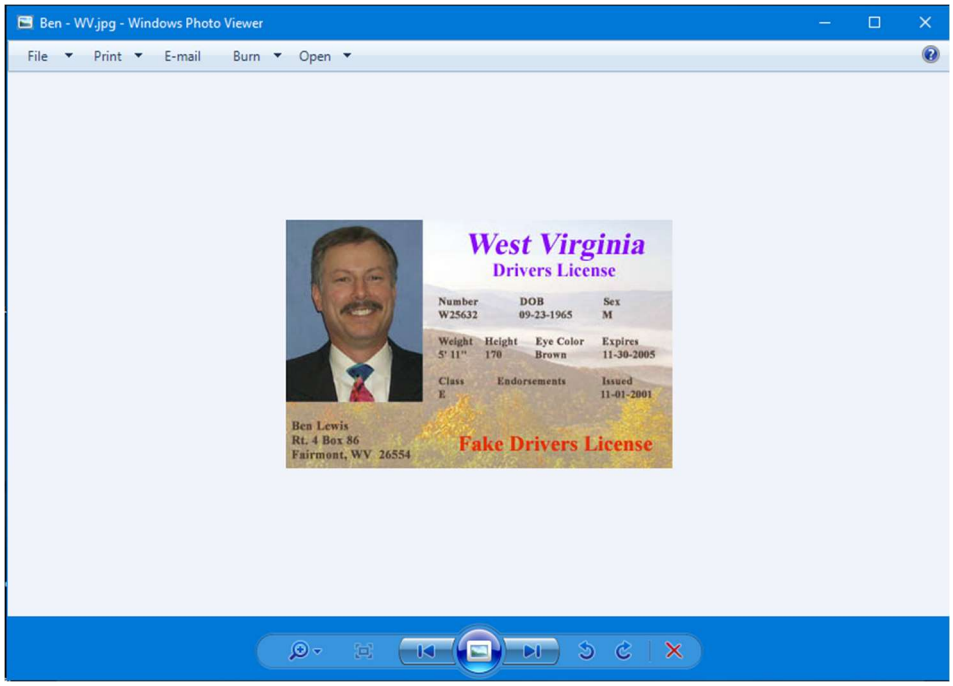

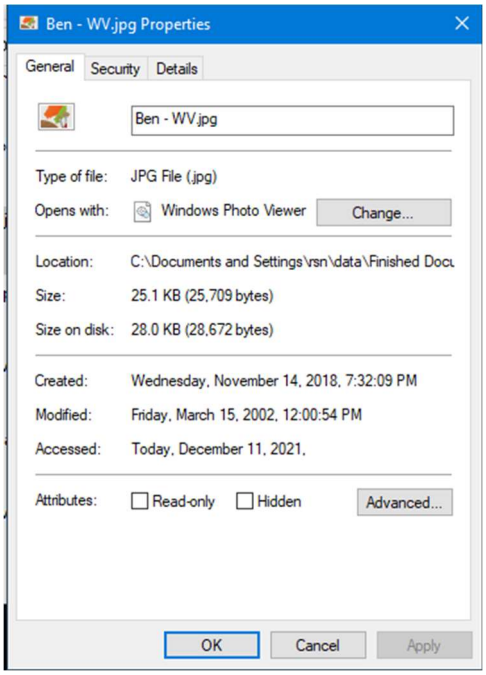

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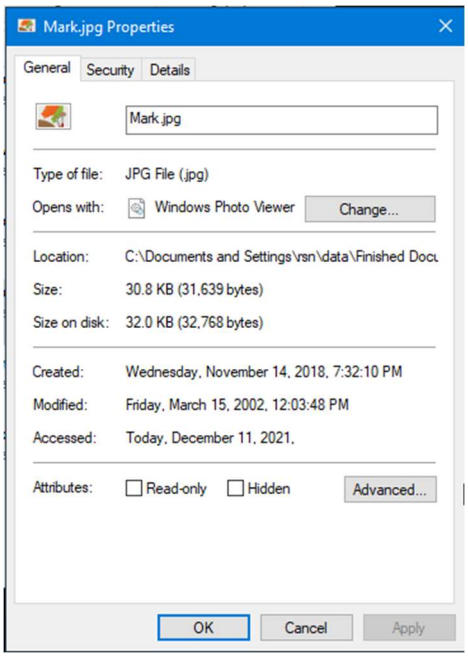

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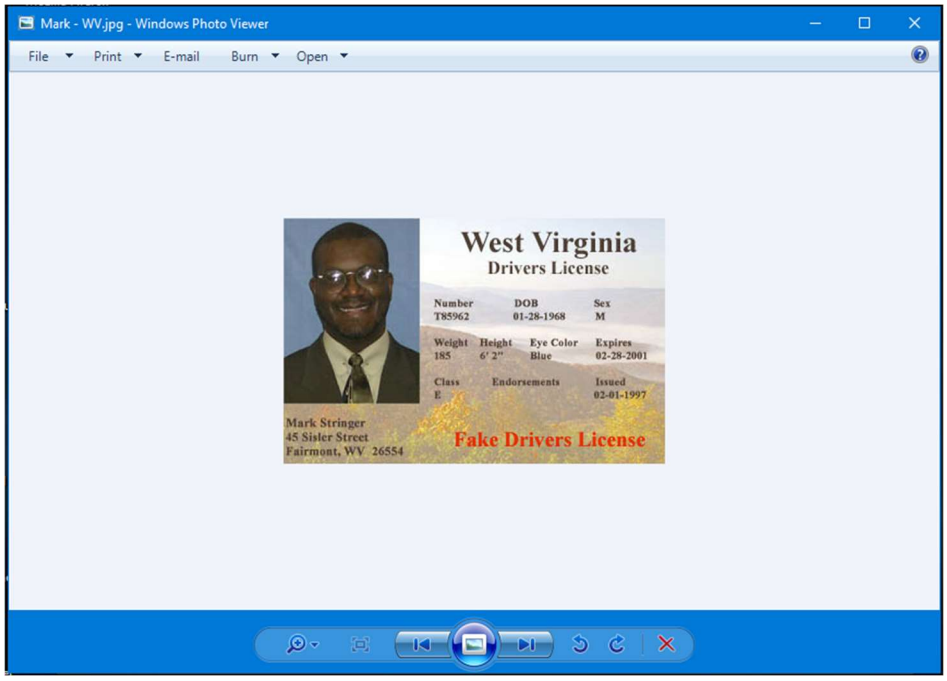

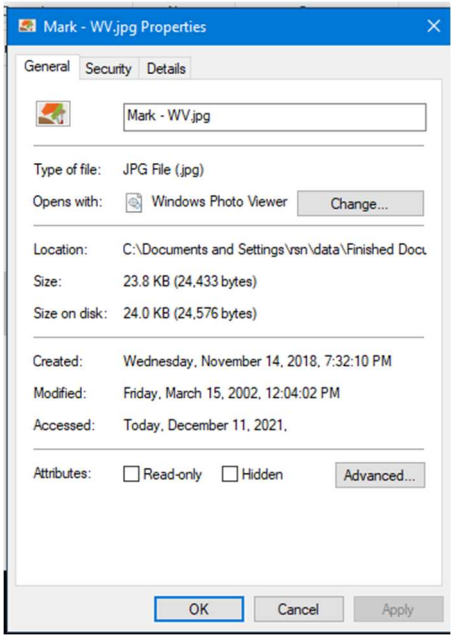

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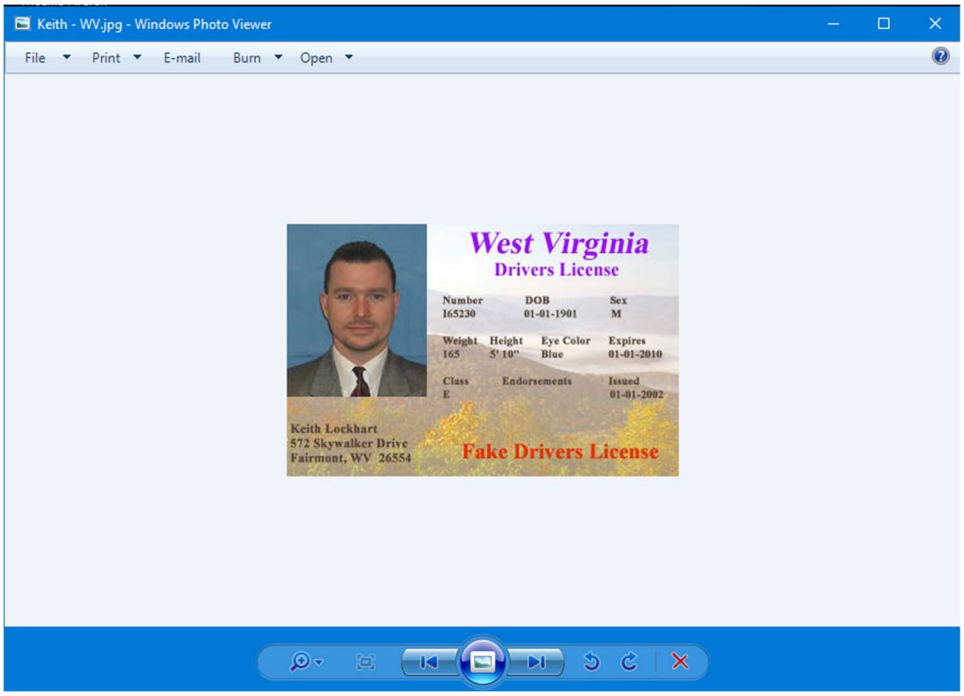

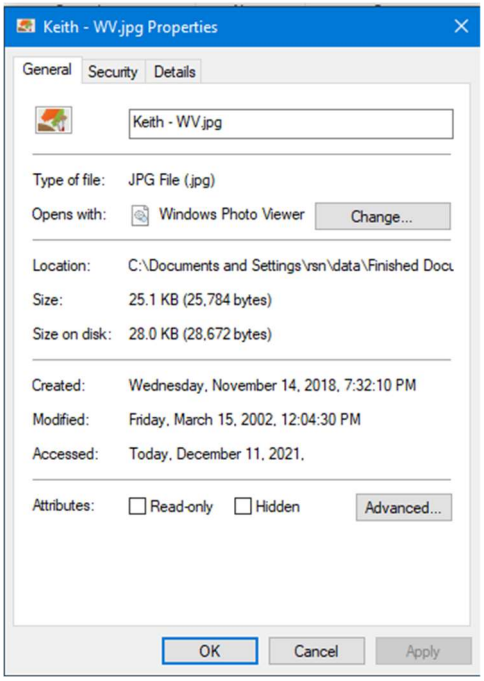

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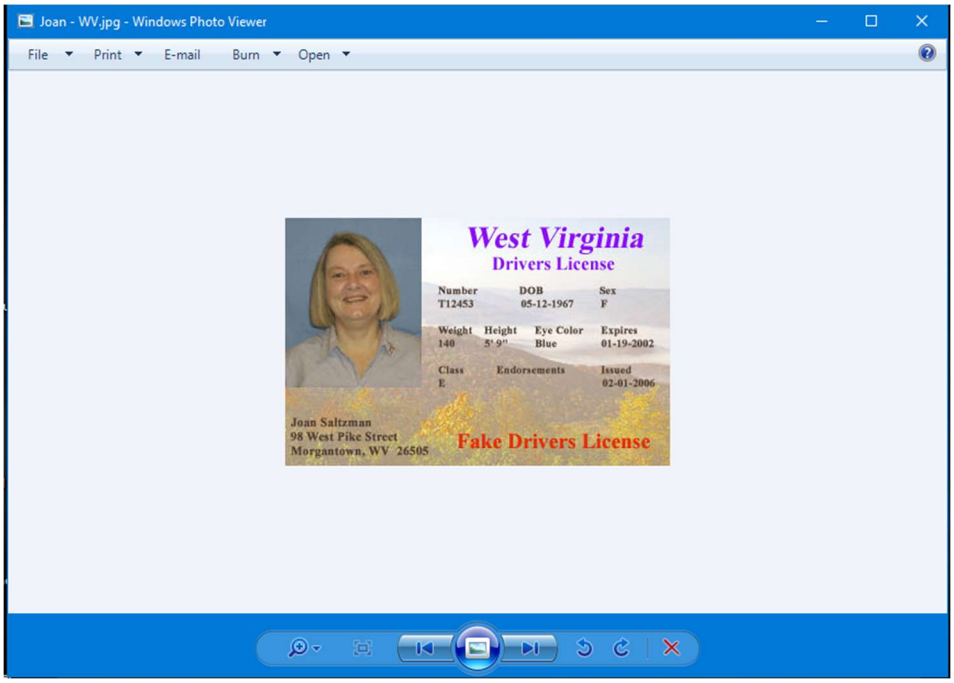

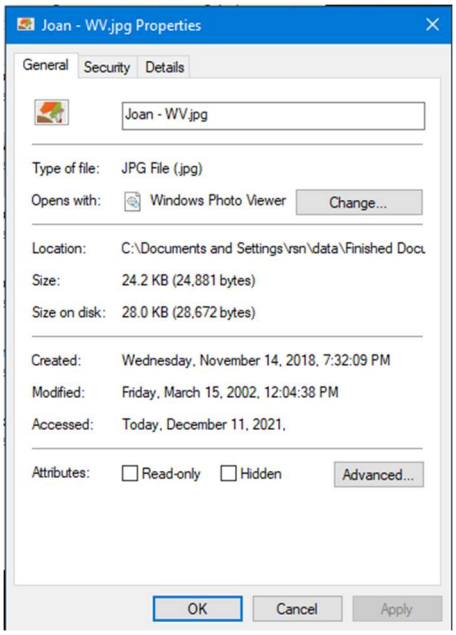

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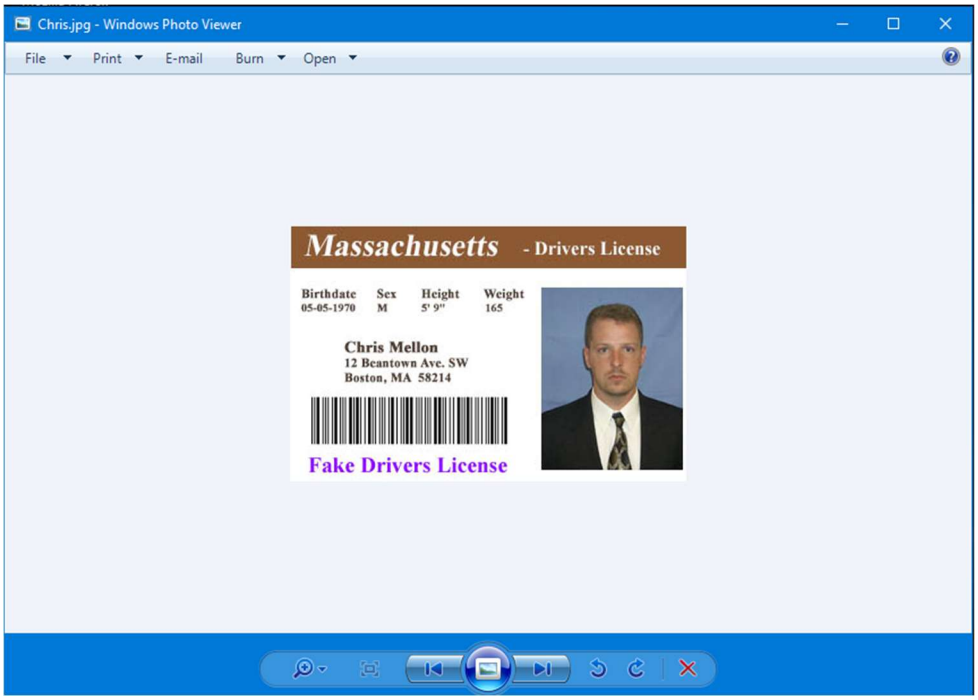

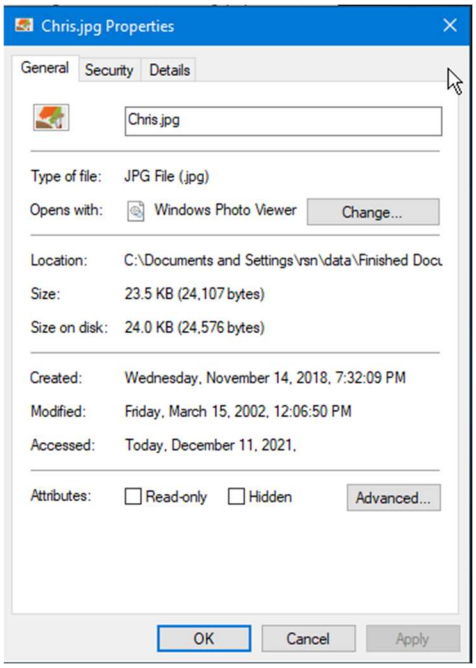

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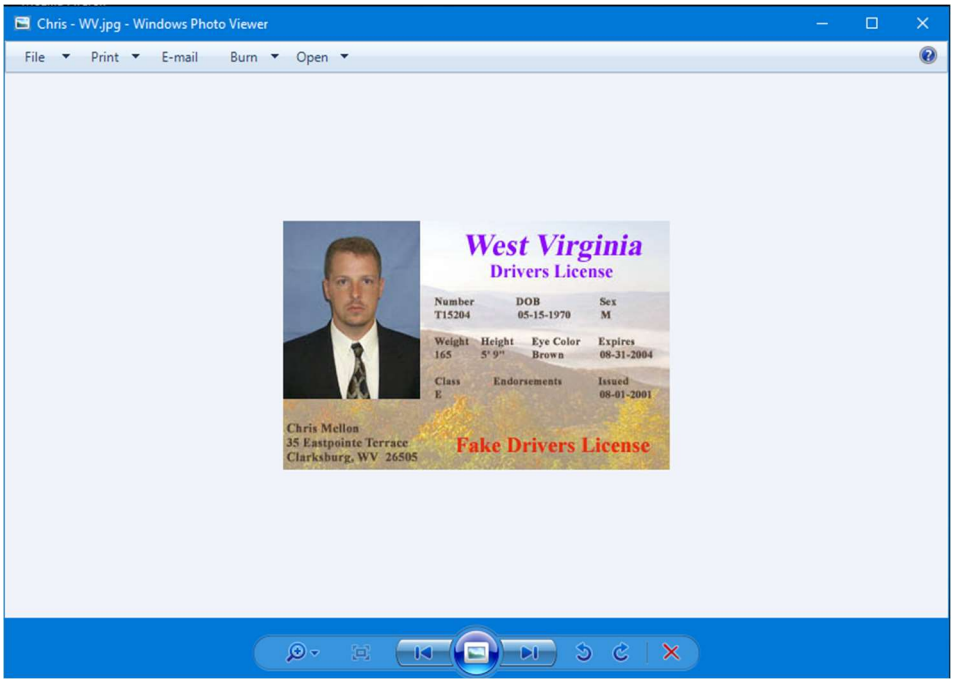

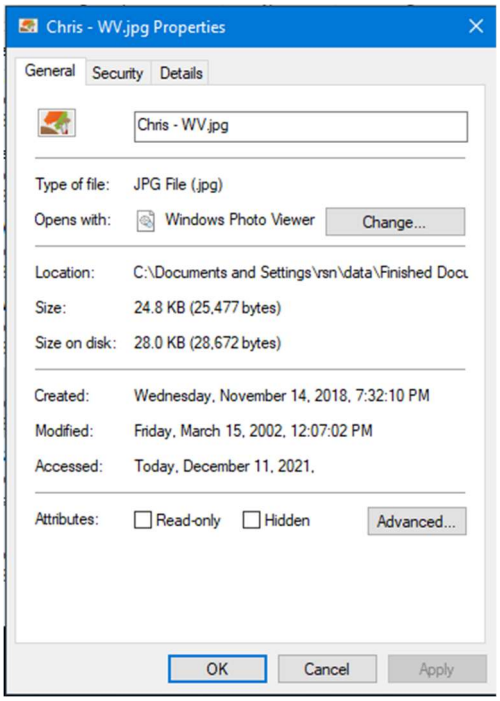

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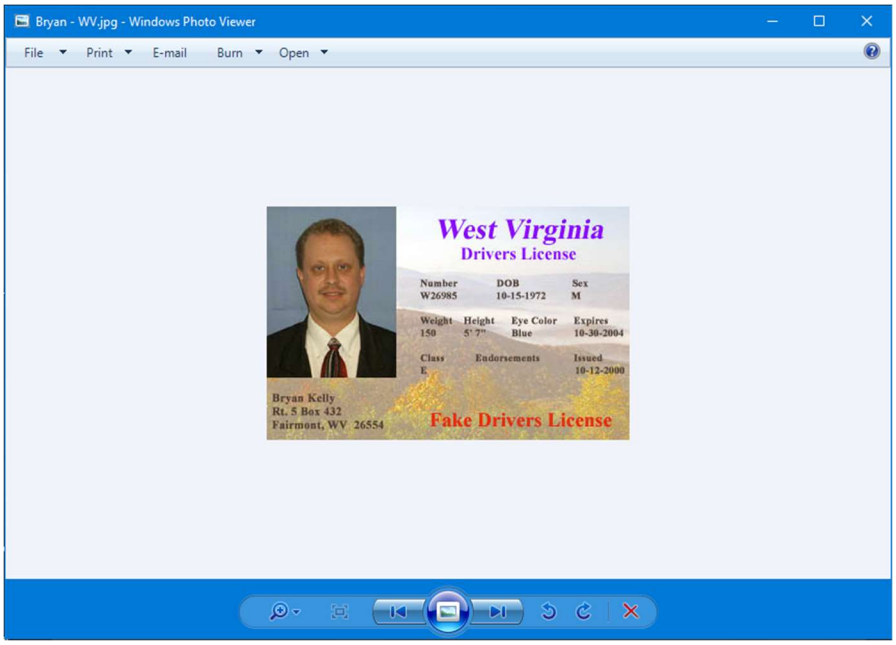

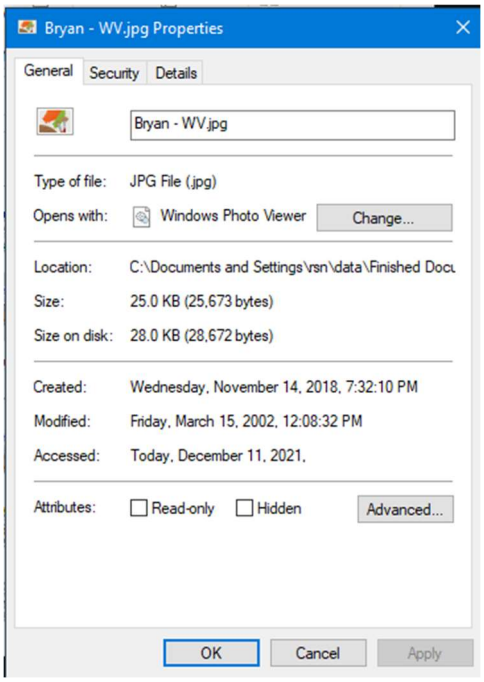

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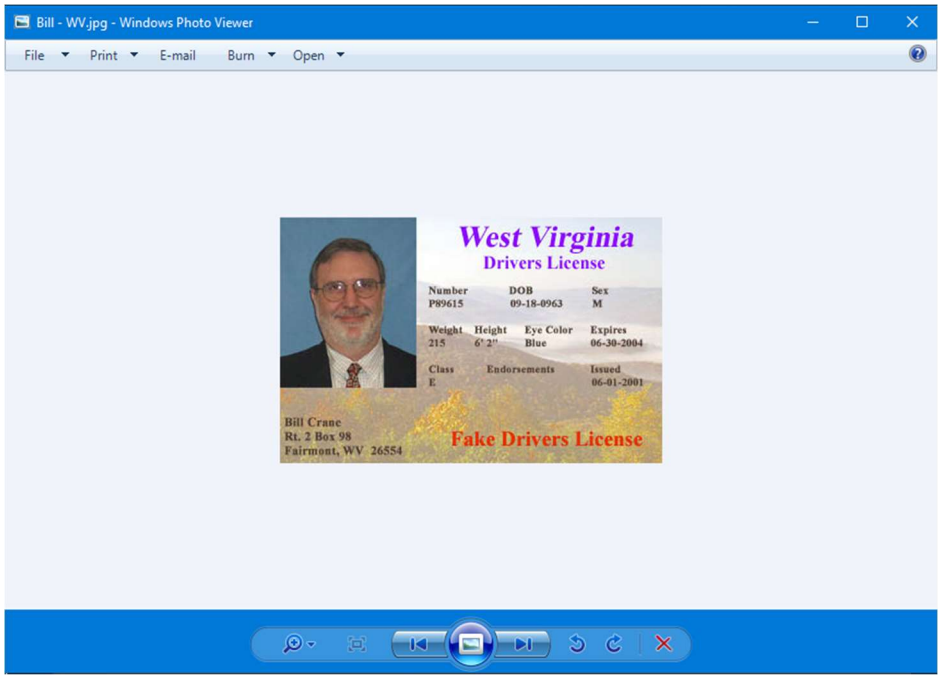

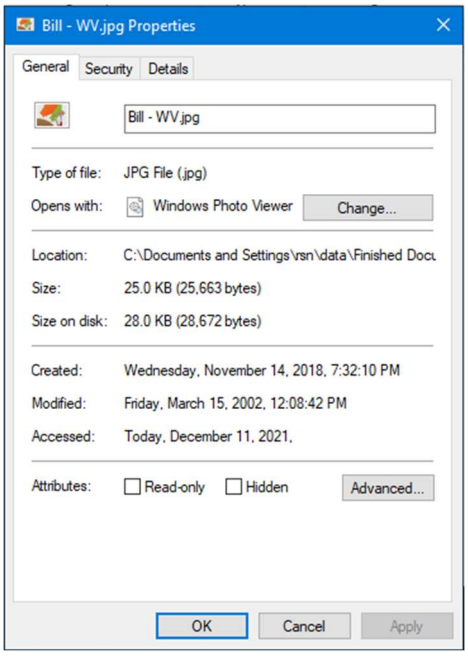

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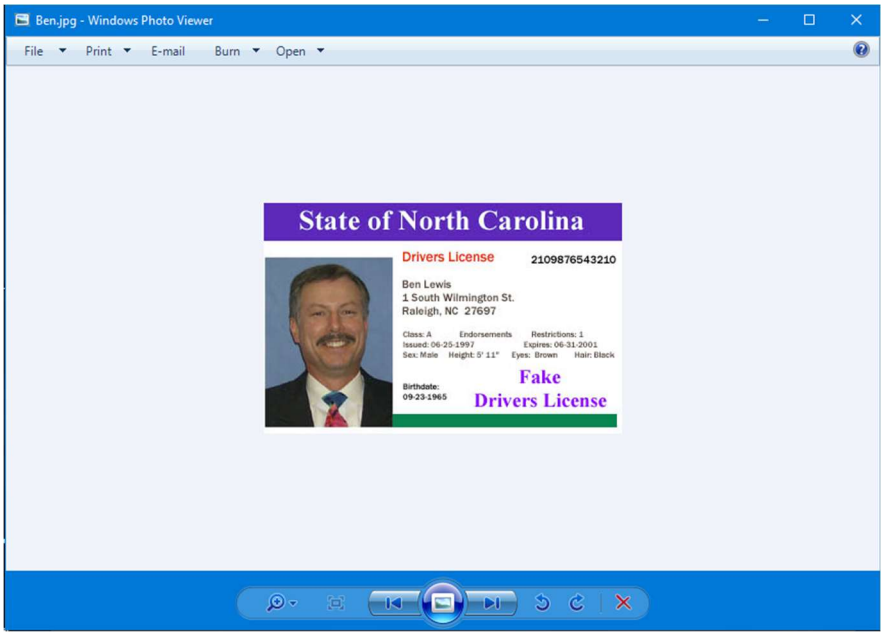

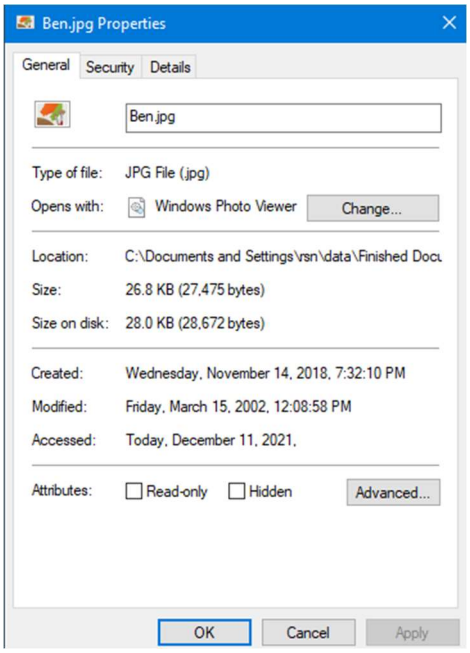

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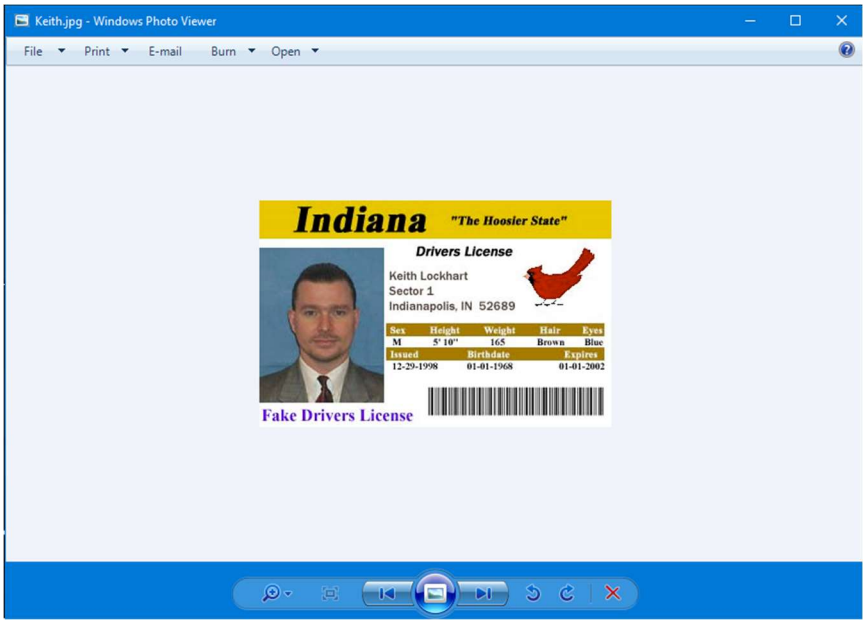

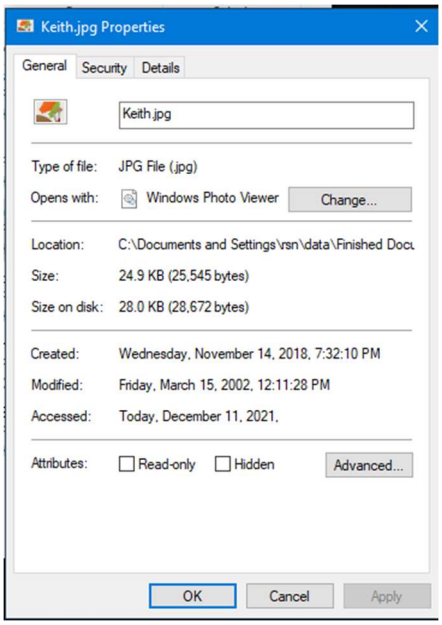

March 16, 2002

On this day, a new spreadsheet was added, containing 20 names, and what appears to be social security numbers along with some additional information.

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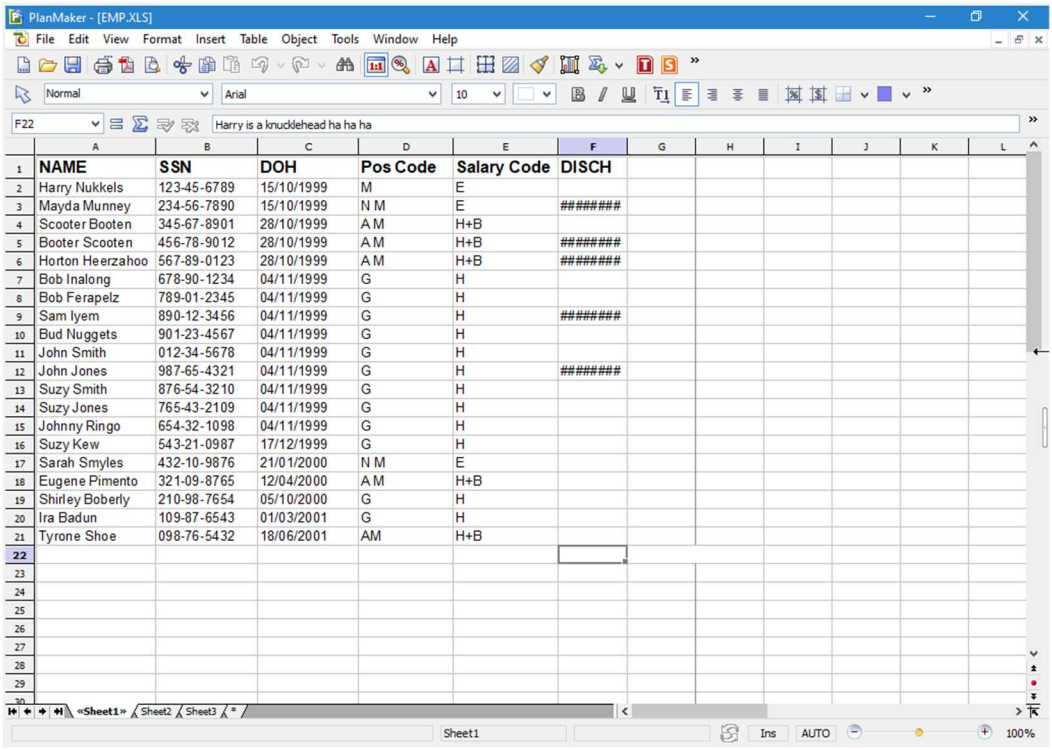

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3	Mayda Munney	234-56-7890	15/10/1999	N M	E	########
4	Scooter Booten	345-67-8901	28/10/1999	A M	H+B	
5	Booter Scooten	456-78-9012	28/10/1999	A M	H+B	########
6	Horton Heerzahoo	567-89-0123	28/10/1999	A M	H+B	########
7	Bob Inalong	678-90-1234	04/11/1999	G	H	
8	Bob Ferapelz	789-01-2345	04/11/1999	G	H	
9	Sam Iyem	890-12-3456	04/11/1999	G	H	########
10	Bud Nuggets	901-23-4567	04/11/1999	G	H	
11	John Smith	012-34-5678	04/11/1999	G	H	
12	John Jones	987-65-4321	04/11/1999	G	H	########
13	Suzy Smith	876-54-3210	04/11/1999	G	H	
14	Suzy Jones	765-43-2109	04/11/1999	G	H	
15	Johnny Ringo	654-32-1098	04/11/1999	G	H	
16	Suzy Kew	543-21-0987	17/12/1999	G	H	
17	Sarah Smyles	432-10-9876	21/01/2000	N M	E	
18	Eugene Pimento	321-09-8765	12/04/2000	A M	H+B	
19	Shirley Boberly	210-98-7654	05/10/2000	G	H	
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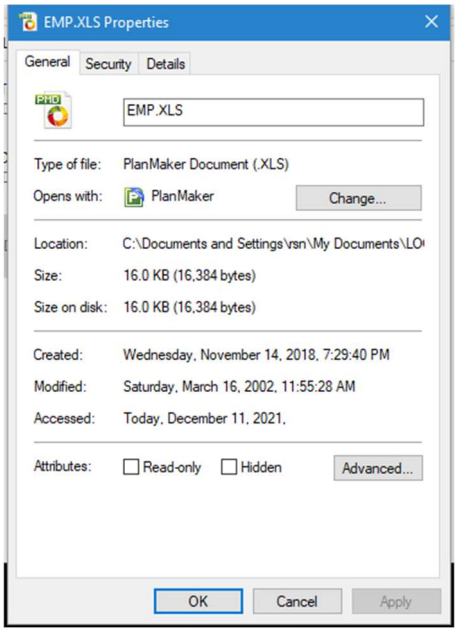

May 24, 2005

On this day, a spreadsheet was added to the disk drive containing the names of several individuals, along with other information about them.

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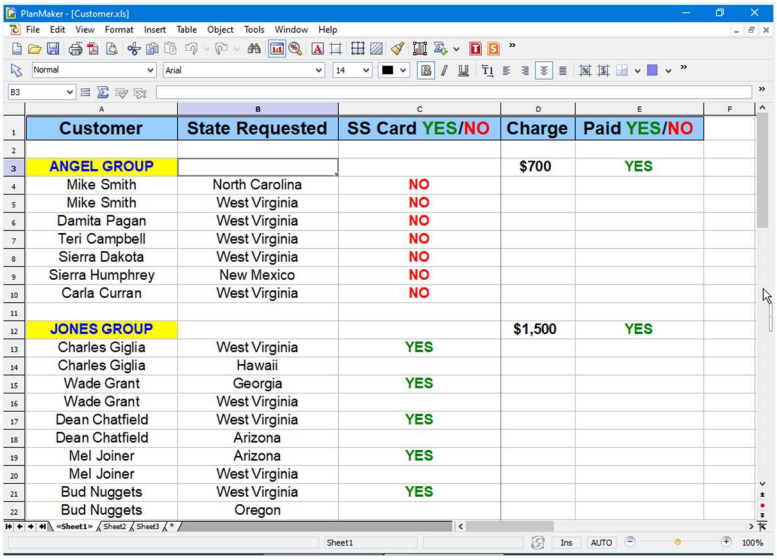

	Customer	State Requested	SS Card YES/NO	Charge	Paid YES/NO
1					
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3	ANGEL GROUP			$700	YES
4	Mike Smith	North Carolina	NO		
5	Mike Smith	West Virginia	NO		
6	Damita Pagan	West Virginia	NO		
7	Teri Campbell	West Virginia	NO		
8	Sierra Dakota	West Virginia	NO		
9	Sierra Humphrey	New Mexico	NO		
10	Carla Curran	West Virginia	NO		
11					
12	JONES GROUP			$1,500	YES
13	Charles Giglia	West Virginia	YES		
14	Charles Giglia	Hawaii			
15	Wade Grant	Georgia	YES		
16	Wade Grant	West Virginia			
17	Dean Chatfield	West Virginia	YES		
18	Dean Chatfield	Arizona			
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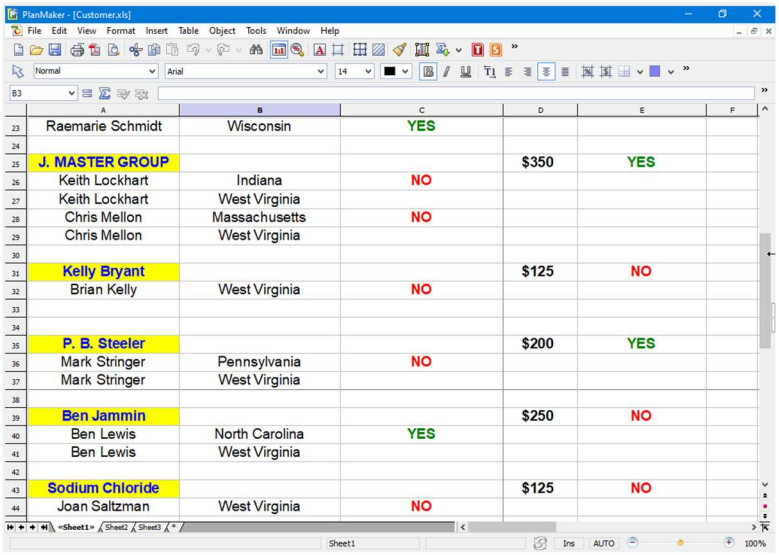

23	Raemarie Schmidt	Wisconsin	YES		
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25	J. MASTER GROUP			$350	YES
26	Keith Lockhart	Indiana	NO		
27	Keith Lockhart	West Virginia			
28	Chris Mellon	Massachusetts	NO		
29	Chris Mellon	West Virginia			
30					
31	Kelly Bryant			$125	NO
32	Brian Kelly	West Virginia	NO		
33					
34					
35	P. B. Steeler			$200	YES
36	Mark Stringer	Pennsylvania	NO		
37	Mark Stringer	West Virginia			
38					
39	Ben Jammin			$250	NO
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41	Ben Lewis	West Virginia			
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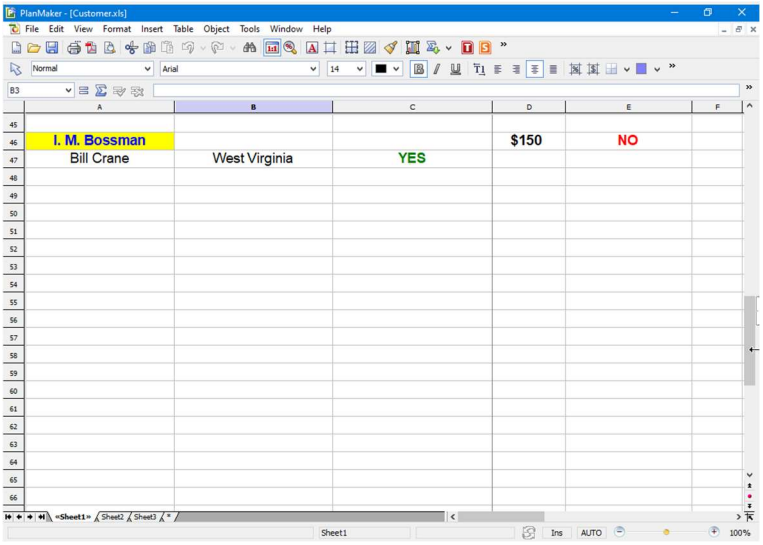
43	Sodium Chloride			$125	NO
44	Joan Saltzman	West Virginia	NO		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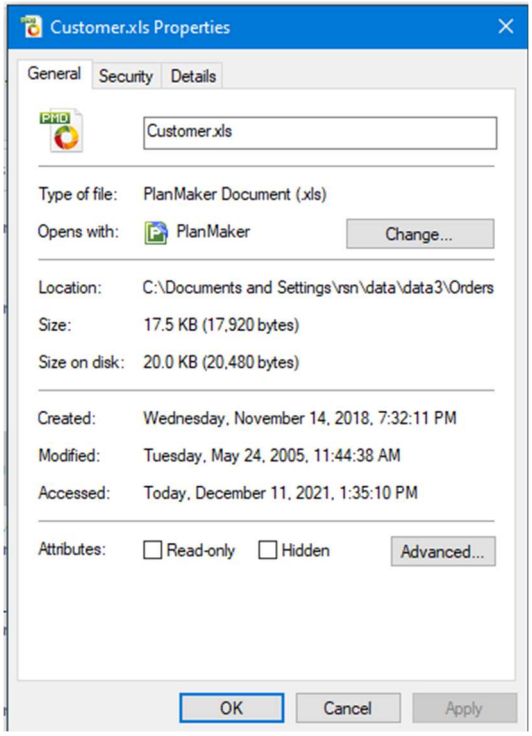
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February 6, 2006

On this day, an article from CNNMoney.com was saved to the system regarding money management.

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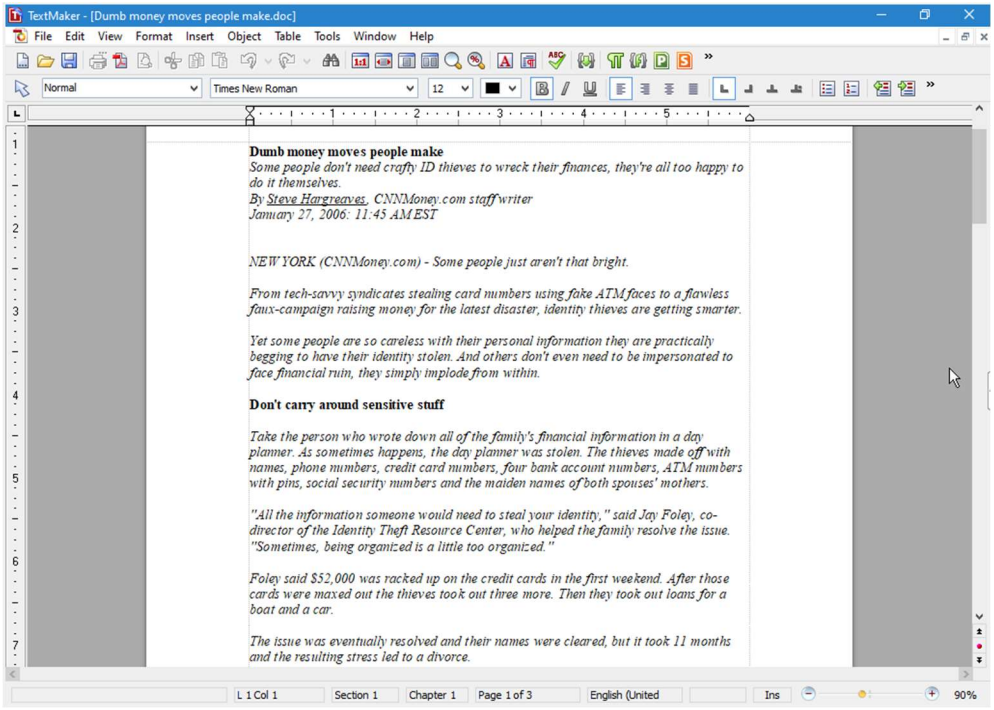

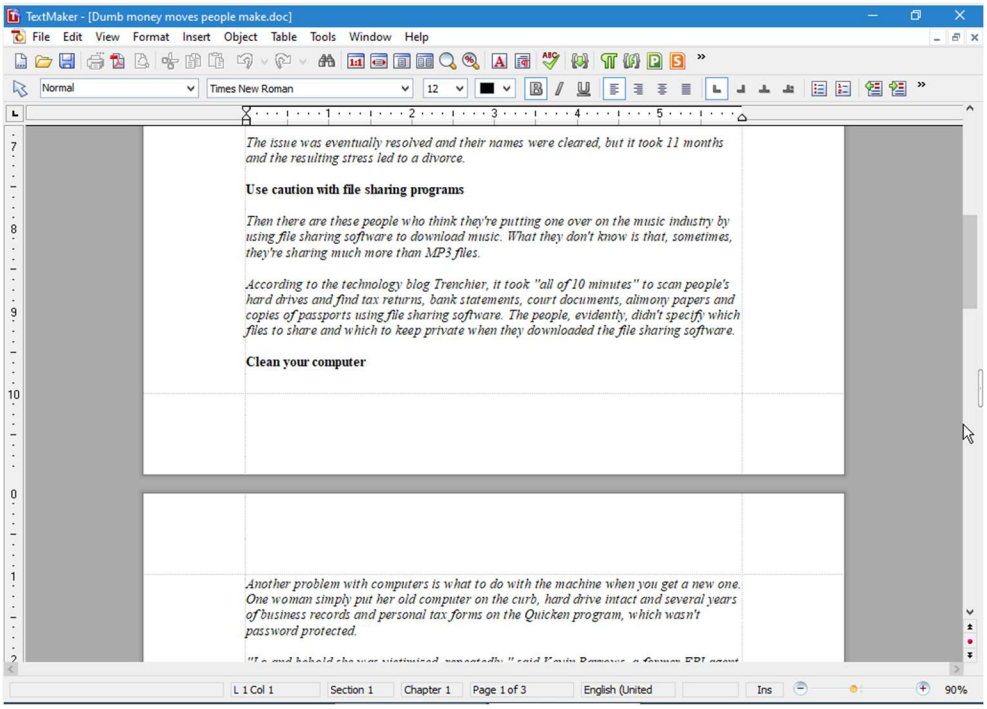

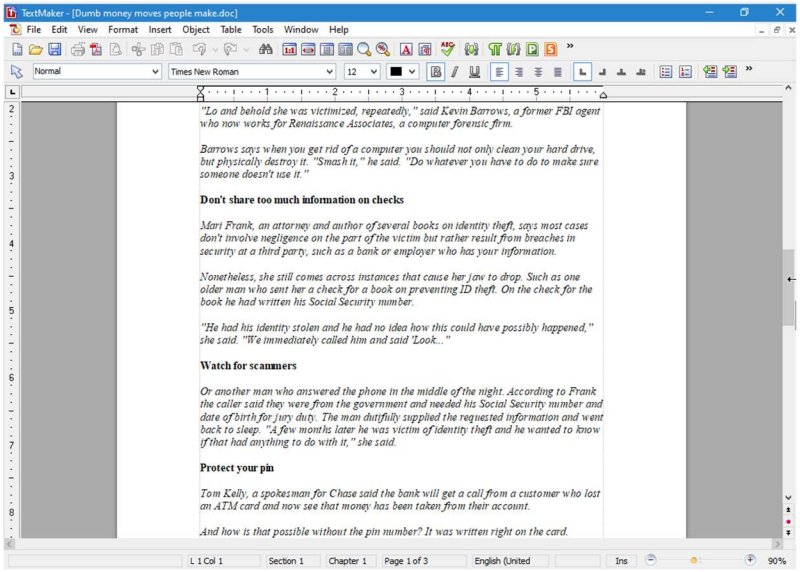
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"Lo and behold she was victimized, repeatedly," said Kevin Barrows, a former FBI agent who now works for Renaissance Associates, a computer forensic firm.
Barrows says when you get rid of a computer you should not only clean your hard drive, but physically destroy it. "Smash it," he said. "Do whatever you have to do to make sure someone doesn't use it."
Don't share too much information on checks
Mari Frank, an attorney and author of several books on identity theft, says most cases don't involve negligence on the part of the victim but rather result from breaches in security at a third party, such as a bank or employer who has your information.
Nonetheless, she still comes across instances that cause her jaw to drop. Such as one older man who sent her a check for a book on preventing ID theft. On the check for the book he had written his Social Security number.
"He had his identity stolen and he had no idea how this could have possibly happened," she said. "We immediately called him and said 'Look...'"
Watch for scammers
Or another man who answered the phone in the middle of the night. According to Frank the caller said they were from the government and needed his Social Security number and date of birth for jury duty. The man dutifully supplied the requested information and went back to sleep. "A few months later he was victim of identity theft and he wanted to know if that had anything to do with it," she said.
Protect your pin
Tom Kelly, a spokesman for Chase said the bank will get a call from a customer who lost an ATM card and now see that money has been taken from their account.
And how is that possible without the pin number? It was written right on the card.
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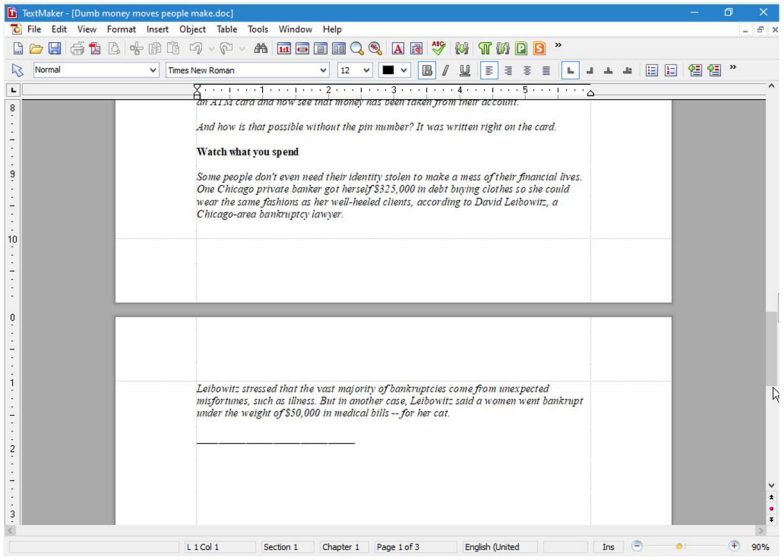
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Watch what you spend
Some people don't even need their identity stolen to make a mess of their financial lives. One Chicago private banker got herself $325,000 in debt buying clothes so she could wear the same fashions as her well-heeled clients, according to David Leibowitz, a Chicago-area bankruptcy lawyer.
Leibowitz stressed that the vast majority of bankruptcies come from unexpected misfortunes, such as illness. But in another case, Leibowitz said a women went bankrupt under the weight of $50,000 in medical bills -- for her cat.
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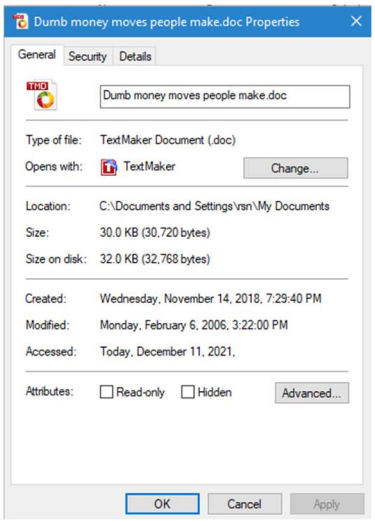
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October 29, 2009

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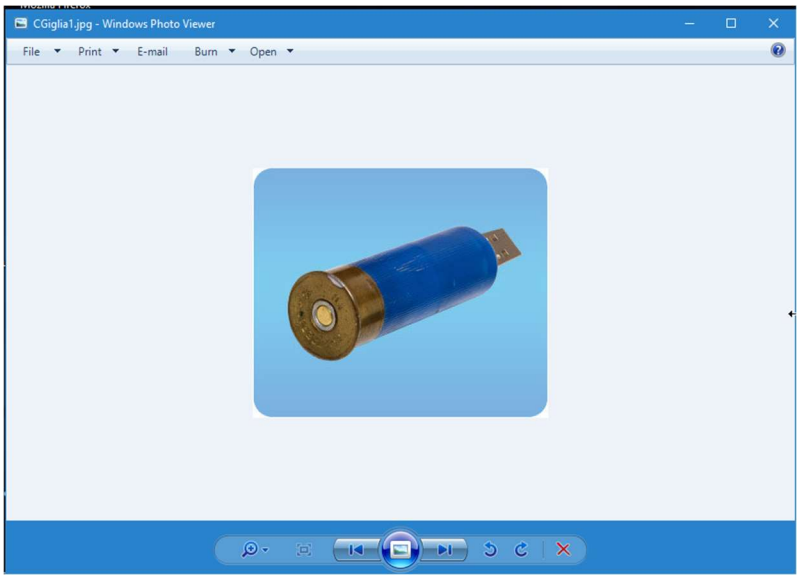

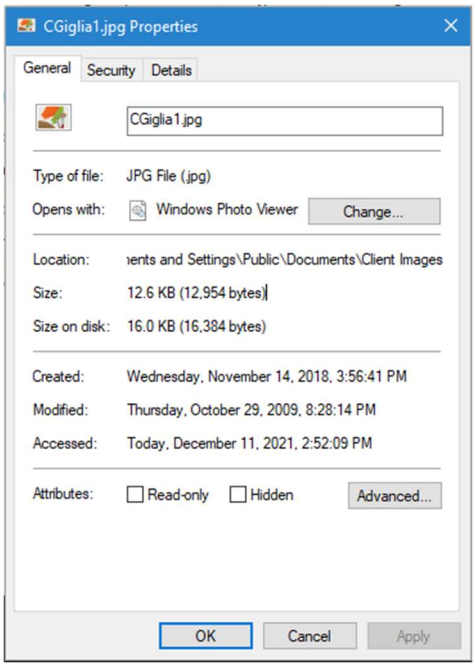

July 18, 2012

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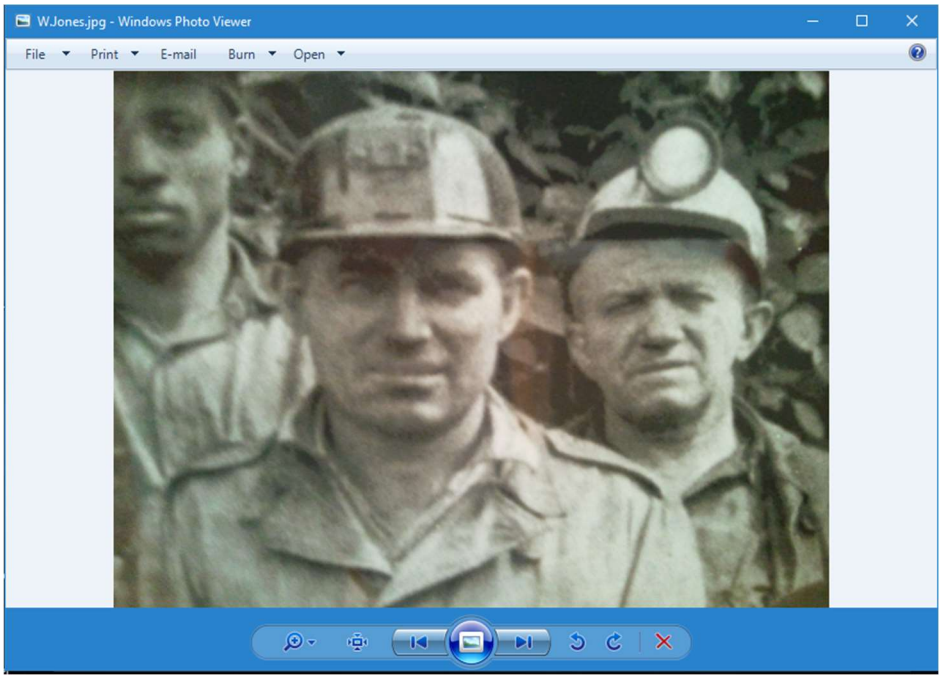

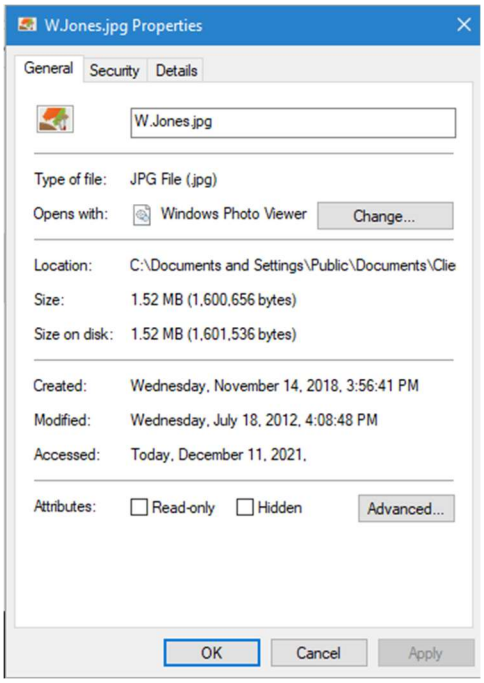

January 11, 2015

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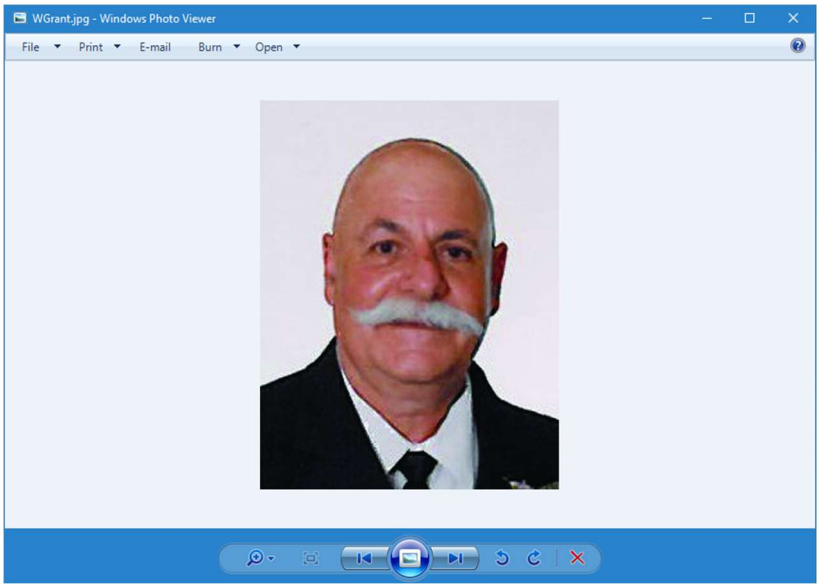

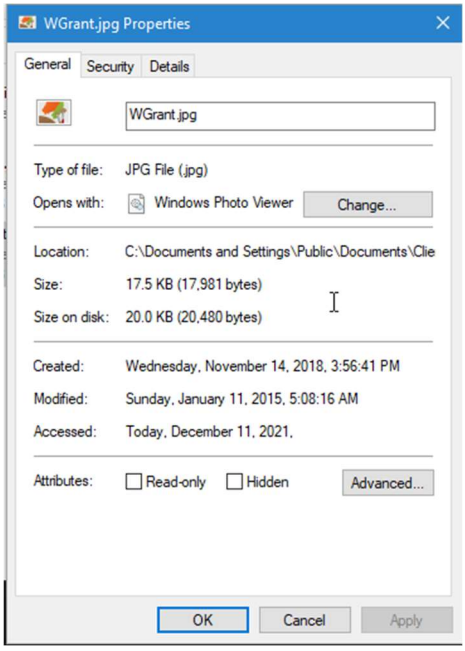

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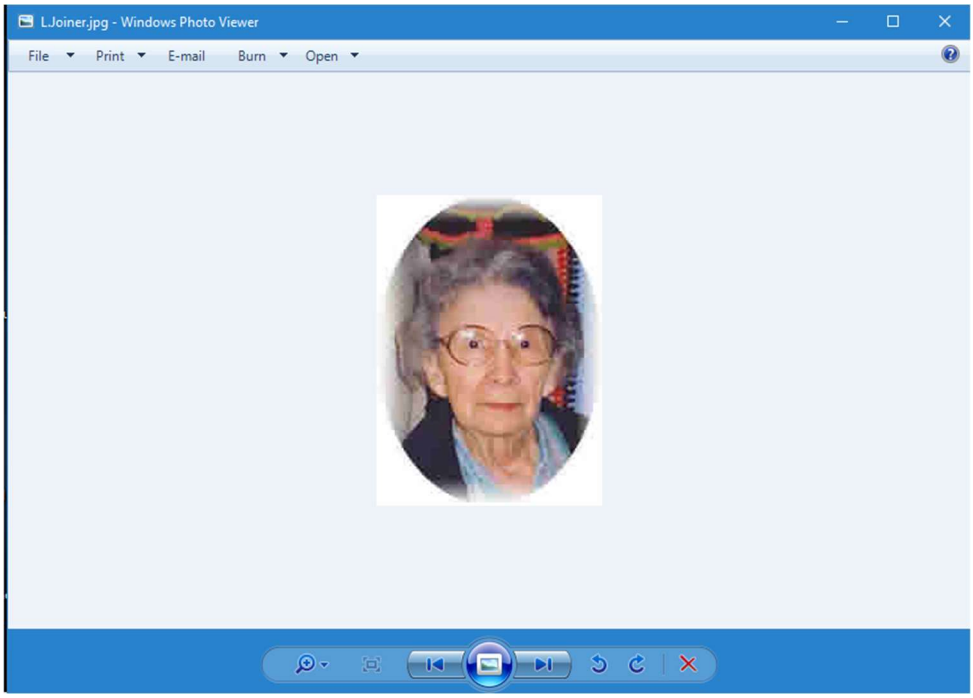

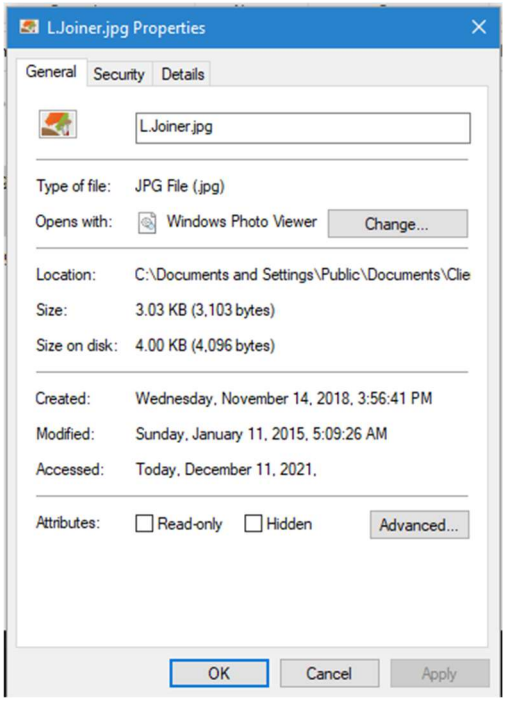

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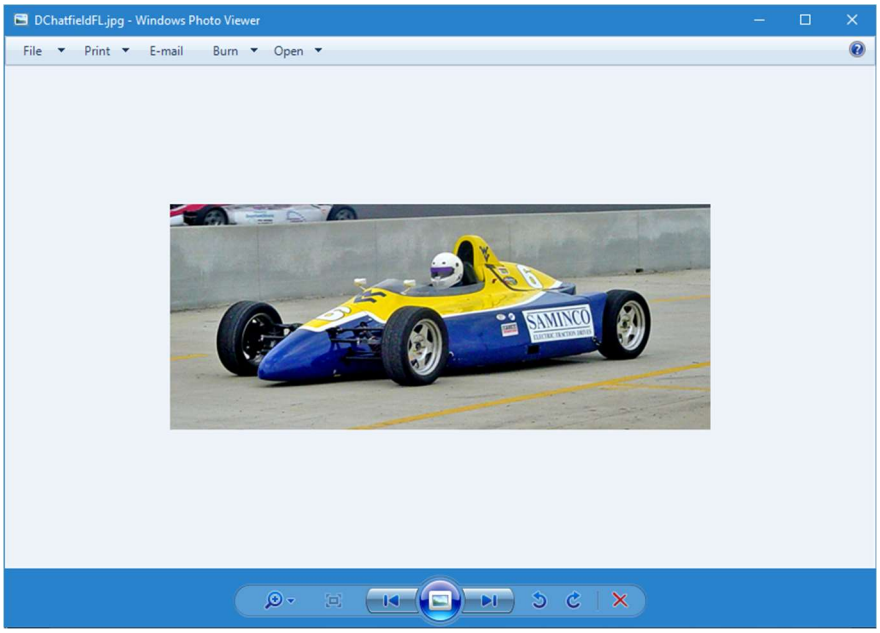

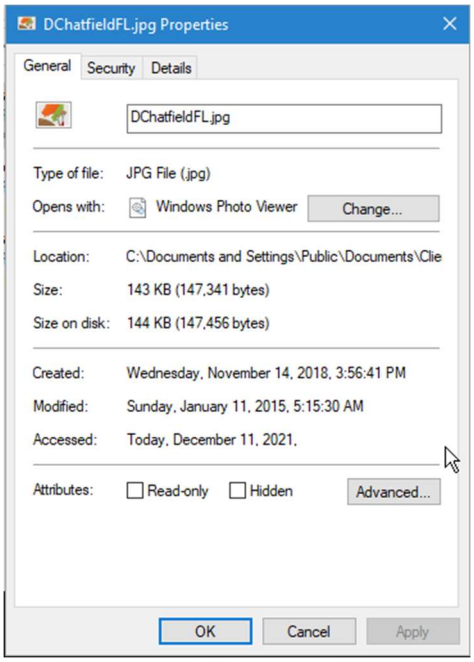

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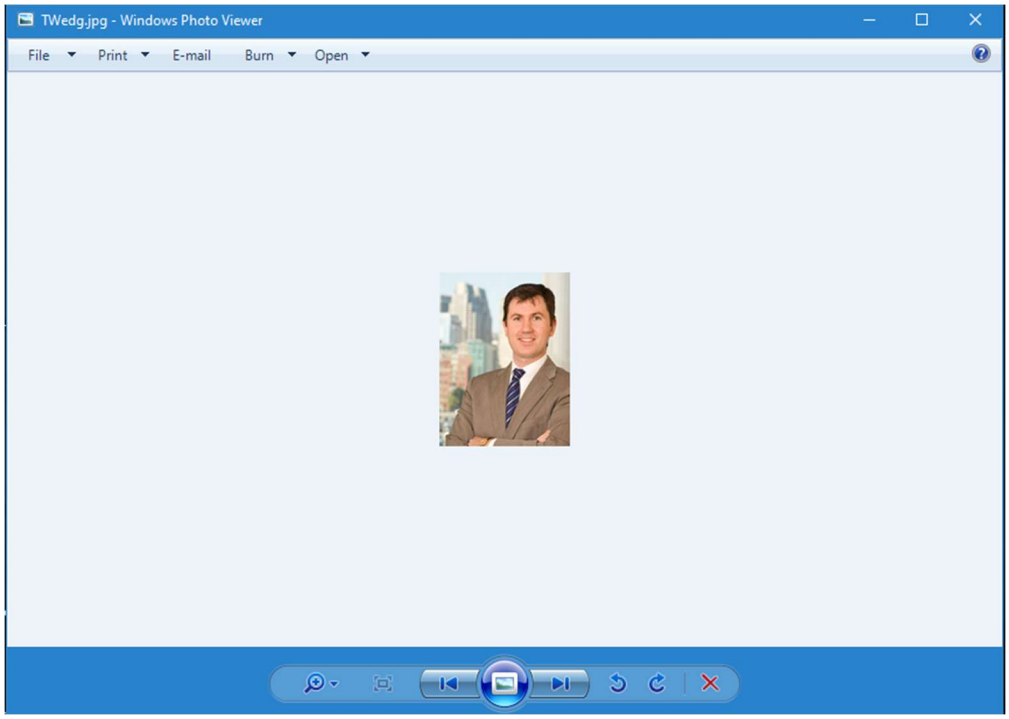

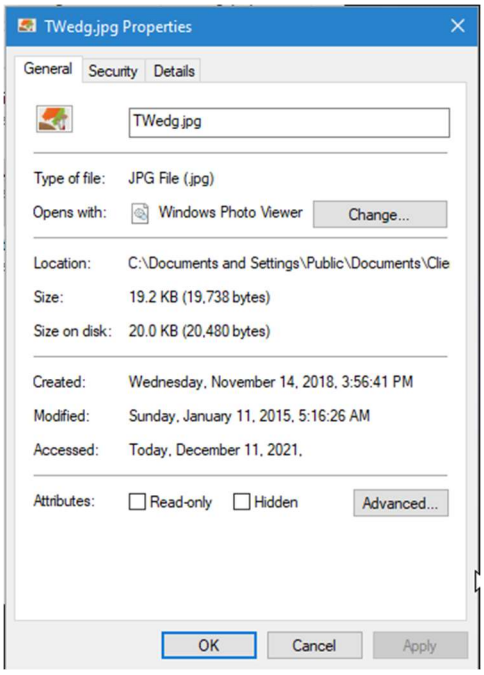

November 11, 2016

On this day, 10 images of various people appeared on the system.

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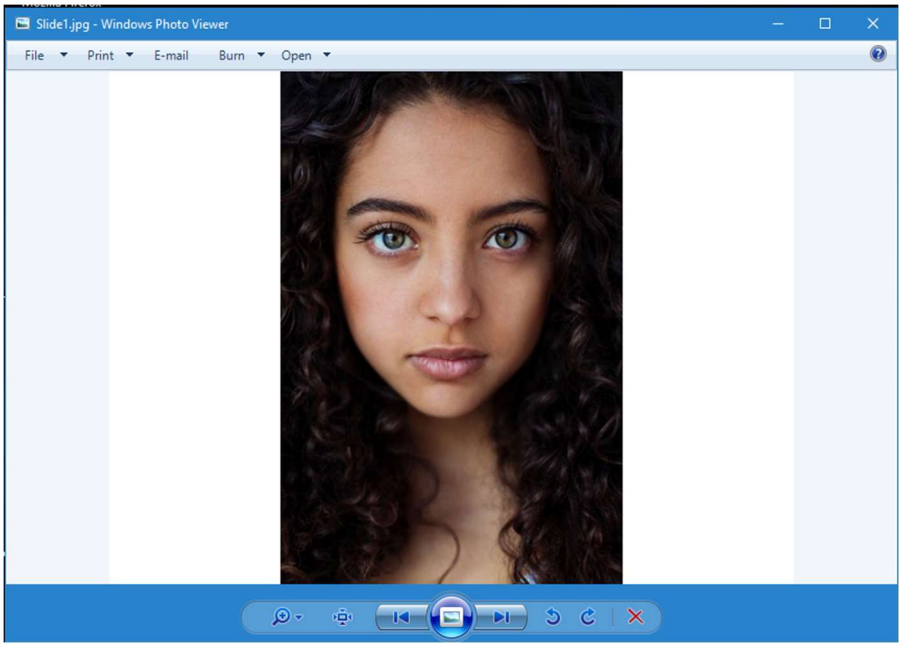

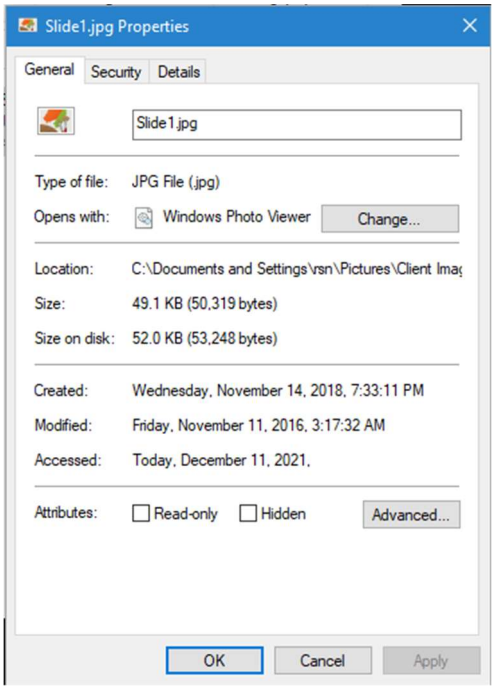

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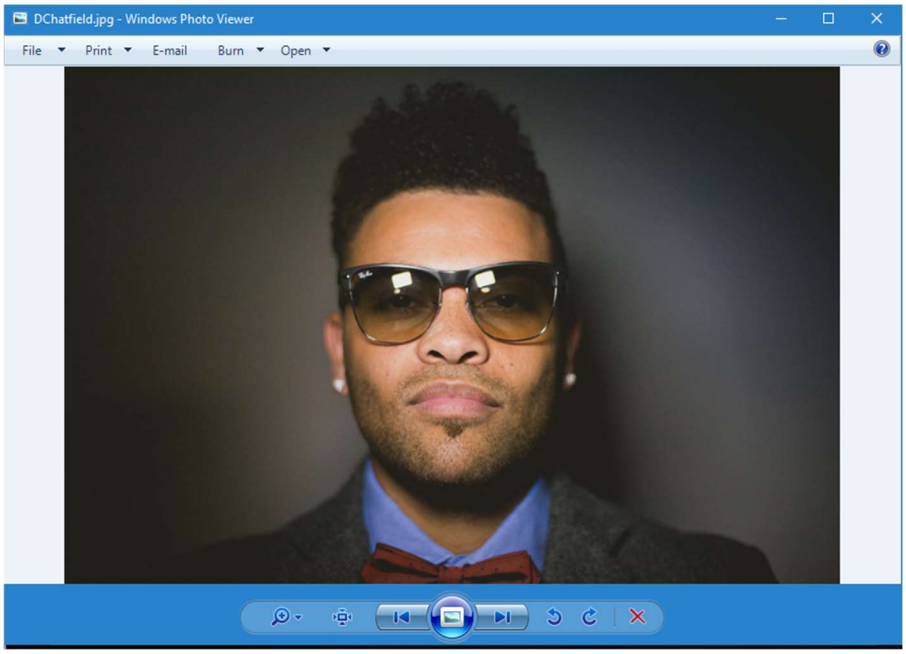

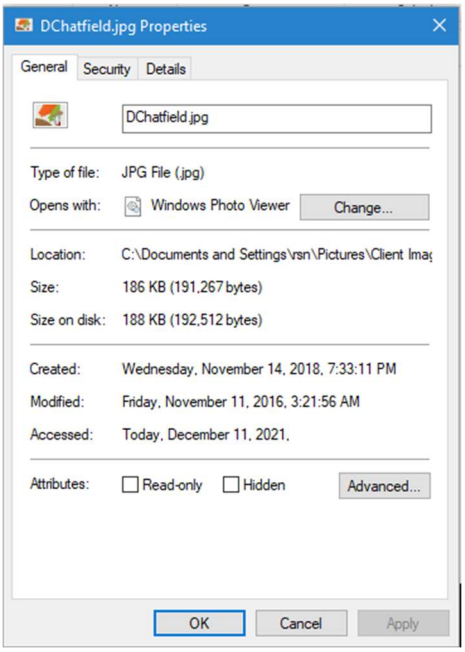

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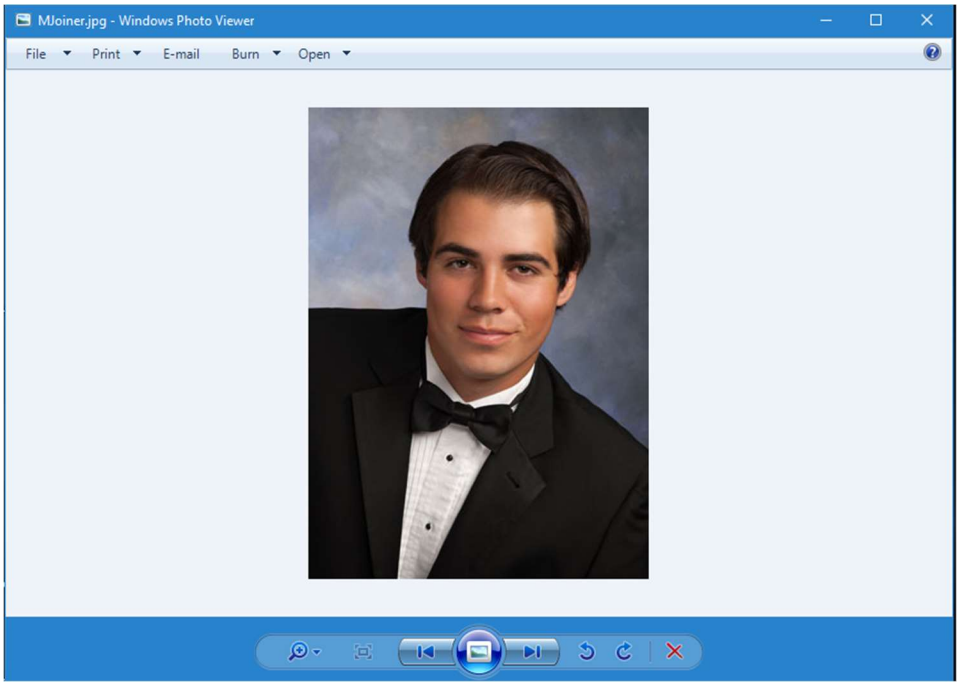

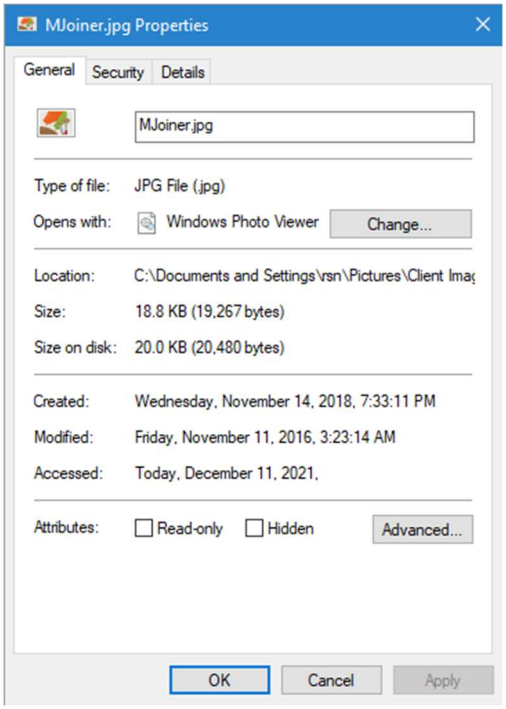

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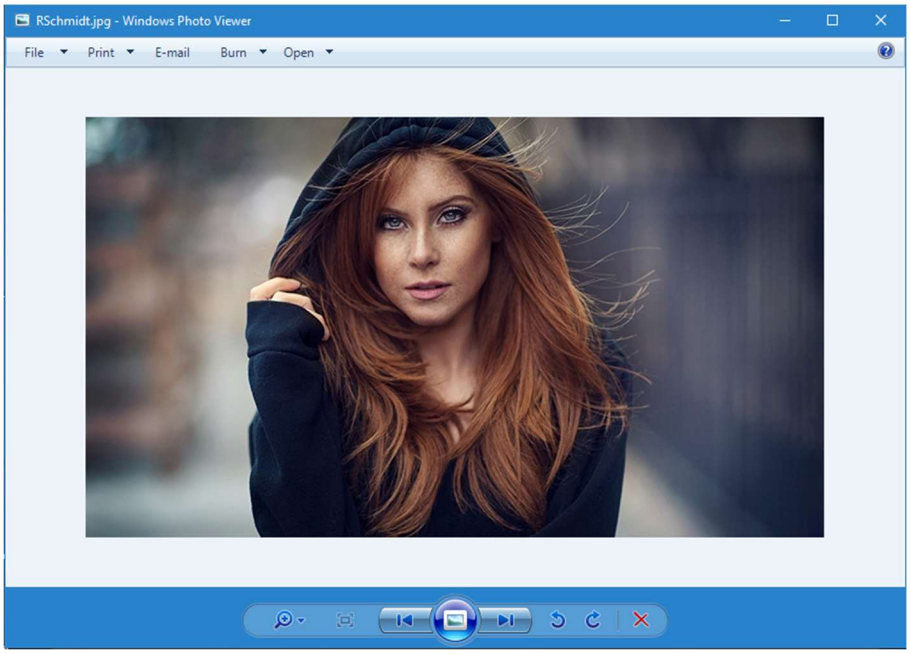

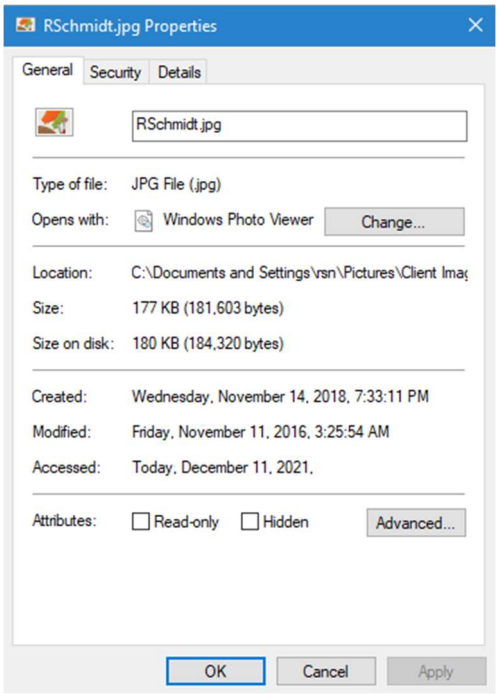

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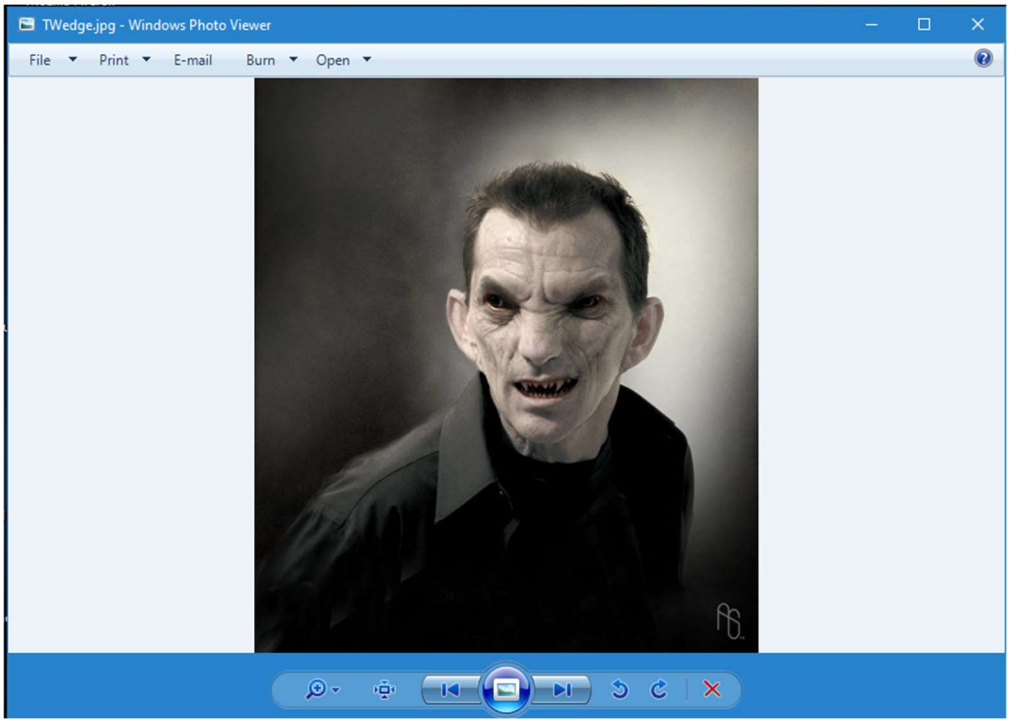

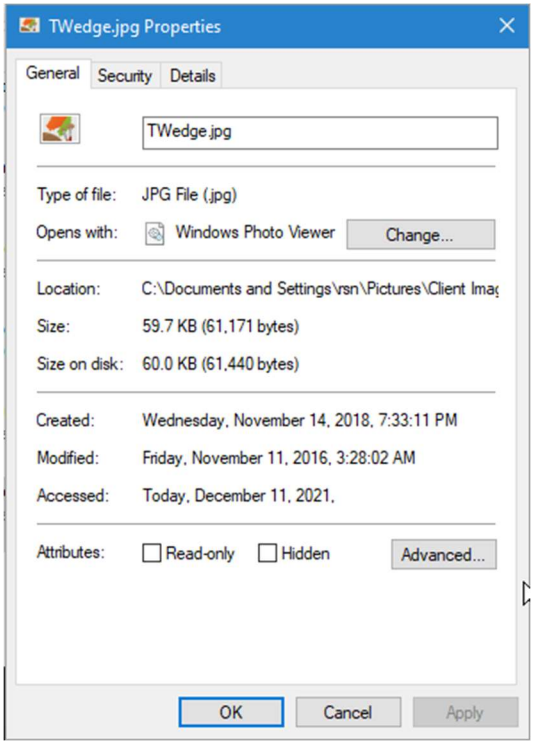

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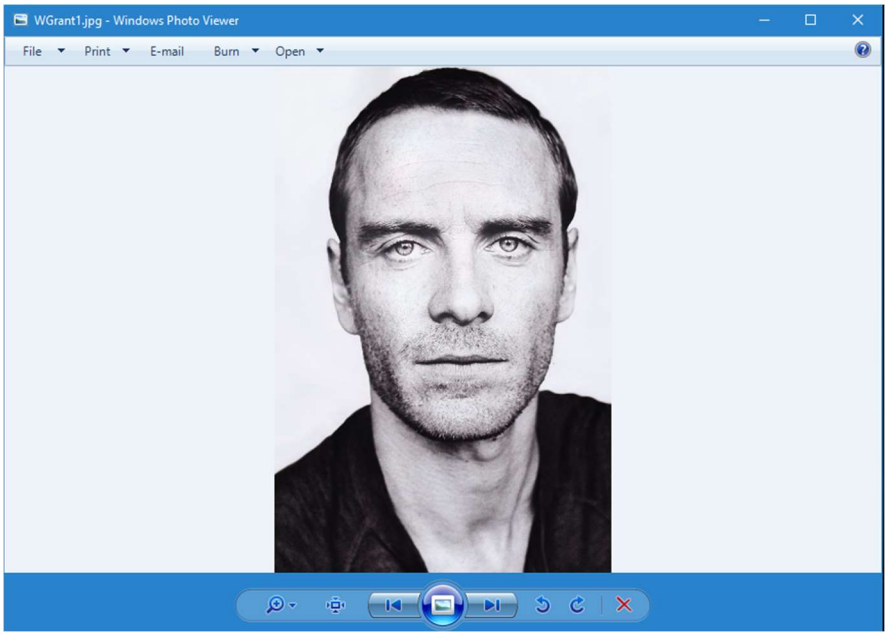

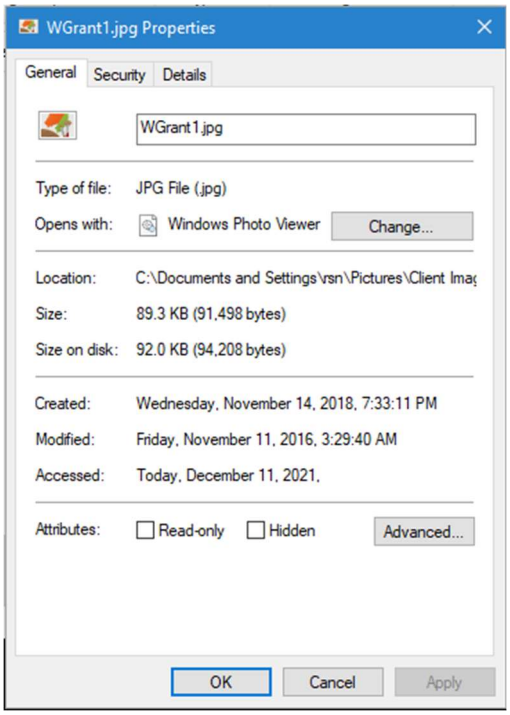

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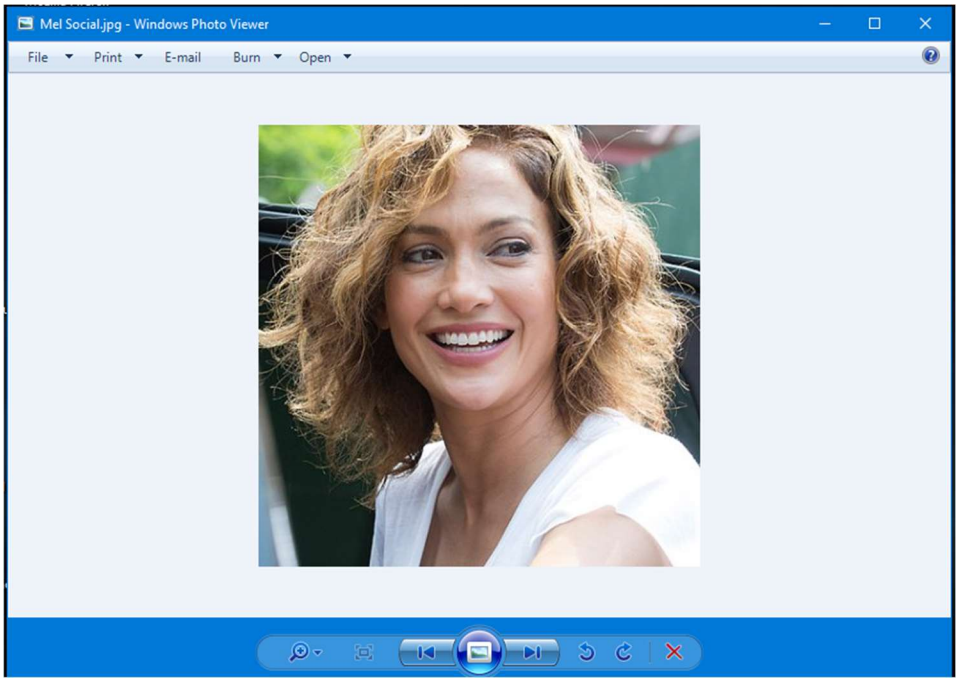

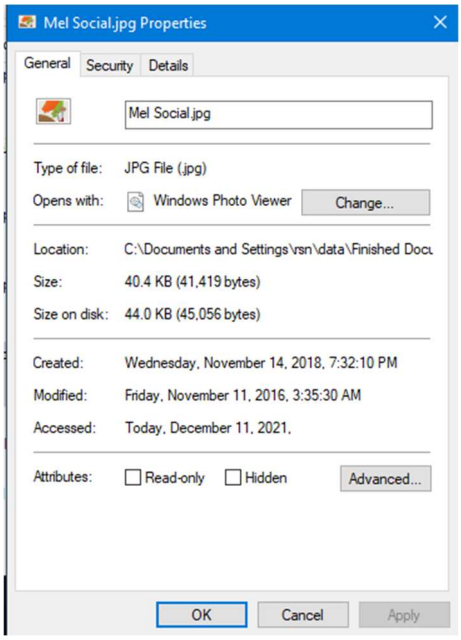

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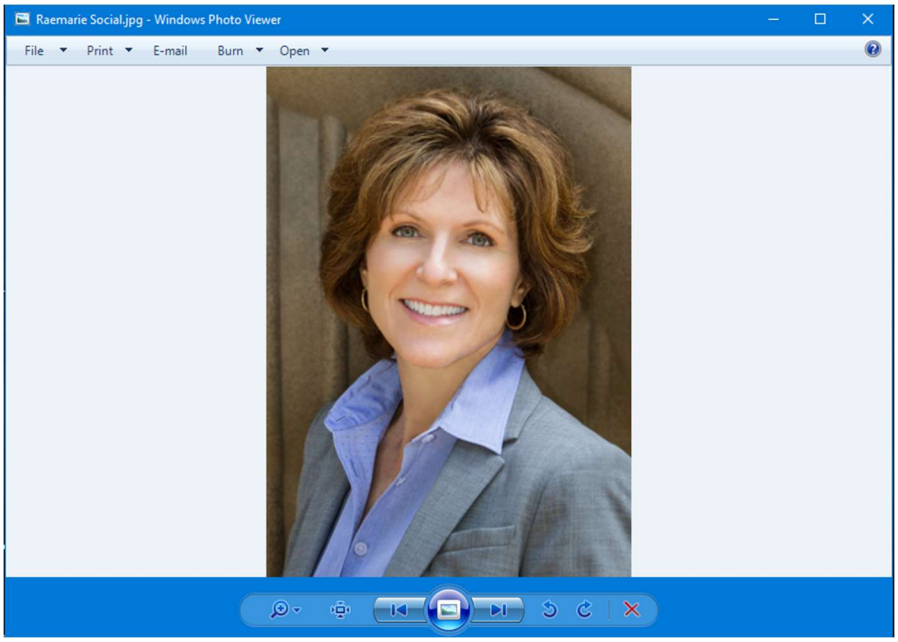

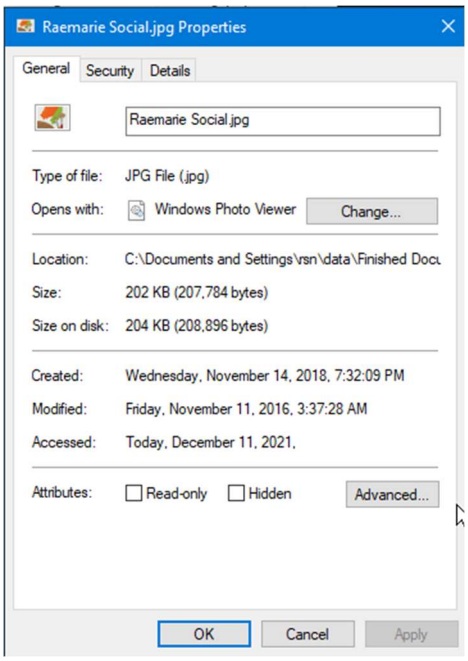

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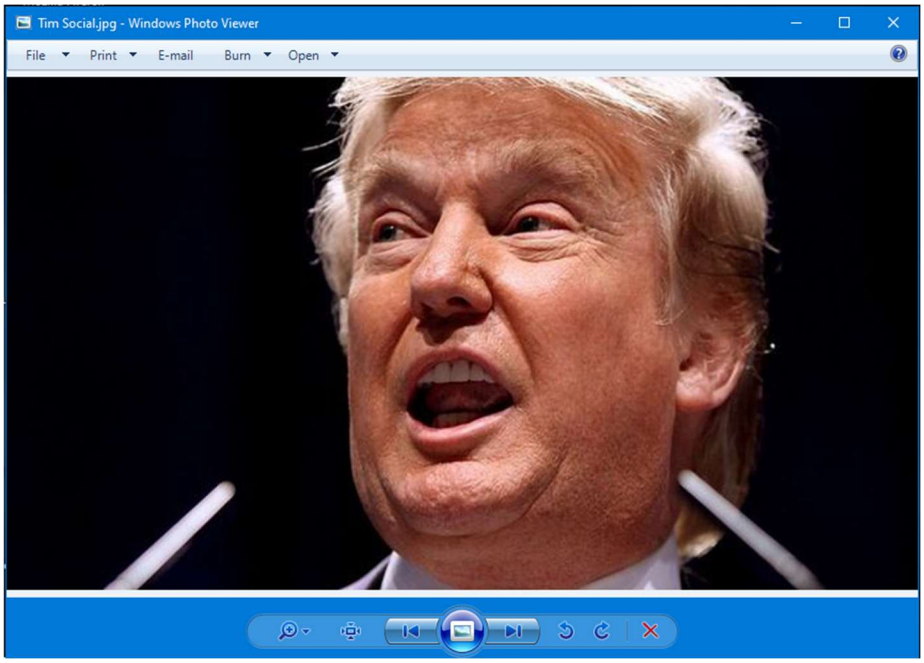

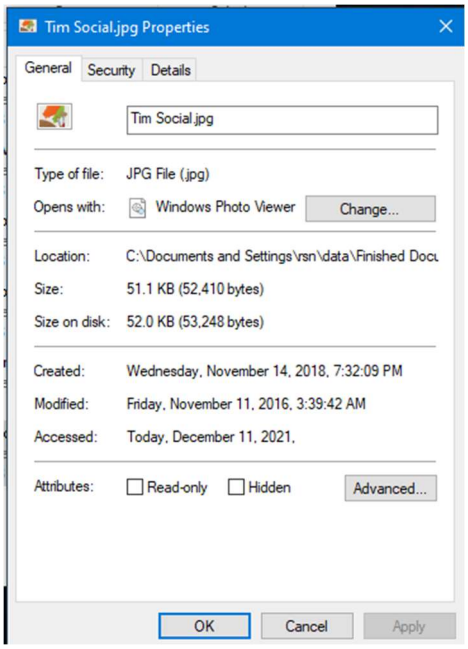

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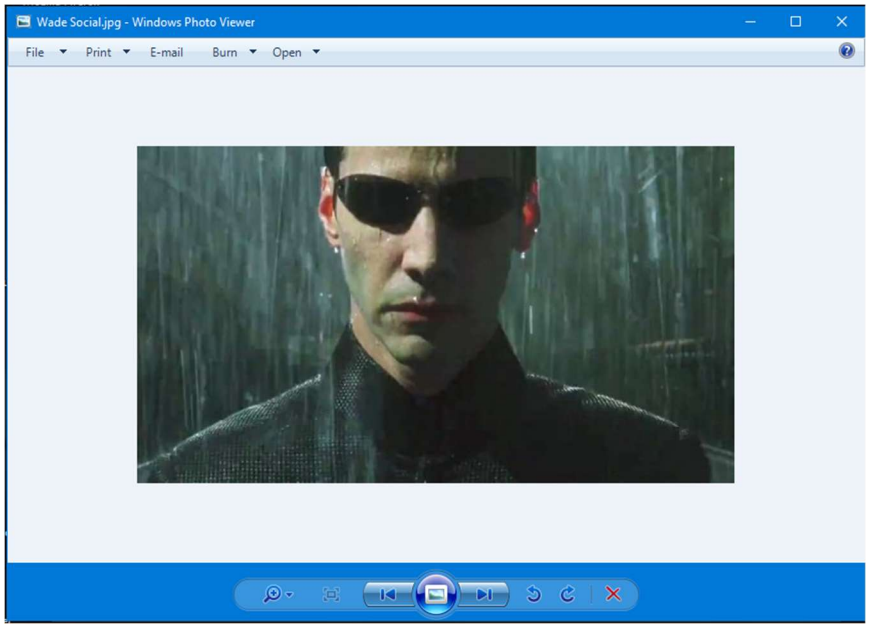

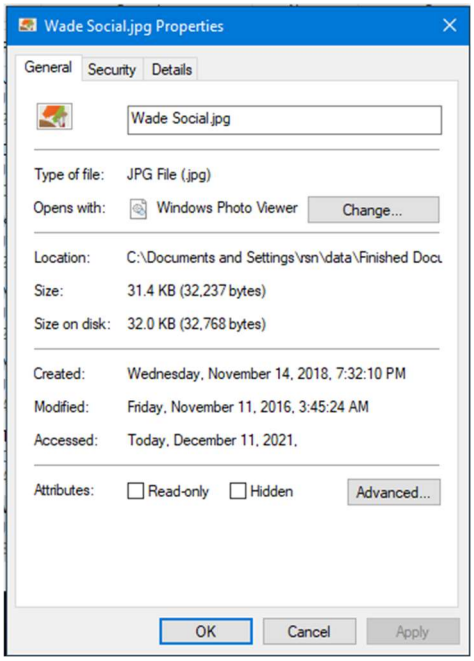

List of Documents

C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\Desktop\recycle

1) Jake.txt
2) Jimbo.txt

C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents

1) BBay.doc
2) Dumb money moves people make.doc
3) fmmom.doc
4) Letter to Joanie.doc
5) Loan.doc
6) Spas.doc
7) ToMom.doc
8) USAIRWAYS.doc

C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\My Documents\LOOT

1) BIRTHD~1.DOC
2) CONTACT.DOC
3) EMP.XLS

C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records

1) complaint to hokey dokey.doc
2) Customer.xls
3) DESRONrequest.doc
4) IDs.doc
5) idsrus Warning Letter.doc
6) IDSRUS.HTM
7) Order.doc
8) responseto ids r us.doc

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2) DChatfieldFL.jpg
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1) DChatfield.jpg
2) MJoiner.jpg
3) RSchmidt.jpg
4) TWedge.jpg
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1) Slide1.jpg

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1) Ben – WV.jpg
2) Ben.jpg
3) Bill – WV.jpg
4) Bryan – WV.jpg
5) Chris – WV.jpg
6) Chris.jpg
7) Joan – WV.jpg
8) Keith – WV.jpg
9) Keith.jpg
10) Mark – WV.jpg
11) Mark.jpg
12) Mel Social.jpg
13) Raemarie Social.jpg
14) Tim Social.jpg
15) Wade Social.jpg

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1) Picture #2 of Glenda for fake drivers license.jpg
2) Pictures for Teri for fake drivers license.jpg

C:\Documents and Settings\rsn\data\data3\Orders and Records\IDsrus_files

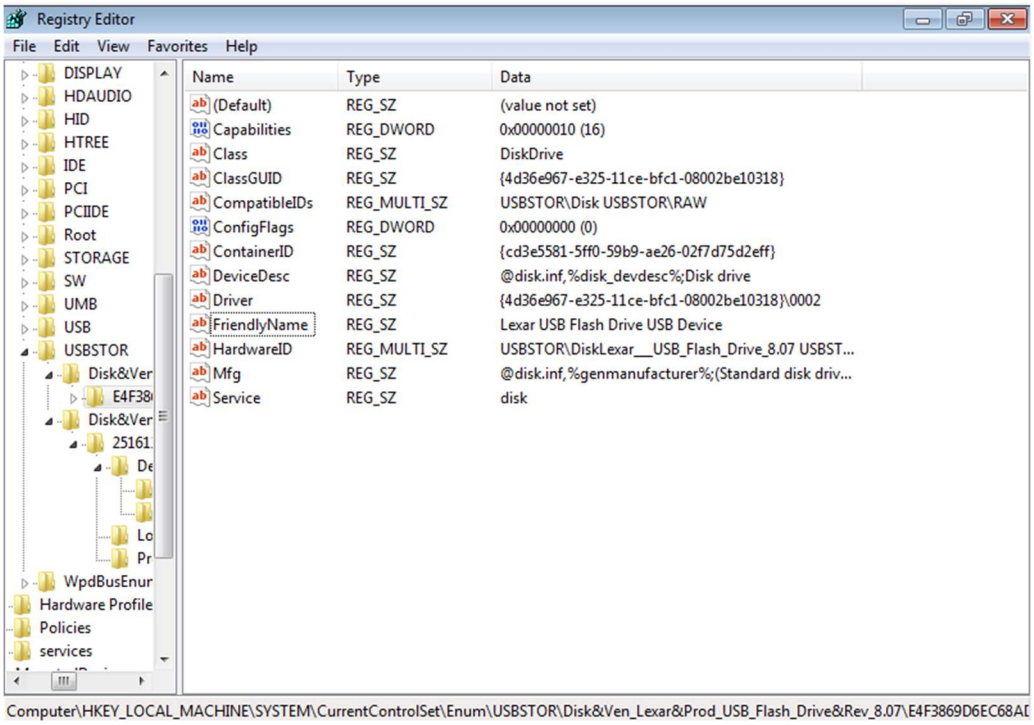
1) image003.png

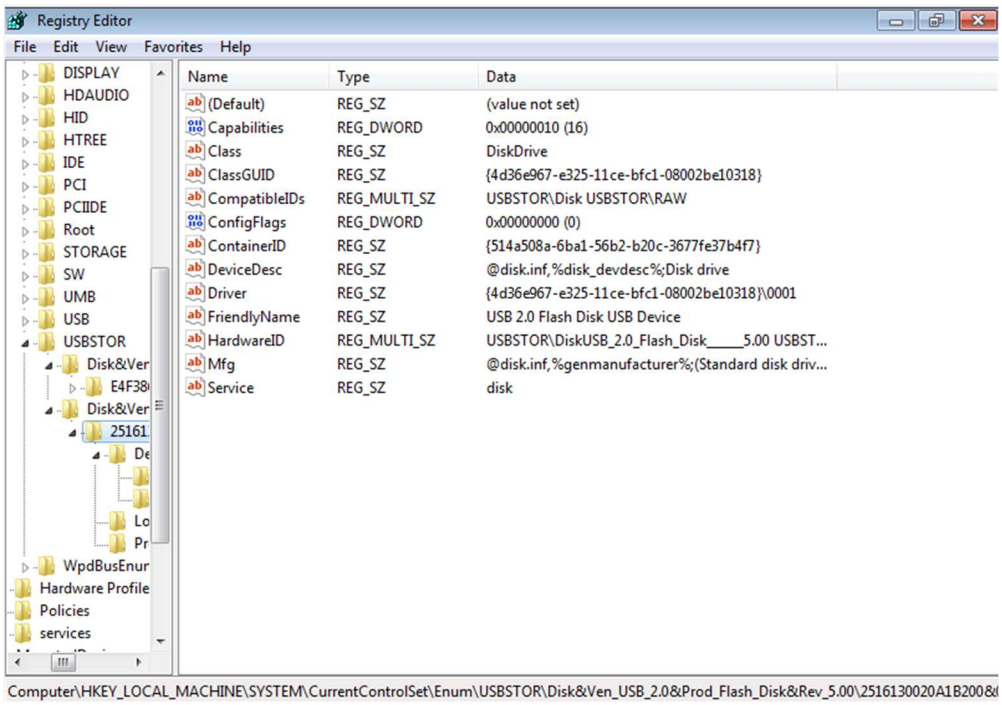
List of Tools

Tool Name	Tool Source
VirtualBox	https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads
Hiren's BootCD PE	https://www.hirensbootcd.org/download/

Connected Flash Drives

The investigation found that there had been 2 flash drives connected to the machine. The first of these flash drives was a Lexar USB Flash Drive USB Device, as can be seen in the FriendlyName field of the first screenshot below. The second flash drive was a USB 2.0 Flash Disk USB Device, and its information can be seen the second screenshot below. This information was found by entering the Registry Editor and navigating to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE -> SYSTEM -> CurrentControlSet -> Enum -> USBSTOR. The screenshots with information about the 2 flash drives can be seen below.





NOTE: While most of the investigation was completed using Hiren's BootCD PE to access the file system, a different means of access was required to find the flash drives that were connected to the system. An exploit in the Window 7 crash recovery procedure allowed access to the Windows file system. This vulnerability was used to overwrite a file called "sethc" to instead call a new command prompt in place of its original function, which was related to sticky keys. Using this exploit, a new command prompt was brought up on the login menu by pressing shift 5 times, and this command prompt was used to change the password of the user "rsn" to log in to the machine without using Hiren's BootCD PE. With this new level of access gained, the flash drives appeared in the registry as expected.