



BackgroundNow.com Launches Free DIY Background Check Search Tool

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Innovative website offers consumers access to free public records sources.

PR9.NET May 16, 2008 - HOUSTON, TEXAS - Informed Networks Corporation announces the launch of its BackgroundNow.com "DIY Search Tool". It's designed to connect individuals and businesses directly to free or inexpensive public records sources for do-it-yourself background checks. The specialized tool searches a targeted group of information sources connecting users directly to government records sources. A search at BackgroundNow.com leads to the federal government's registry for all federal criminal, civil, bankruptcy and tax cases, for example. The registry charges 8-cents per search. County courthouse websites can be located, many of which offer free searches of criminal, civil and traffic court cases. Also, Secretary Of State records can be accessed, giving users information on business ownership and transactions.

It provides anyone with the ability to search and locate individuals and businesses, criminal and civil court records, property records, bankruptcies, liens, judgements, tax cases, business records, employment histories, federal government exclusion lists, OFAC records, FDA debarment records, healthcare sanctions records -- in short, information to conduct a thorough background background check.

In addition to records sources, the BackgroundNow.com search tool offers guides to assist individuals with free advice on how to conduct their own background checks. "There is quite a bit of secrecy and misunderstanding surrounding background checks. In part because it was long the domain of private investigators who kept the tricks of the trade to themselves. Also locating the correct source of information can be a complex matter. The DIY Search Tool gives access to information needed to get the job done.", says Lee Hill, CEO at Informed Networks Corporation.

There's some mythology about background checks, such as the concept of "nationwide criminal records databases" that report criminal records from every jurisdiction in the United States. No such background check exists. Many commercial background check companies offer database searches that cover many jurisdictions in the majority of states, but they are all incomplete. Commercial nationwide criminal records databases can cover a lot of ground and inexpensively. So, they are worthwhile. However, they may not include the jurisdiction needed. The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division manages the National Crime Information Center, a database of nationwide criminal records. It is the most complete source of records, yet even it is not perfect. Most misdemeanors are not included in the database and many county and state records never make their way to the FBI. En route to the FBI from counties and states there are breakdowns in the process. The DIY Search Tool empowers users with the information and sources to do a professional background check.

Use of the BackgroundNow.com Search Tool is free.

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Informed Networks Corporation and BackgroundNow.com provide extensive background check services exclusively to business and government.

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