



May 17th, 2022

To: Tom Ourada
City Administrator

From: Lincoln Morehouse
Investigative Sergeant
Crete Police Department

Subject: **Recommendation for Investigative Resource TLOxp**

City Administrator Ourada,

After spending a considerable amount of time learning and applying Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques, I have determined that a paid service would provide a better result in less time. This service is called TLOxp, which is owned by the credit reporting agency TransUnion and draws information from over 10,000 sources.

TLOxp Cost:

Recurring: \$170/month or \$2,040/year – unlimited standard searches for one user (this will suffice for most applications)

Less Commonly Used Addons:

Social Media Basic: \$1/search

Super Reverse Lookup: \$0.40/search

Real Time Phone: \$0.40/search

Comprehensive Social Media Report: \$4/search

Real Time Incarceration Report: \$3/search

A variety of investigative tools are available to the general public. These resources are information repositories such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, public records databases, people search sites and many other resources. However, this method of searching, while effective, is inefficient and very time consuming. In addition, some information can only be found behind a paywall.

There are other, paid resources as well, such as LexisNexis, Clear and TLOxp. LexisNexis and Clear are often used by insurance companies, attorneys, private detectives and other professionals in need of private information concerning clients, customers and rivals. However, they lack some of the hitting power that TLOxp has. I have been testing their services for only three days and, in that time, I have cleared a cold sexual assault of a child case and located valuable information about people and vehicles that we would not have otherwise had access

to. Even Southeast Communications was unable to locate the information sought by officers and I was able to pull it up in seconds because of the capabilities afforded to us by TLOxp.

TLOxp is thorough. I ran a search on myself and was able to find my email addresses, current and previous phone numbers (and carriers), family members, neighbors, current and previous vehicles, including title histories, current owners and current registration information *regardless of the state of issue*. Modern fraud investigations often cross state lines and a great deal of time is spent tracking leads that would be easily discoverable using TLOxp. Using this service would boost our investigative heft while simultaneously decreasing the amount of time required for given cases.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do let me know. I would be happy to address any feedback you might have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MOREHOUSE #110". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Lincoln Morehouse
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