The Disability Fraudster
Litigation Support

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Who's involved?

Global Law Firm

What's the problem?

The firm contracted Prescient to investigate an individual who was suing one of the firm's clients for damages resulting from an automobile accident. This individual blamed the firm's client for this accident, which he claimed cost him millions of dollars. He claimed that, due to an injury sustained from the accident, he was unable to travel overseas to execute several lucrative business deals.

How was it handled?

Standard public records checks uncovered legal cases and civil suits involving the subject, but no highly adverse information was uncovered. Further open source research did not discover any social media profiles for the subject, although Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Google+ profiles were found that belong to several members of his immediate family.

In-depth research on these profiles uncovered photos that contradicted the subject's claim that he was unable to travel overseas due to his injury, and cast serious doubt on the severity of the injury itself. He was depicted in multiple photos taken on vacations and business trips in Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East, which took place after the automobile accident. No evidence of a serious injury was found in any of these photos, or in any posts made on his family's social media profiles. Travel records associated with the subject's passport corroborated his overseas travel.

Utilizing state-of-the-art eDiscovery tools, metadata behind the discovered social media posts and photos was captured and sent to the client. Per federal law, the collection of this metadata allows the posts and photos in question to be admissible in court.

Research & Analysis Highlights:

- U.S. public records checks did not reveal info, so analysts continued to search using open source methods.

- Social media research uncovered familial associations and incriminating photographs of the subject.

- eDiscovery tools were used to capture metadata and ensure court-admissible findings were presented to the client.

So, what happened?

Based on the investigation's findings, the client was able to undercut the plaintiff's assertions and successfully execute a sound legal strategy to protect the firm.

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