

Dear Sirs and Madams,
I am an heir locator and use the online SSDI daily in my efforts to find heirs and inform them of their entitlement to Estates in the U. S.

Over the last 14 years I have been able to locate dozens of heirs in the U. S. and abroad and as a result they have received a total of several million dollars.

It would be cumbersome to detail the process but in most cases it begins with a search on the SSDI. This then leads to other helpful information and, in the case of intestate succession, creating a family chart and contacting next-of-kin.

It is only just that family members be informed of the death of their relative and the financial boon to them. In my experience, it has changed the life of a child with Down's Syndrome and a mother with a child battling cancer. These are just two examples.

It seems we are too preoccupied with privacy at the cost of our fundamental values of justice, fairness, family rights and property rights. There must be a better way to prevent criminals and terrorists from achieving their ends without sacrificing our values and harming the innocent.

Please vote to continue to allow online public access to the SSDI.

Sincerely,
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