

## Cell Phone Stalking: *Cell phone forensic evidence in restraining order case*

### **The Situation**

Our client was going through a divorce and had moved with her son to a friend's house, where she was certain that her husband did not know her location. However, during this time she was served divorce papers at the address by her husband's attorney. Our client was shocked and shaken that her husband knew her whereabouts, and as a result requested a restraining order from the courts. She asked ArcherHall to search for digital evidence pertaining to the alleged stalking.



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### **The Challenge**

Our client suspected that her husband was stalking her via her cell phone. She wanted peace of mind that her phone was not being tracked and was also seeking digital evidence to use in her attempt to gain a restraining order against him. ArcherHall were tasked with finding out how our client's estranged husband had found her location by conducting cell phone forensic investigations.

### **The Solution**

Our experts quickly determined that our client's cell phone had not been hacked, and that no malicious malware had been installed. Her husband had discovered our client's location using software that is equipped on all iPhones and devices, called 'Find My iPhone'. The software uses GPS to locate all registered devices and pinpoints their exact locations on a map. Our client's phone, her son's phone, and her iPad were all registered to a common Apple ID. Her husband had been able to use the software to find out exactly where she was. Our team also uncovered evidence that a command was issued to erase all data from the iPad on the day that the divorce documents were handed to our client at her temporary address, proving that the 'Find My iPhone' function had been in use at that time.

### **The Outcome**

ArcherHall compiled a detailed report of the findings, which led to the opposing council dropping their resistance to our client's request for a restraining order. Our client won the case, and the judge ordered payments of \$60,000 in sanctions. In addition, our client was given assurance that no malicious malware had been installed on her phone and that her husband could no longer see her data or identify her location.

### **Key Success**

Determined the method by which our client's husband had discovered her location and assisted her case to gain a restraining order against him.