

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and the MEDIA:

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS MAY LEAD TO VICTIMIZATION

Israel Hyman returned home from a trip to visit relatives one spring day and found that his home had been broken into and his computer, two displays, and a printer had been stolen. After thinking about how a burglar would know that his home was empty, he realized that a tweet he had made, which automatically changed his Facebook status, announced to the world that he was not at home. Some observers may be tempted to blame Hyman for his misfortunes, but many social media users regularly post their location status and updates. In the past, it was reported that burglars would search obituaries to learn when homes were vacant. Today, they don't even

have to buy newspapers to find out this information. Be sure to check your Facebook status so that you aren't announcing your home or apartment is empty!

We made it to Kansas City in one piece.
We're visiting @noellhyman's family.
Can't wait to get some good video while
we're here. :-)

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