



## News Examples

### TEEN FACES JAIL FOR ALLEGEDLY UPLOADING PHOTO OF HIMSELF SIMULATING ORAL SEX WITH STATUE OF JESUS

New York Daily News: September 12, 2014

A Pennsylvania teen *is facing two years behind bars after he simulated oral sex with a statue of Jesus and uploaded pictures of his unholy deed online.* The images were then *uploaded to Facebook, where they soon went viral.*

Cops were contacted and the teen was *arrested and charged on Tuesday with desecrating a venerated object.*

### 'IT WAS A BONEHEAD DECISION': FLORIDA DAD REGRETS KICKING 6 YEAR-OLD SON DOWN SKATEBOARD RAMP

New York Daily News: May 19, 2014

Marcus Crossland said his attempt to help his son, Dino, *confront his fear was a mistake and has since lost his job because of the incident, which was recorded and posted online last month.* He and his wife, Emily White, said they plan to move away from their neighborhood because of the backlash.

But Marcus Crossland said the tough love experiment on his son, Dino, backfired when a clip of the *shocking ordeal at the Jacksonville skate park was posted to Instagram* on April 26. "You can be the most amazing, kind-hearted, giving person in the world," she said. "*All it takes is that 2 seconds and people will hate you.*" "*Now those 3 seconds of video footage didn't necessarily really affect us. The repercussions have.*"

### 6 ARRESTED IN VANDALISM OF FORMER NFL PLAYER'S UPSTATE NEW YORK HOME, WITH MORE BUSTS TO COME, COPS SAY

New York Daily News: September 27, 2013

Brian Holloway, former offensive lineman for the New England Patriots, said Thursday that he authorized the sheriff to charge the young partygoers who are accused of trashing his home during a party Labor Day weekend. Holloway, *gained national attention by reposting party pictures the teens had put on social media websites.*

Three of the other arrested people face felony charges including burglary and larceny, and two are charged with misdemeanors, including trespassing. They range in age from 17 to 21.

### FACEBOOK PASSWORDS OF APPLICANTS DEMANDED BY COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Huffington Post: March 6, 2012

MSNBC reports that some government agencies and colleges are *now requiring applicants to give them their Facebook passwords so that they can see what's behind the privacy wall.*

The story comes on the same day the *San Francisco Chronicle* reports that *some scholarship providers are using social networks to help decide which candidates to select.*

Additionally, the survey found *that information on applicants' Facebook accounts have led "about one-third" to have been denied a scholarship,* while one quarter have been granted a scholarship based on the findings.

## **QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER FOLLOWING “FACEBOOK” ARGUMENT**

The Forum News Group: March 14, 2014

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 22-year-old St. Albans man has been convicted of the December 2011 attempted murder of a 21-year-old Queens man who he had been *arguing with on-line over Facebook postings made by a mutual female friend*.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant has been convicted of a violent and senseless assault, which caused the victim to lose his leg and almost his life. The *attack was apparently instigated by comments made during a conversation that the two individuals had on the social networking site Facebook*. Instead of just shutting off his computer and forgetting about the argument, the defendant chose to get a gun and confront the victim in person at his residence.”

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, they had an argument on Facebook with at approximately 11:30 a.m. on December 27, 2011, during which the victim provided his address to the man, who soon after appeared at his residence.

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER BRATTON ANNOUNCE LARGEST INDICTED GANG CASE IN NYC HISTORY**

*103 Members Charged in 2 Indictments; Top Count is Conspiracy in the First Degree, a Class A-I Felony*

Manhattan District Attorney’s Office: June 04, 2014

To build a case this extensive, prosecutors and investigators analyzed more than 40,000 calls from correctional facilities, screened hundreds of hours of surveillance video, and *reviewed more than a million social media pages*.

As detailed in the indictments, the *defendants used hundreds of Facebook posts and direct messages*, cell phone videos, and calls made from Rikers Correctional Facility to plot the deaths of rival gang members. Gang members also *used social media to publicize and claim credit for acts of violence and publically disrespect and denigrate rival gang members*.

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER KELLY ANNOUNCE INDICTMENTS OF 63 MEMBERS OF THREE OF MANHATTAN’S MOST VIOLENT GANGS**

Manhattan District Attorney’s Office: April 04, 2013

*Social media remains a double-edged sword in our crime fighting strategies. It is used by crew members to brag about past crimes, taunt rivals, and incite violence. On the other hand, we use social media to document past crimes and intercept new ones being talked about openly by crew members on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.”*

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