Project WHO?™ The Path Forward In Combating Identity Crime

Project WHO? originated as a U.S. National Institute of Justice-funded pilot program to address the problem of identity crime. This system is primarily aimed to:

1. Provide an open standards technical and policy framework for multi-jurisdictional ID crime data collection, analysis, decision support and sharing
2. Enable victim cooperation via a standardized Web-based reporting mechanism
3. Educate policymakers about the nature and scope of the ID crime problem

If ever there was a crime that necessitates cross-jurisdictional exchange and analysis of data, it is identity crime. Importantly, the Project WHO? model is engineered to enhance the public and private sectors' ability to manage the reports, investigations, and exchanges of identity crime via standard, automated and policy-informed components. The system design is bottom-up, having been designed and prototyped directly with law enforcement identity crime investigators and analysts in southern California.

Counter ID crime operations are an information-intensive process in which organizations collect and interpret voluminous data sets in an effort to serve and protect citizen-consumers, while at the same time maintaining their trust. There are significant technical, managerial, and legal hurdles to integrating, correlating, and interpreting identity crime data between sources on the Internet and offline databases. A huge challenge lies in developing a systematic and scalable framework to empirically collect, descriptively analyze and actionably share ID crime data within and across jurisdictional, geospatial, and virtual data spaces.

The Project WHO? framework uniquely addresses these new challenges with a policy-informed technical and analytical system to efficiently collect, correlate, triage and exchange identity crime data and reports between various governmental and private databases. This promises empirical measurement and comprehension of the problem, and improved institutional ability to detect, prevent, and respond to this multi-jurisdictional and dimensional problem.

A transparent, replicable, and objective framework for ID crime knowledge management and information sharing will provide stakeholders with the capability to more efficiently manage and resolve these incidents. The significance of this collection, analysis and sharing extends between justice agencies, as well as across public-private partnerships, thereby leveraging the strengths of individual public, private, and victim-advocate communities toward a more effective collective approach.

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