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VOLUNTEER VICKY AT THE LONDON 2012 SUMMER OLYMPICS

I'm Volunteer Vicky and I've volunteered at many organizations such as Heartbreaker Hospital, Call-Me-Maybe Help Line and served on the Board of Directors at Shoots and Ladder Sporting Events. After watching the past Summer Olympics, I decided to make the leap of faith and apply as a volunteer for the London 2012 Summer Olympics. I've watched them every year and have been envious of the volunteers and their pins. However, this year was going to be different, this year I was going to be part of the exciting experience of meeting the most athletically elite people from all across the world, and getting that volunteers pin!

However, before I could be part of the Olympics I first had to be accredited.

The process of getting a background check and being issued a pass to attend the Olympics to work, volunteer or in any other official capacity is called 'accreditation'. Accredited individuals are allowed special entry to certain areas at the 2012 London Olympic venues and sites. The number of people being accredited is limited to those who need essential access to Olympic venues.

About 500,000 people went through the accreditation process; of which 70,000 were volunteers. By mid-June 2012 about 100 people had been excluded from getting accreditation due to adverse items found in their background checks.

I began the process by completing an accreditation form which collected basic personal information, such as name, address and date of birth. The background checks include a verification check on immigration status, security and criminal history records. The London government Home Office completed these checks on behalf of the London Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). Once the background checks are complete, the Home Office recommends that accreditation be passed on to the next stages of the volunteer screening process or refused for anyone who



may be a safety or security risk.

A Home Office spokesperson stated: "We are undertaking stringent checks on all those seeking accreditation. This rigorous process has

been designed to ensure those working at the Games are fit to do so. We will leave nothing to chance in our aim to deliver a safe and secure Games that London, the UK and the whole world will enjoy."

Anyone refused accreditation can apply to check that the information held on them is accurate.

After the kids flew the nest, my USA-born husband and I moved back to my home country of the UK. I'd had many experiences with background checks while in the USA. Most recently with a mentoring organization that mentors young ladies in grade 9-12. The organization and its mentors provide needed encouragement, guidance and advocacy to the young ladies as they navigate high school and move towards post-graduation goals. My background for that organization was so much more efficient and less of a hassle than for the Olympics. They use Commercial Investigations LLC and their Volunteer Screening system. I simply went to CI's website and entered all my information, paid for the background via credit card (thus saving the organization money and contributing as I can).

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To learn more about CI's Volunteer Screening Solutions contact a CI Representative at (800)284-0906 or at info@commercialinvestigationsllc.com.

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CLIENT CLUE

Adding or Removing a Contact/ Users to your Account

To add a user to your CI account send an email to: staff@commercialinvestigationsllc.com. Include the following information for each new Contact/User:

- ✓ Name of Contact/User
- ✓ Position Description
- ✓ Contact Phone Number
- ✓ Email address

The email should come from a current user on the account and include "New User" in the subject line. The new user will be added within 24 hours and receive an email containing their user name and password.

To remove a current user from your Commercial Investigations' account send an email to: staff@commercialinvestigationsllc.com. The email should include the following information for each user to be removed.

Name of Contact/User

The email should include "Remove User" in the subject line.

DUE DILIGENCE: VOLUNTEER DUE

Volunteering for your local community can be a great way to network with people and can significantly increase professional relationships. There are many benefits to becoming a volunteer, such as building new skills, avoiding gaps on resumes, self-fulfillment, and the benefits of networking. Many who are unemployed have been able to find work or gain new skills through volunteering.

Due Diligence is not numb to the reality of volunteering and all of the benefits that come with it. In fact, he's been actively searching for the right opportunity to serve at an organization. Due has had a tumultuous couple of years searching for work and has not been very successful with finding employment. Due finally set his sights on The Ray of Hope Foundation, an organization that deals with servicing underprivileged youth. He wanted to become involved in their community outreach program in order to provide children with opportunities they might not otherwise have.

Little did Due know that the foundation has been utilizing CI's new Volunteer Screening Solutions (VSS) service. The service allows volunteer organizations to direct volunteers to a secure portal for background screening. This allows for a completely seamless, paperless, and secure solution to volunteer screening.

The Ray of Hope Foundation was able to screen Due out as a potential volunteer because CI un-

covered a past criminal history that unveiled Due's unpredictable criminal history. The foundation works with an at risk age group and the report revealed that not only did Due have a prior drug conviction but he failed to update his address with the New York State Sex Offender Registry, thus leading to a misdemeanor conviction.

CI provided the Ray of Hope Foundation with a unique portal to distribute to its potential volunteers. This allows the foundation to quickly and efficiently funnel volunteers through its screening account without the need for data entry or sorting through piles of documents. Additionally, The Ray of Hope Foundation was able to protect the people it served while utilizing CI's services at a low cost.

In order to learn more about these services and other products offered by Commercial Investigations please contact a CI representative at (800)284-0906. Stay tuned to find out what Due is up to next!

To view Due's latest background investigation report, visit <http://www.commercialinvestigationllc.com/files/duesreportjuly2012.pdf>

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Once my report was finalized I had complete access to the report, from CI's website I was able to view the comprehensive results. Even better, was that the volunteer organization also had the same access to my report. It was slick and easy. As a board member I also realize the added benefit of how much administration effort was saved by the Volunteer Screening system Commercial Investigations has. Having paid for my background check through Commercial Investigations LLC, I

was able to also use the report for other volunteering endeavors saving time and money!

Having been through and passed Commercial Investigations LLC Background Investigations for the mentoring organization in the USA, I wasn't surprised when I received my accreditation and Game Maker status (yes, they relabeled the volunteers to Game Makers) for the London 2012 Summer Olympics. Sweet new pin here I come!



MEET DUE DILIGENCE

Last Scene from Due

When we last met up with Due Diligence he was surfing the web and using social networking tools in order to find his next position. He set his sights on an IT support position with The Harmony Hills Medical Center.

The Medical Center was using CI for background investigations and learned that Due Diligence had a history of drug abuse and was bad mouthing a former supervisor through blogs. CI also brought to light numerous discrepancies between Due's resume and the resume he posted on career sites. The Medical Center was able to determine that Due would be a less than favorable candidate.

To see Due's past reports, view his page online at: www.commercialinvestigationllc.com/duespage

Read previous issues of CI Times to see the full details of Due's life at www.commercialinvestigationllc.com

CI DOES CHARITY



The past month has been an extremely busy one for the team at CI. Through our Community Giving program, we've increased our volunteering activities and will be making donations to two great local organizations.

The first organization that we're donating to is I Am I Can, of Clifton Park (www.iamicanachieve.org). I Am I Can is an organization created to mentor girls in grades 9-12, providing encouragement, guidance and advocacy to students.

CI is making a financial donation to I Am I Can to

honor a promise that we made while participating in the 2012 Social Madness competition, held by the Business Review.

Pastor Charlie's C.U.R.E. Foundation, located in Albany, New York (www.facebook.com/TheCUREFoundation) is the second organization that CI is donating to. The C.U.R.E. Foundation is a charity for underprivileged residents and elderly. Members of the CI team will be spending a week at the end of July to volunteer time, helping to feed the hungry in disadvantaged areas of Albany.

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∞ INQUIRY SPOTLIGHT ∞

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

CI's Sex Offender Registry inquiry helps mitigate a company's risk of workplace violence and potential negligent hiring or retention lawsuits. CI recommends that its clients conduct a Sex Offender Registry inquiry in every state the subject has lived in, and by every name the subject has used, within the previous seven years.

According to a 1997 Bureau of Justice Statistics report, on any given day in the US, there are approximately 234,000 offenders that have been convicted of rape or sexual assault under the care, custody or control of corrections agencies. Nearly 60% of these sex offenders are under conditional supervision residing in the community. An estimated 61% of violent sex offenders confined to state prisons have a prior conviction history that resulted in a sentence to probation or incarceration. Approximately 25% of imprisoned rape and sexual assault offenders have a prior history of convictions for other violent crimes and 1 in 7 have been previously convicted of a violent sex crime.

Convictions for sexual offenses will appear on the subject's criminal record in the county or state where the offense was committed. However, sexual offenders will relocate to a different jurisdiction where their criminal record might not reflect the offense. Fortunately, under federal law, sexual offenders must register with the appropriate sexual offender database whenever they relocate. The U.S. Department of Justice reports that there are more than 500,000 registered Sex Offenders nationwide. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, the recidivism rate for sex crimes is four times higher than for other offenses.

These statistics more than justify conducting a Sex Offender Registry inquiry as part of a thorough background investigations policy.

For more information on CI's Sex Offender Registry inquiry, or to add this inquiry to your current requests, please contact a CI representative at (800)284-0906 or info@commercialinvestigationllc.com

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