

Re: Killer of judge's family used GPS to find her home

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Pieter Litchfield wrote:

> *I'll ask the really dumb question here – who needs a GPS to find a street
> address? It may be convenient, but not necessary. A phonebook and a map
> work just as well. I think this story again demonstrates the main stream
> media's "luddite" tendency to view new technology, and for some reason
> especially GPS technology, as the work of the devil. The implication of
> this story is that without GPS the murders could not have happened. Where
> have all the level headed editors gone?*

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> *"Omega" <2121(d)@insightbb.com> wrote in message
> news:f_4_d.75411\$Ze3.9710@attbi_s51...*

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>>*I wonder now if GPS units will be banned like they are trying to do for
>>guns?*

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>><http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-lefkow16.html>

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>>*Lefkow killer used GPS to find her home*

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>>*March 16, 2005*

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>>*Bart Ross used a global positioning device to seek directions to the homes
>>of federal Judge Joan Lefkow as well as a doctor and a Cook County judge,
>>sources said Tuesday.*

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>>*Ross, 57, shot to death Lefkow's husband, Michael Lefkow, 64, and her
>>mother, Donna Humphrey, 89, in their North Side basement Feb. 28. Police*

>>recovered a GPS mapping system from Ross' van after he shot himself in the
>>head last Wednesday.

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>>The device contained the address of the Lefkows' home in the 5200 block of
>>North Lakewood, the addresses of a Cook County judge living in Glencoe and
>>a

>>doctor living in Northbrook, sources said.

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>>The van also contained a "hit list" with the names of Lefkow and other
>>judges, lawyers and doctors Ross felt wronged him in his 10-year legal
>>battle against a Chicago hospital for his treatment of cancer of the
>>mouth.

>>He said medical malpractice left his face disfigured.

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>>Judge seeks more security

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>>In September, Lefkow dismissed a federal lawsuit filed by Ross, whose note
>>said she was "No. 1 to kill." Ross had represented himself in his case
>>against the University of Illinois at Chicago Hospitals.

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>>Federal investigators were continuing to search through computers seized
>>from the van and Ross' Albany Park home to find out how he obtained the
>>addresses of Lefkow, the doctor and the Cook County judge, sources said.

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>>Ross is suspected of walking around the federal courthouse in Milwaukee
>>hours before he killed himself in a suburb of the city. Federal appeals
>>judge Terence Evans, who ruled against Ross' appeal in November, has an
>>office in the federal courthouse in Milwaukee. Evans was on Ross' hit
>>list.

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>>Evans agreed with a resolution passed Tuesday by the Judicial Conference
>>of

>>the United States asking the Justice Department and the U.S. Marshals
>>Service to improve security, particularly at judges' homes.

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>>"I think someone ought to take a look at that, particularly "pro se"
>>filers,

>>those most apt to go off the deep end," Evans said.

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>>Body still not ID'd as Ross

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>>Since Ross started his obsessive legal battle, he sent rambling letters to
>>numerous state and federal authorities, and once called the state Court of
>>Claims in Springfield threatening to kill himself and others after one of
>>his lawsuits was dismissed, officials said.

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>>Authorities said they were preparing to track down Ross for questioning

