

Re: Object lesson in info control

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In article <10dabnkbnuhf81@corp.supernews.com>, lrooff@hotmail.com says...

- > *I bought a pair of laptop computers at a yard sale this week. Toshiba*
- > *Satellites, one with an OS problem that wouldn't boot up; the second*
- > *with a damaged screen. I figured it was worth \$5 apiece to see if I*
- > *could combine them into a good unit to send to my daughter.*
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- > *Anyhow, the consolidation went well and I had some surprises exploring*
- > *the results. The biggest surprise was that it's filled with personal*
- > *information and other files from the lady who sold it. I'll reformat the*
- > *HD after I stop by her house tomorrow and give her a "pep talk" about*
- > *information security. Meanwhile, I have, among other things, her and*
- > *her father's medical records and history, her own resume, the letter of*
- > *acceptance from the health management firm that hired her (\$85K plus*
- > *perks sure looks nice for someone with an MA), client information, her*
- > *complete address book, her financial records, two years worth of*
- > *corporate e-mail, confidential corporate information from her current*
- > *and previous employers, about 36,000 temporary internet files, and tons*
- > *of other stuff. It apparently never occurred to her that having a*
- > *defective display doesn't clean out the hard drive. In fact, I found all*
- > *this by hooking it up to a monitor before I even started working on the*
- > *thing. All I can say is that she's fortunate that I'm an honest person,*
- > *since I pretty much bought her whole life from her for five bucks.*
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- > *Anyone who gets rid of a computer needs to either reformat the hard*
- > *drive, use a good scrubber program or, if you can't boot it up for some*
- > *reason, dismantle and destroy the hard drive if it has anything more*
- > *than games and recipes on it.*
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- > *Eliyahu*