

## **“OPT OUT”**

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Anyone Can View Your Information. Cell Phone Numbers Going Public.

### **Hypothetical**

To Steve:

There is a new website that's called [Spokeo.com](http://Spokeo.com) and it has all your personal information. Go to the website and delete your name from the site. Click on [www.spokeo.com](http://www.spokeo.com) and type in your name. It is a site that people can pay \$2.95 a year and get all your personal info, house amount, wealth, email, EVERYTHING. When you type in your name click on property and it even shows a picture of your house, tells you the spouse.... EVERYTHING, Get it off the site ASAP!

From Steve,

I received this heads up in **RED** above and checked it out with my name. Everything about me was listed based on my Strasburg address as well as my former address in Littleton. It showed my income (I wish it was that high), how much my house purchase was, whom I was married to, where I worked, my email address, my home addresses, the list goes on and on. Between Lori and I we had to opt out 4 times because each of us was listed twice based on addresses. This is some real scary stuff. They even had a picture of my Littleton house.

Go out there now and get your personal information removed from this website right away. Go to [www.spokeo.com](http://www.spokeo.com). First do the search for your name. When your name comes up, copy the URL that shows up in your address line. Then go all the way down to the bottom of the page and in very small letters on the right side of the bottom of the page it says "privacy". Click on "privacy" and follow the instructions to get your name removed from the list. You will have to paste that address that comes up when you bring up your name as you are opting out. Make sure your name is not listed more than once and you have your spouse do the same.

2nd informational tip - Cell Phones go public this month. All cell phone numbers are being released to the telemarketing companies. Remember, you will be charged for these calls. You can add your home phone (if you haven't already done so) and your cell phone to the DO NOT CALL LIST by calling 888-382-1222. You have to call from each phone you want blocked. Here's the good part. It only blocks your phone for 5 years, so you need to remember to call again, and again, and again. Some of you younger folks will be doing several more times again than I will have to do.