



## SIMI VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ***Citizen Alert Release***

### Internet Privacy

Another web site, has surfaced where people may access your personal information. This web site is titled Spokeo.com. This information can include your credit score, profession, home value, age, photographs posted on social networks, and other data you may want to remain private. Maintaining privacy in your personal information can reduce the likeliness of becoming a victim through internet based crime networks.

According to the website, “Spokeo aggregates publicly available information from phone books, social networks, marketing surveys, real estate listings, business websites, and other public sources. Spokeo does not originate data or publish user-generated content. Rather, Spokeo indexes third-party data in ways similar to Google or Bing. Spokeo does not control or maintain any aggregated third-party data, and therefore cannot guarantee its accuracy or timeliness. Spokeo does not publish directory listings for children under 18.”

If you are interested in removing your name from the Spokeo listings, you may go to the website and click on the “Privacy” link at the bottom of the page. Follow the directions and your information will not be accessible through this web-site.

For more information or other crime prevention tips, contact Simi Valley Police Department, Crime Prevention Specialist, Jean-Marie Maroshek at (805) 583-6276.