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Many times during investigations witnesses and involved parties do not use their legal names and will rely on nicknames or street names. Booking photos are very helpful in identification of witnesses and involved parties. Substance abuse and/or body modifications (tattoos, hair dye, piercings) can result in drastic changes of appearance in a short amount of time leading to difficulties in identification. Drastic changes in appearance can lead to difficulty in service of subpoenas and investigation even if you have had contact with the individual in the past. I am sure that many investigators have encountered an individual lying about or concealing their identity to avoid contact and/or service. It is my opinion that access to the booking photos will be more cost effective as it will reduce and/or eliminate the time spent on social media and other requests in order to confirm identity. In addition, I believe access to the booking photo will reduce time spent on repeated contact attempts when a party or witness lies about or tries to conceal their identity.