

Locating someone with only a PO Box

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Q: I am looking for my birth father and ran a basic people search but the only address listed is a P.O. Box across the country from me. What can I do?

A: Great Question and one that we get asked a lot so I'll answer it here for everyone.

This is a common problem for a lot of people. You're looking for someone but all you can find is a PO box. I want to let you know right off the bat: *please, don't lose hope*. It is still possible to locate your friends and family (or debtor or deadbeat) using a Reverse PO Box Search.

Basically, when you fill out an application to rent a PO Box you must fill out a 1093 form and produce evidence to prove your physical address. This prevents fraud as well as illegal goods from being mailed to PO Boxes anonymously.

What that means is PO Boxes are usually rented for legitimate reasons and registered to the person who rented them. Now, on occasion, someone will convince someone else to rent a PO Box for them (undocumented citizens, business partners, domestic partners, etc).

Once someone has a PO Box they would typically forward their mail from the physical address and even use the PO Box as a billing address for credit cards, or business dealings. This address will end up getting into many "systems" both public and private whereby the investigators can then obtain the data.

The investigators that use bestpeoplesearch.com to sell their services have a great deal of success obtaining a physical address by doing a [reverse post office box search](#). The same typically applies to personal mailboxes. Like a Mailboxes Etc, UPS store, Postal Annex, and the other private Mail Box companies.

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