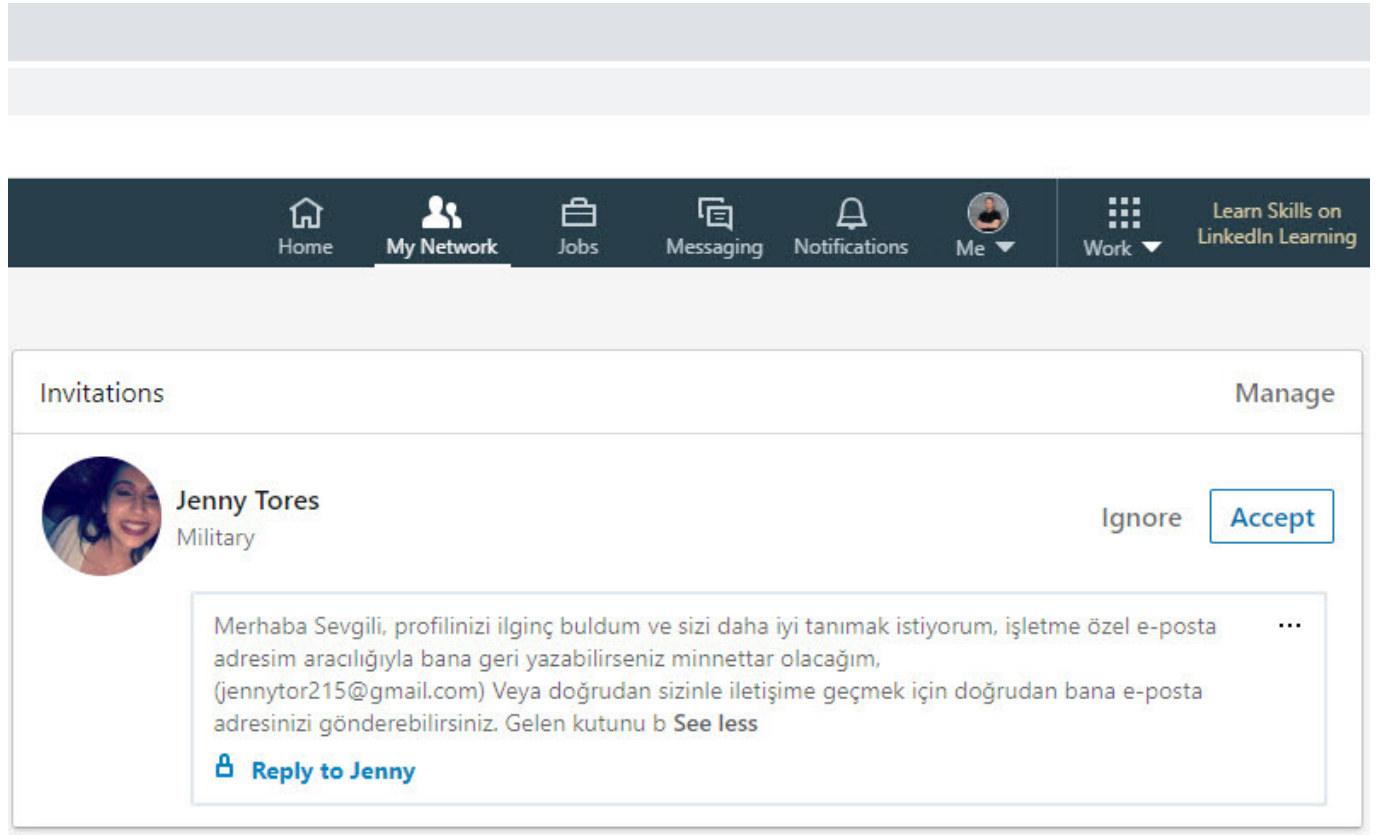


LinkedIn Scammers

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As a cybersecurity researcher who has been actively using social media and the network for many years, you may have noticed that I share cybersecurity articles and news that I read and liked on LinkedIn and Twitter among my connections, especially during the week. Because my Twitter account is protected, my LinkedIn shares reach many more people than my Twitter shares, which can bring me to the radar of fraudsters, and scammers and result in receiving suspicious messages.

One day, I received a private message from Jenny Tores on LinkedIn. In the message, which was prepared with Google Translate and consisted of a text that was barely intelligible, she mentioned that she found my profile very interesting and wanted to contact me. I decided to take this opportunity, which came to me in the guise of a journalist searching for news, and communicates with this person.



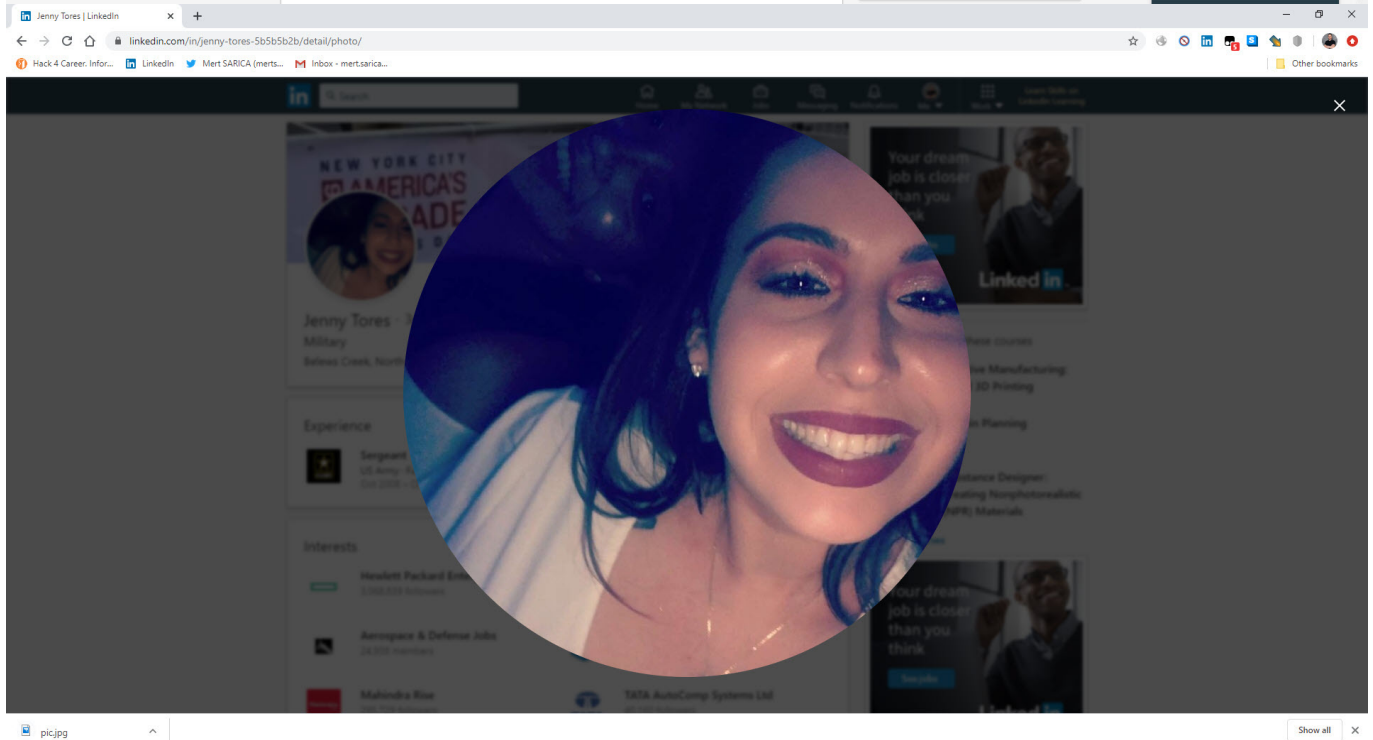
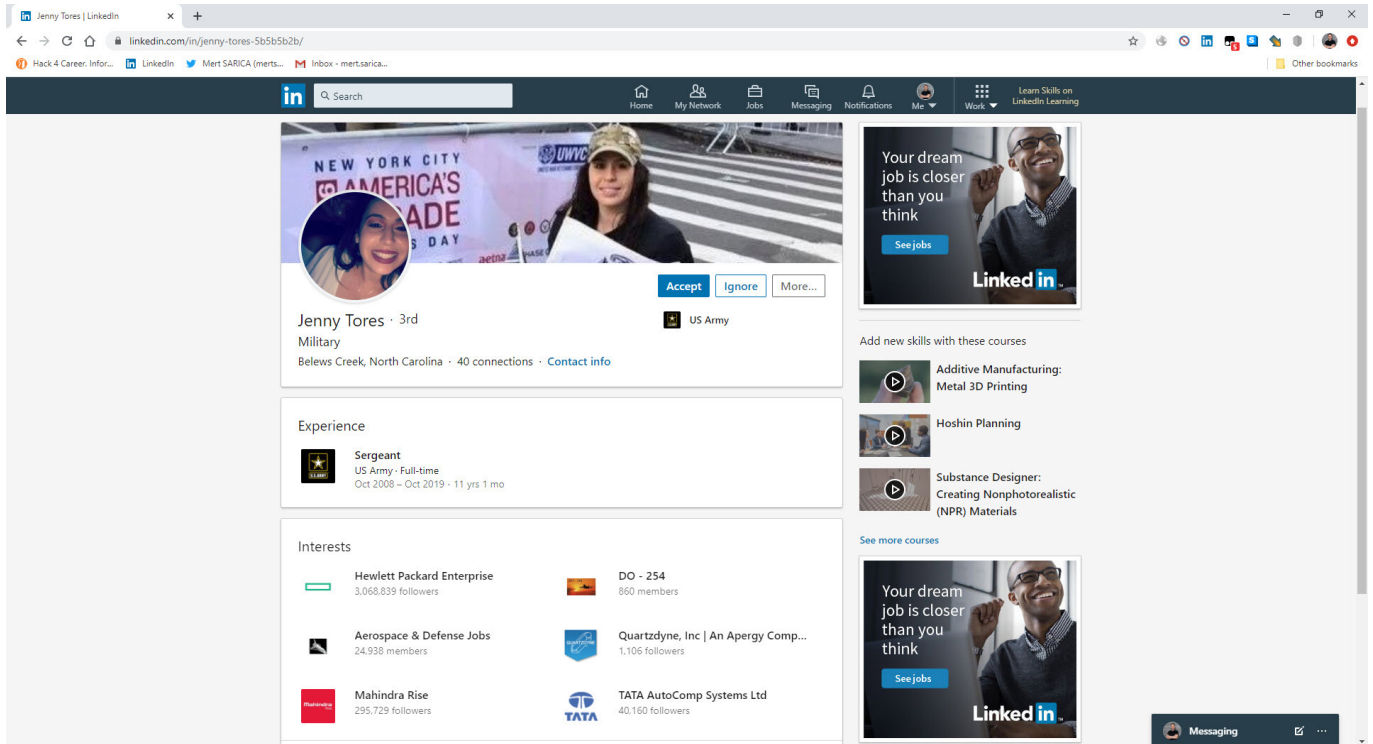
The screenshot shows the LinkedIn interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, Notifications, Me, and Work. Below this, the 'Invitations' section is visible, showing an invitation from Jenny Tores, Military. The invitation text is in Turkish and mentions a private email address. There are 'Ignore' and 'Accept' buttons next to the invitation. A 'Reply to Jenny' button is also visible at the bottom of the invitation message.

Invitations Manage

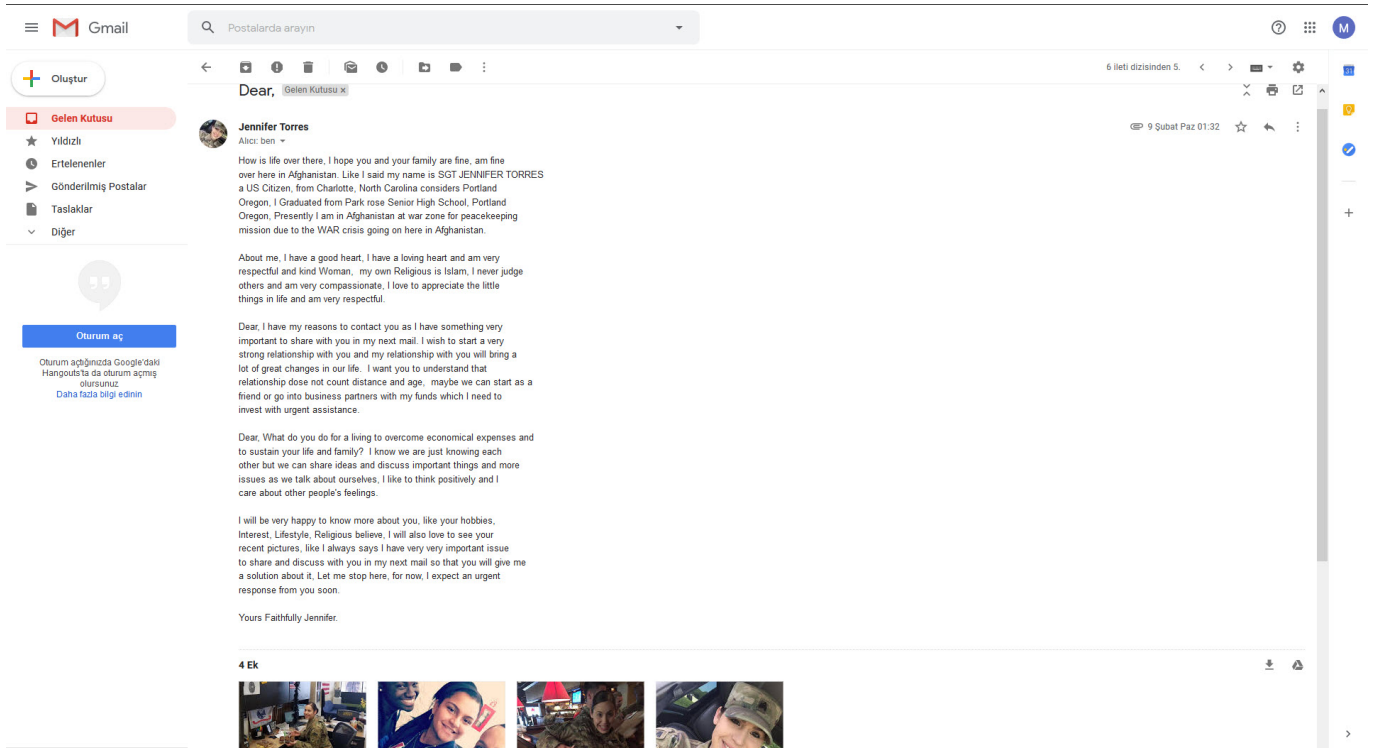
 **Jenny Tores**
Military Ignore Accept

Merhaba Sevgili, profilinizi ilginç buldum ve sizi daha iyi tanımak istiyorum, işletme özel e-posta adresim aracılığıyla bana geri yazabilirsiniz minnettar olacağım, (jennytor215@gmail.com) Veya doğrudan sizinle iletişime geçmek için doğrudan bana e-posta adresinizi gönderebilirsiniz. Gelen kutunu b [See less](#)

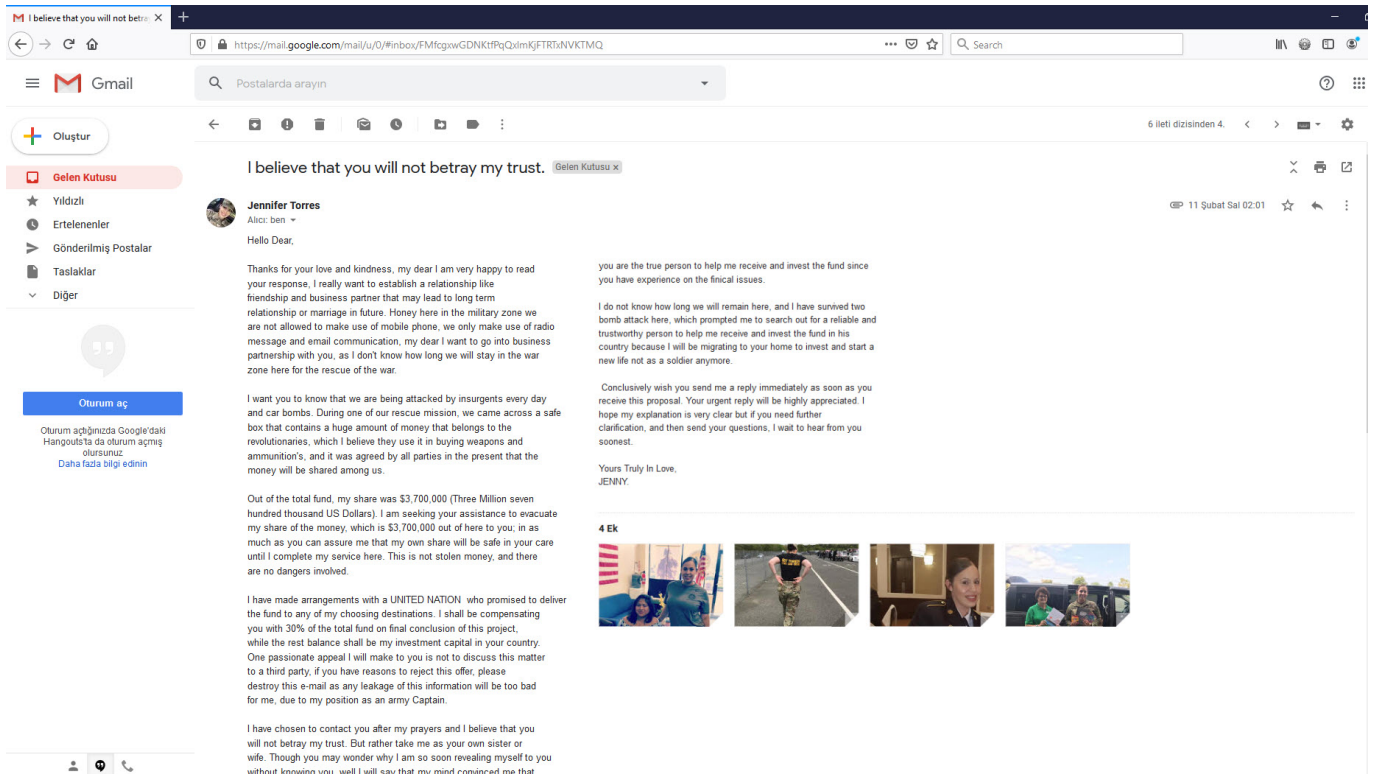
[Reply to Jenny](#)



After sending her an email, in her reply, she mentioned that she is an American soldier in Afghanistan and that she wants to start a new relationship, that age and distance are not necessary, and that she will mention the important topic she wants to talk about in her following email. To make the social engineering attempt seem more realistic, she didn't forget to send me 4 photos of herself. The writing style in her email was surprisingly good compared to the broken-sentence LinkedIn message.

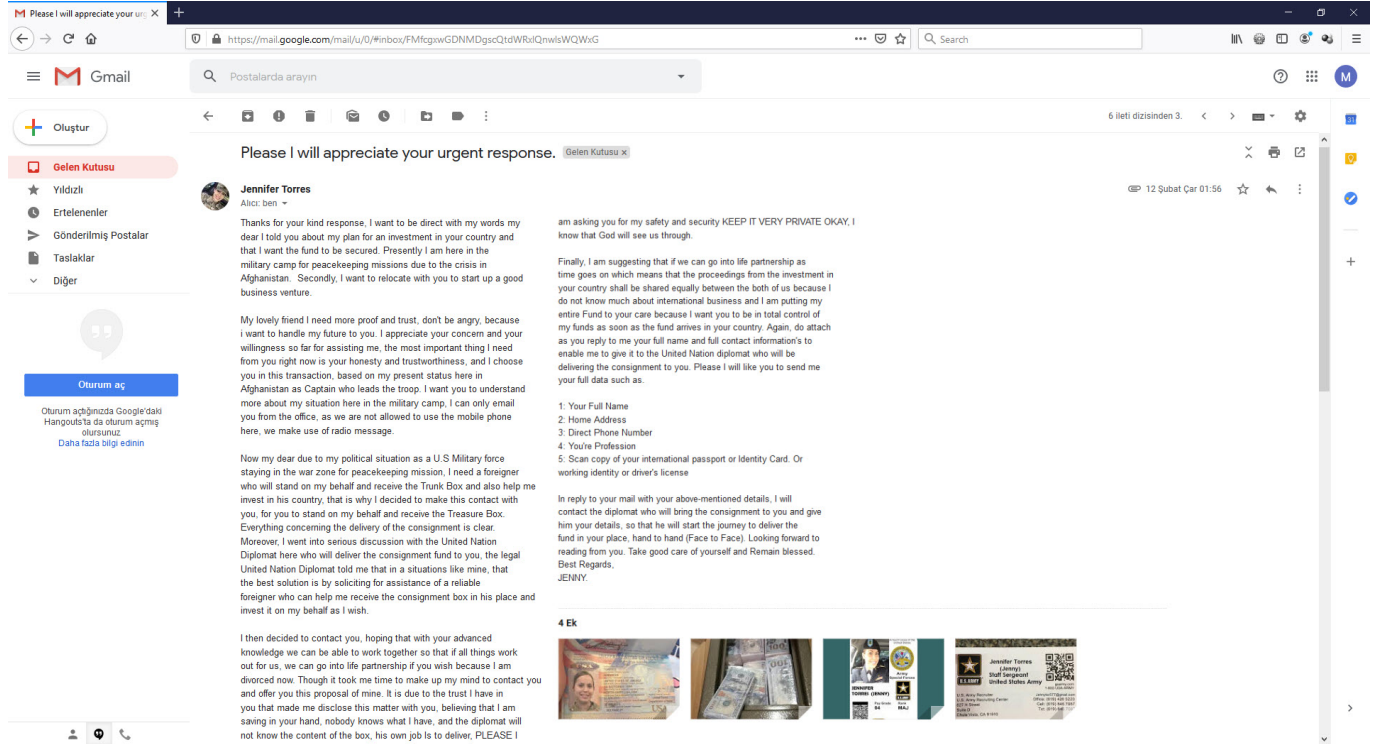


In her second email, she mentioned that she found a box containing a large amount of money during a rescue operation she carried out, that her share is precisely \$3.7 million, and that she wants to take this money to another country until she completes her mission, of course, with my help. :) She also didn't forget to send new pictures in this email.



In her third email, to win my trust and to be able to carry out the shipment, she wanted me to send her my personal information, phone number, scanned

passport or, if not, my driver's license, and even my residence address, which I prepared from e-government. After examining the new photos she sent, including the 100-dollar bills in the box and her passport, I was convinced (kidding :) to send her all the information she wanted from me.



The screenshot shows a Gmail email interface. The email is from Jennifer Torres and is titled "Please I will appreciate your urgent response." The email text is in Turkish and discusses a financial investment opportunity in Afghanistan. It includes a list of requested information and a list of attachments.

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- 1. Your Full Name
- 2. Home Address
- 3. Direct Phone Number
- 4. You're Profession
- 5. Scan copy of your international passport or Identity Card. Or working identity or driver's license

The attachments include a passport, a driver's license, and a document with a QR code and the name Jennifer Torres.

After saying, "Oh dear, how can you not trust me" to her, in her final email, she said, "Let's turn a blind eye to the past, but let me collect your information," and ended the conversation. As a cyber security researcher, I decided to investigate the information in the emails and drop the scammer's mask.

Hello dear Gelen Kutusu x



Jennifer Torres

Alic: ben ▾

Please I mean no offense dear.

I'm only trying to be careful that's all, I would like to proceed with you on this so please let's move on

To proceed, dear, I will need some of your info so that I can register it with the cargo company that will deliver the box to you without any mistakes

Please I will need your info as follows

- 1: Your Full Name
- 2: Home Address
- 3: Direct Phone Number
- 4: You're Profession
- 5: Scan copy of your international passport or Identity Card. Or working identity or driver's license

In reply to your mail with your above-mentioned details, I will contact the diplomat who will bring the consignment to you and give him your details, so that he will start the journey to deliver the fund in your place, hand to hand (Face to Face). Looking forward to reading from you. Take good care of yourself and Remain blessed.
Best Regards,
JENNY.

[Yes, I am interested.](#)

[I am not interested.](#)

[Where are you from?](#)

After reading a helpful article on the current state of image search engines a few months ago, I decided to take a closer look at the emails sent by our lady.

When I searched one of the photos in uniform on Yandex.Images, I learned that other websites were using this photo and that there was a social media account under a different name (Jelissa Torres).

Yandex.Görsel arama

yandex.com.tr/gorsel/search?cbir_id=227176692FwCOjIFESndQaTAKTFR13Q&rdnd=414059&rp=imageView&from=

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Yüklenen görsel Bul

Arama Görsel Video Haritalar Çeviri Disk Mail Reklam Daha

Görselin bulunduğu siteler

- sandrababy. 31y.o. woman from United States, California Acton i am a young girl good and nice love with care
www.loveawake.com
Meet sandrababy: dating single American woman from California Acton
- Jelissa Torres on Twitter: "The two factions are currently warring with each other in some major cities like Tripoli, Benghazi a
twitter.com
@JelissaTorres
- Jelissa Torres (@JelissaTorres) Твіттер
twitter.com
01.43 - 10 апр. 2019 г. 01.44 - 10 апр. 2019 г. 6:10 читаемых.
- Неактивно
youla.ru
Брюки crye precision g3 combat pants multicam
- Спеc Precision - Женская, мужская и детская одежда и обувь раздела Личные вещи в России на Avito
www.avito.ru
Брюки crye precision g3 combat pants multicam
- ROZETKA Куртка Brotherhood Tactical BH-T-J-F-44-170 44-46 Flecktarn. Цена, купить Куртка Brotherhood Tactical BH-T-J-F-44-170 44
rozetka.com.ua
Фотографин.
- Костюм военный камуфляжный детский ARMY KIDS Киборз 164-170 мультикам 15-255 оптом купить цена фото - VinOpt.com

When I looked at the @JelissaTorres Twitter account, I noticed that there were Turkish messages among the tweets she sent until May 2019. When I searched these messages on Twitter, I learned that they were copied and pasted messages from other accounts.

Jelissa Torres (@JelissaTorres) / T

twitter.com/jelissatorres

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Anasayfa Keşfet Bildirimler Mesajlar Yer İşaretleri Listeler Profil Daha fazla Tweetle

Jelissa Torres 31 Tweetler

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 30 Mar 2019
The meeting comes after a recent spate of attacks that targeted state facilities in Tripoli.

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 30 Mar 2019
Oxfam says 5,300 people have died in the Mediterranean since Italy's EU-backed migration deal with Libya.

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 29 Mar 2019
These are supposedly mille lagging, with the child gathered in the wake of Akçener and it is not clear who they serve

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 29 Mar 2019
Sabahın Murat Karayılan açıklama yaptı: "Erdogan Kandili bitirmek istiyor. Erdogan'a, Cumhuriyetçi'na verecek her oy, Kandil'e sıklan kurşundur. Onların karşındakilere oy verin" diyor.

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 28 Mar 2019
İstanbul'un tarihi yarınmada içerisinde bulunan Fatih ilçemizin FevziPaşa ve Akdeniz caddelerinde vatandaşlarımızı ve esnafımızı ziyaret edip selamlaştık. Bir Fatihli olarak kıymetli hemşehrilerimize göstermiş oldukları ilgiden dolayı teşekkürlerimi sunuyorum.

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 27 Mar 2019
Doctor Doom may present himself as a noble warrior who follows his own code, but it's just a front! Read about how the Fantastic Four learned the hard way that Doom can't be trusted:

Jelissa Torres @JelissaTorres - 27 Mar 2019
With the release of "War of the Realms" #1 fast approaching, listen to the official soundtrack for the epic comic event on Marvel.com:

Twitter'da Ara

Bunları beğenebilirsiniz

- Sacce221 @NEPASoccerMom
- PIRLO. @pirlorolling
- @kcenteli

Daha fazla göster

Dünya gündemleri

- Dünya çapında gündemdekiler #7TRACKLIST 458 B Tweet
- Dünya çapında gündemdekiler #ARSNEW 30,2 B Tweet
- Dünya çapında gündemdekiler #Survivor2020 7,595 Tweet
- Dünya çapında gündemdekiler #TheVoiceKids 21,8 B Tweet
- Dünya çapında gündemdekiler #CrashLandingOnYouFinale 62,3 B Tweet

Daha fazla göster

Şartlar Gizlilik politikası Çerezler Reklam bilgisi
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This screenshot shows a Twitter search results page for the query "İstanbul'un tarihi yarımada içerisinde bulunan Fatih ilçemi". The search results are filtered by "Popüler" (Popular). The top tweet is from Numan KURTULMUŞ (@NumanKurtulmus) dated 27 Mar 2019, featuring a photo of a group of men in suits and a caption in Turkish. Below it is a tweet from Jelissa Torres (@JelissaTorres) dated 28 Mar 2019, with a similar caption and a photo of a man in a suit. The right sidebar shows search filters for "Kişiler" (People) and "Konum" (Location), and a "Dünya gündemleri" (World Topics) section with trending topics like #ARSNEW, #survivor2020, #7TRACKLIST, and #GSVMS. A "Kimi takip etmeli" (Who to follow) section at the bottom right lists John Opendakker.

This screenshot shows a Twitter search results page for the query "The talks enter second week raising expectations that there could be some progress towards ending the Afghan war.". The search results are filtered by "Popüler" (Popular). The top tweet is from Jelissa Torres (@JelissaTorres) dated 10 Nis 2019, with a caption in English and a photo of a document. Below it is a tweet from Ultrascan HUMINT (@ultrascanhumint) dated 8 Mar 2019, with a similar caption and a photo of a document. The right sidebar shows search filters for "Kişiler" (People) and "Konum" (Location), and a "Dünya gündemleri" (World Topics) section with trending topics like #ARSNEW, #survivor2020, #7TRACKLIST, and #GSVMS. A "Kimi takip etmeli" (Who to follow) section at the bottom right lists John Opendakker.

When I searched "Jelissa Torres army" on the Google search engine, I noticed that the @ambrose_tarh Twitter account shared one of the photos sent to me and then deleted it. (OPSEC fail?) When I checked the subject information of the emails sent by Jelissa, I saw a time difference of -3 hours between the sent emails and Turkish time. Considering that there is a 3-hour time difference between Turkey and Senegal, Ghana and Guinea, which are neighbors of Cameroon, I began to think that it is highly likely that these emails were sent by this person from Cameroon or by other people related to them from one of these countries.

Google search results for "Jelissa Torres army". The page shows a grid of image thumbnails with captions and source URLs. The search bar at the top contains "Jelissa Torres army". Below the search bar are navigation tabs for "Tümü", "Görseller", "Haberler", "Videolar", "Alışveriş", "Daha fazla", "Ayarlar", and "Araçlar". There are also filters for "Koleksiyonlar" and "Güvenli Arama".

Below the search bar, there are several filter buttons: "poughkeepsie", "42r", "maldonado jorge", "daniel soto", "hashtag", "ssg torres", "marlboro", "freehold township", "military police", "police officer", "boys basketball", "instagram viewer", "HUDSON", "likes", and "freehold nj".

The main content area displays a grid of image thumbnails. Each thumbnail has a small caption and a source URL. The thumbnails include:

- Jelissa Torres @ssg torres l. pictosee.com
- Boys Basketball - SSN Army Strong Team... shoresportsnetwork.com
- Boys Basketball - SSN Army Strong Team... shoresportsnetwork.com
- Jelissa Torres @ssg torres l. pictosee.com
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg.torres...) hotsta.org
- SGT Jelissa Torres btm.facebook.com
- 4 'Jelissa Torres' profiles | L... linkedin.com
- 4 'Jelissa Torres' profiles | L... linkedin.com
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg torres... hotsta.org
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg torres l... pictosee.com
- Brittany Ashlock - Logistics... linkedin.com
- Kefienti Ambrose Tarh... twitter.com
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg l... hotsta.org
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg torres l... pictosee.com
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg torres... hotsta.org
- Larry Lyons - Force Develop... linkedin.com
- 2-25-17 Issue - 4 Volume... issuu.com
- Annual Report (2011-2012) by Maria... issuu.com
- James Crook (crook_james... pinterest.com
- Jelissa Torres (@ssg tor... hotsta.org
- http://www.poughkeepsie... gannett-cdn.com
- Jelissa Wants That Dre... pinterest.com
- Jelissa Torres @ssg tor... pictosee.com
- http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/n... gannett-cdn.com
- Untitled wisae.com
- A night of infinite memories' oths.us
- Days Gone (2019) PlayStation... mobygames.com
- 2019 Pangos All-Ameri... nbmagazine.com

At the bottom of the search results, there is a navigation bar with "Hack 4 Career. Infor...", "LinkedIn", "Mert SARICA (merts...)", "Inbox - mert.sarica...", and "Other bookmarks".



Twitter
 Kefienti Ambrose Tarh (@ambrose_tarh) | Twitter
 Görseller teklif hakkına tabii olabilir. Daha Fazla Bilgi

twitter.com/ambrose_tarh/media

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Kefienti Ambrose Tarh
4 Fotoğraflar ve videolar

Anasayfa
Keşfet
Bildirimler
Mesajlar
Yer İşaretleri
Listeler
Profil
Daha fazla

Tweetler Tweetler ve yanıtlar **Medya** Beğeni

Kefienti Ambrose Tarh @ambrose_tarh
I love Truth!!!! nothing than Truth
Kişisel bilgileri çevir
Cameroun Doğum tarihi: 3 Haziran 1996 Aralık 2019 tarihinde katıldı
647 Takip edilen 52 Takipçi
Takip ettiğin kimse tarafından takip edilmiyor

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LAST 16 DRAW

Bunları beğenebilirsin

Nsaya ki la @nsaikila Takip et
SJI @SJPrecious3 Takip et
nguleoncc @nguleoncc Takip et

Daha fazla göster

Dünya gündemleri

1 - Dünya çapında gündemdekiler
#7TRACKLIST
472 B Tweet

2 - Dünya çapında gündemdekiler
#ARSNEW
33,7 B Tweet

3 - Dünya çapında gündemdekiler
#survivor2020
10,1 B Tweet

ENJQIQXVAE-Dfk.jpg

From: Jennifer Torres <jennytor215@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2020 22:57:20 +0000
Message-ID: <CAKDKUFGecJAnYjFxsQ6H+hzK+WA5m8XL9Wmb42hA7dq+=Ai9xg@mail.gmail.com>
From: Jennifer Torres <jennytor215@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2020 22:06:14 +0000
Message-ID: <CAKDKUFGjz2XXchumc3YBN+hQvJqW=mfKtUHzyj8g__eN+JM=hg@mail.gmail.com>
From: Jennifer Torres <jennytor215@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2020 23:02:39 +0000
Message-ID: <CAKDKUFH12uHAujpzP9hePbaPLTLnBmkPqWqAUuDsRc=1W35AJQ@mail.gmail.com>
From: Jennifer Torres <jennytor215@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2020 22:33:09 +0000
Message-ID: <CAKDKUFFkNVdYTDkkyWHZ8RUX+r38qWC9Jz-rUqe0pYCuH4-DQ@mail.gmail.com>

J.T: 9 Şubat 01:32 (mesaj alındı)
M.S: 10 Şubat 22:18 (yanıt gönderildi)
J.T: 11 Şubat 02:01 (mesaj alındı)
M.S: 11 Şubat 22:45 (yanıt gönderildi)
J.T: 12 Şubat 01:56 (mesaj alındı)
M.S: 12 Şubat 20:44 (yanıt gönderildi)
J.T: 13 Şubat 01:05 (mesaj alındı)

Dünya çarında saat kaç - Dünya x +

Not secure | tr.thetimenow.com/worldclock.php

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Sayfanın yüklediği andaki mevcut zaman 24 saat moduna çevir

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| Ahmedabad | Per 11:39 OS | Basra | Per 9:09 OS | Al Başrat al Qadimah | Per 9:09 OS |
| Al Jizah | Per 8:09 OS | Al Mavşil al Jadidiah | Per 9:09 OS | Halep | Per 8:09 OS |
| İskenderiye | Per 8:09 OS | Algiers | Per 7:09 OS | Almatı | Cum 12:09 00 |
| Ankara | Per 8:09 OS | Asuncion | Per 3:09 OS | Bağdat | Per 9:09 OS |
| Bandung | Cum 1:09 00 | Bandung | Cum 1:09 00 | Bangkok | Cum 1:09 00 |
| Barcelona | Per 7:09 OS | Pekin | Cum 2:09 00 | Beyrut | Per 8:09 OS |
| Bekasi | Cum 1:09 00 | Belo Horizonte | Per 3:09 OS | Bangalore | Per 11:39 OS |
| Berlin | Per 7:09 OS | Bhopal | Per 11:39 OS | Bogota | Per 1:09 OS |
| Brasilia | Per 3:09 OS | Brooklyn | Per 2:09 OS | Bükreş | Per 8:09 OS |
| Budapeşte | Per 7:09 OS | Buenos Aires | Per 3:09 OS | Kahire | Per 8:09 OS |
| Cali | Per 1:09 OS | Camayenne | Per 6:09 OS | Cape Town | Per 8:09 OS |
| Karakas | Per 1:39 OS | Casablanca | Per 6:09 OS | Changchun | Cum 2:09 00 |
| Changsha | Cum 2:09 00 | Chengdu | Cum 2:09 00 | Chennai | Per 11:39 OS |
| Şikago | Per 1:09 OS | Chittagong | Cum 12:09 00 | Chongqing | Cum 2:09 00 |
| Ciudad Juárez | Per 12:09 OS | Conakry | Per 6:09 OS | Curtiba | Per 3:09 OS |
| Dakar | Per 6:09 OS | Dailan | Cum 2:09 00 | Şam | Per 8:09 OS |
| Dar es Salaam | Per 9:09 OS | Delhi | Per 11:39 OS | Dakka | Cum 12:09 00 |
| Durban | Per 8:09 OS | Ecatepec | Per 12:09 OS | Eşfahân | Per 9:39 OS |
| Faisalâbâd | Per 11:09 OS | Fortaleza | Per 3:09 OS | Grand Dakar | Per 6:09 OS |
| Guadalajara | Per 12:09 OS | Guangzhou | Cum 2:09 00 | Guayaquil | Per 1:09 OS |

Dünya Saati

The Time Now dünyanın bütün saatleri ile senkronize doğru (Amerikan saayum saatleri) zaman hizmetleri sunan güvenilir bir araçtır.

Zaman Dilimi Dönüştürme:

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EST > GMT

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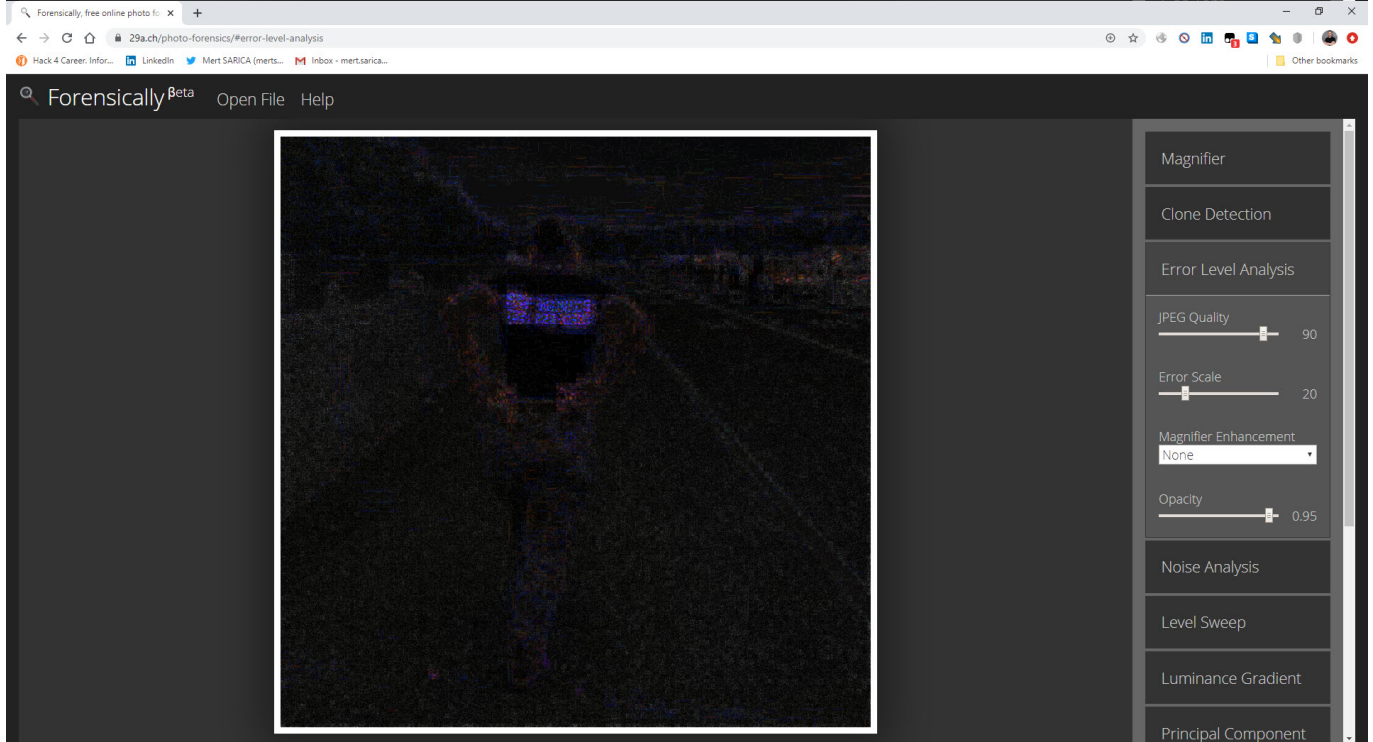
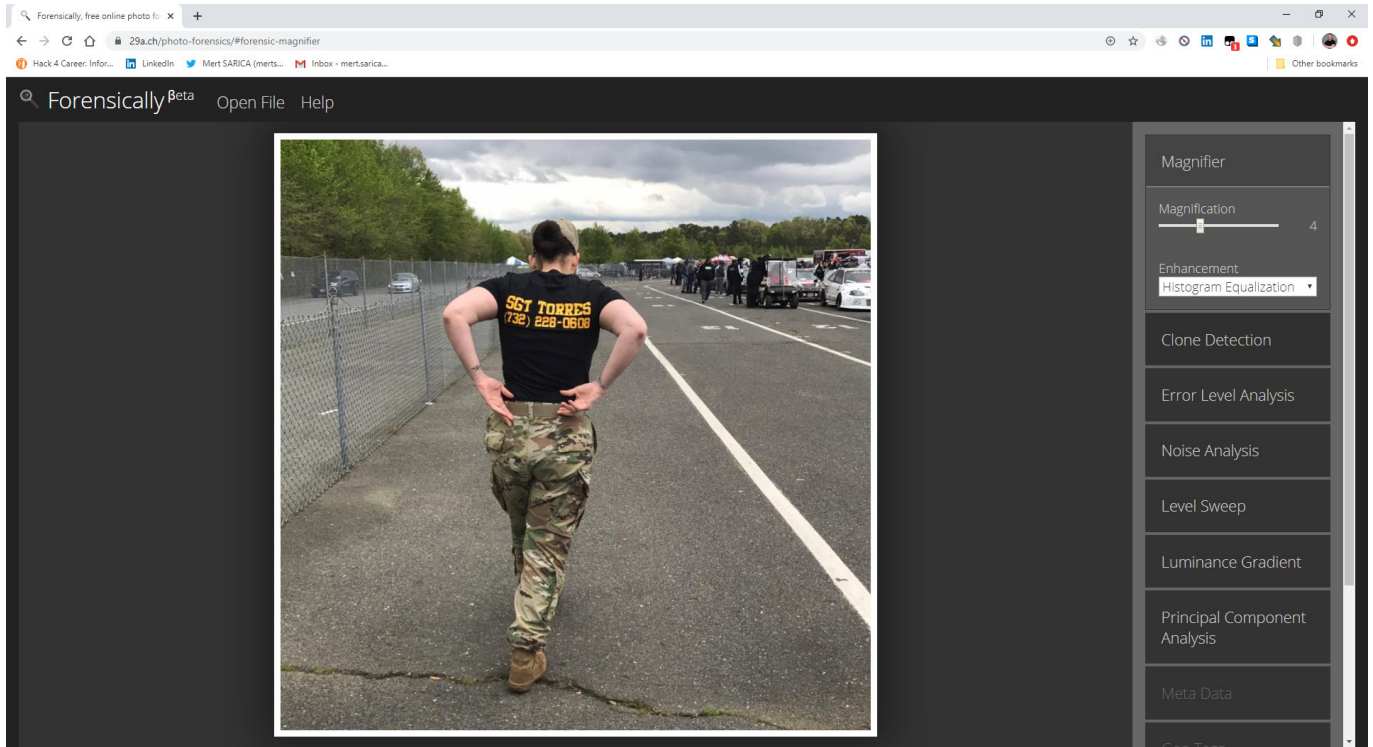
Today

No events

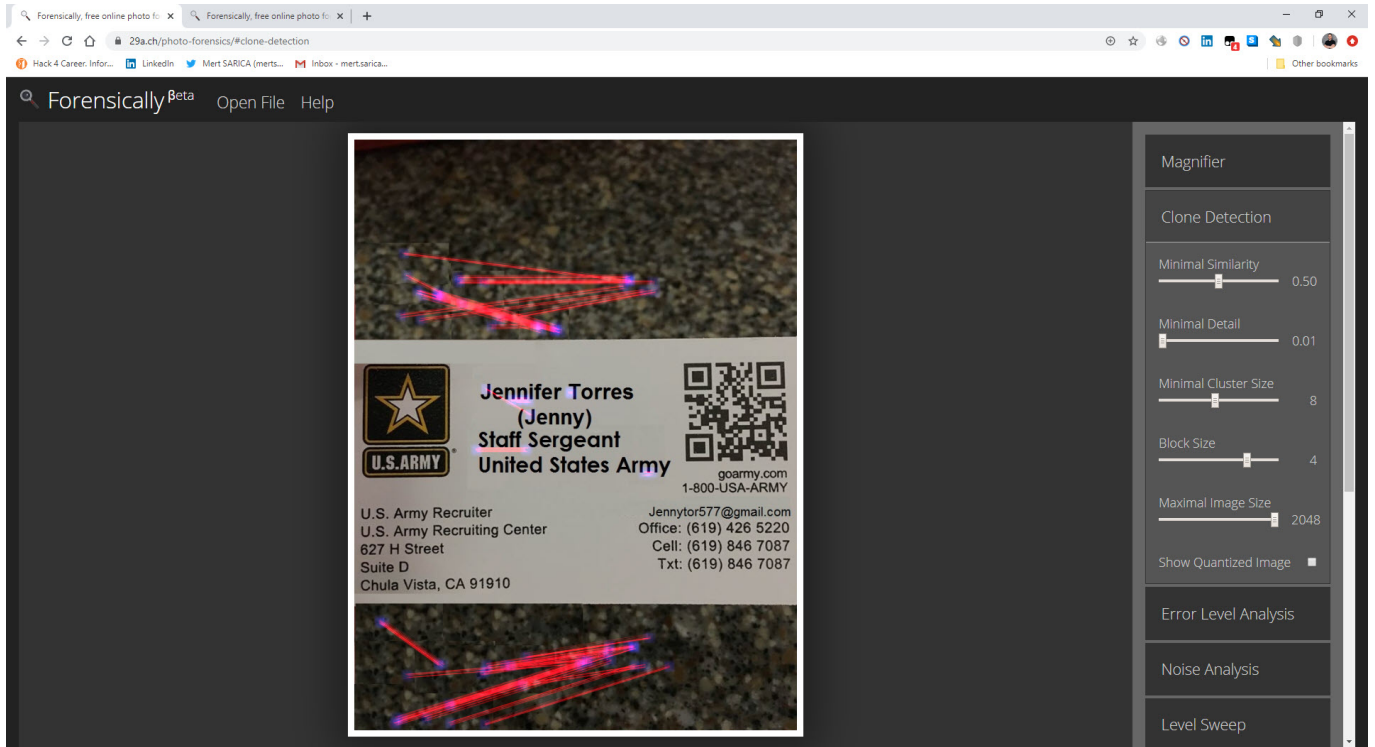
Hide agenda

The amateurish photomontages caught my attention as I quickly glanced at the photos. As I mentioned in the Manipulated Photo Analysis blog article I wrote 7 years ago, I started analyzing the images using the ELA technique and the copy detection technique in the Forensically web application.

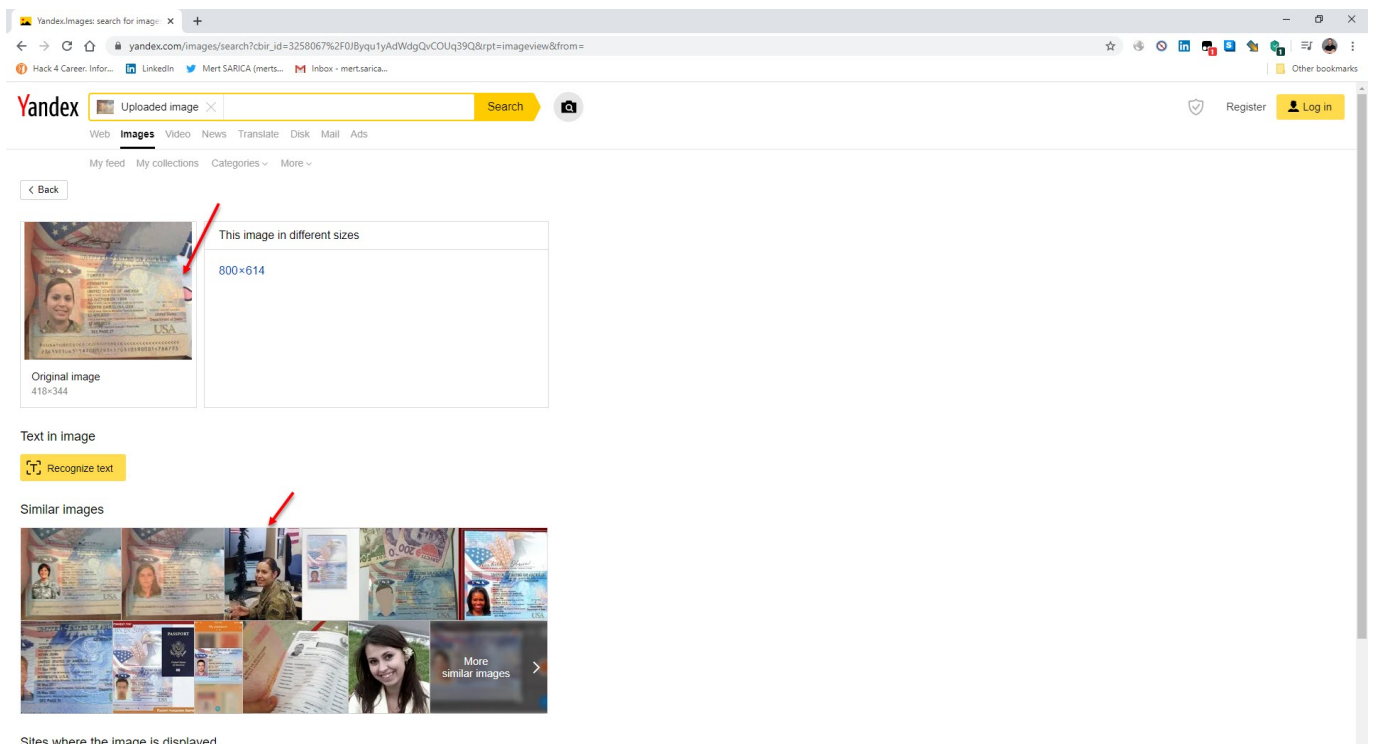
Thinking that no one would print their name and phone number on the back of their shirt like a sealed donkey, I analyzed this photo with the ELA technique, and, as I expected, I found the name and phone number on the back were added to this photo later.



Although it was clearly visible that the photo with the business card was a photomontage, I used the Clone Detection page to confirm that many copies were made on this photo.



Finally, when I searched for the passport photo on Yandex.Images, I found similar fake passport photos with the same pink sign in the background, confirming that the passport was also fake.





Susan Lawrence Scammer Profile
Fraud List
ripandscam.com
susan lawrence
Report

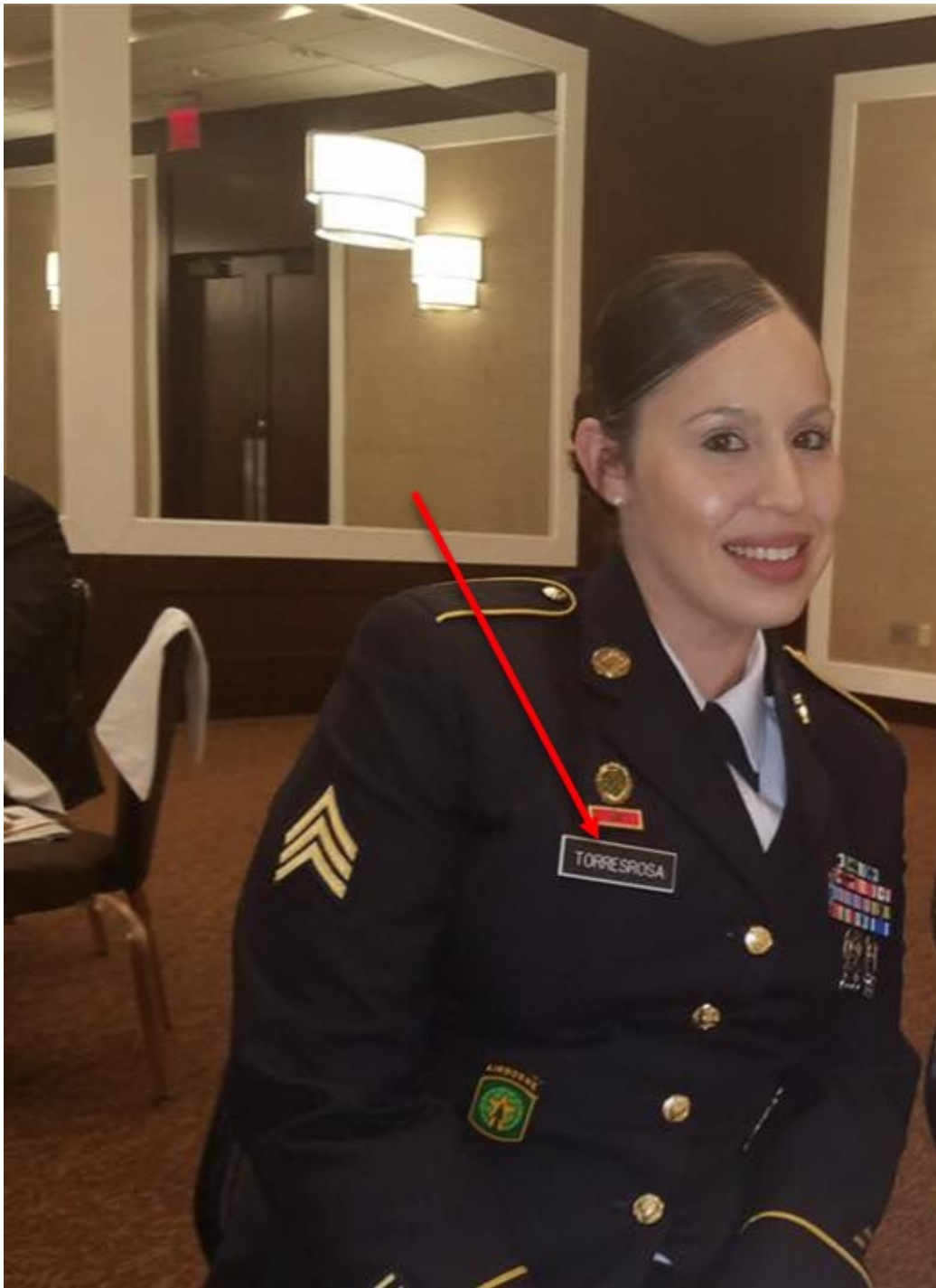
Open 800x614

Other sizes and similar images

Add to collection

Share





After cutting off communication with Jennifer, the greedy scammers did not let go and continued to flood my LinkedIn inbox with new messages for a while.

The screenshot shows the LinkedIn 'Invitations' page. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, Notifications, Me, and Work. A 'Reactivate Premium' button is visible on the right. Below the navigation bar, the 'Invitations' section is displayed. It features a header with 'Invitations' on the left and 'Manage' on the right. The main content area shows a connection request from Niffer Pandey, who is identified as a Staff Sergeant at the US Army. The request includes a profile picture, the name 'Niffer Pandey', the title 'Staff Sergeant at US Army', and a list of mutual connections: 'Muhammed Hacı Ahmet Özsarı and 2 others'. To the right of the name are 'Ignore' and 'Accept' buttons. Below the name is a text box containing the message: 'Profilinizi kontrol ettim ve ilginç buldum ve bana iş amaçlı özel e-posta adresimle (jenipher119@gmail.com) geri yazabiliyorsanız minnettar olacağım Veya bana e-posta adresinizi de gönderebilirsiniz doğrudan kendim sizinle temasa geç! Gelen kutunuzu bekliyorum. See less'. A 'Reply to Niffer' button is located at the bottom left of the message box.

It seems that the once very popular Nigerian Prince scammers have decided to continue their activities on LinkedIn, so it would be helpful to be careful and warn those around you.

I hope to see you again with a new post in healthy days when we leave the COVID-19 pandemic behind. I wish everyone healthy and safe days.