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### More Fun With FaceBook

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Here, are two recently reported stories highlighting the vagaries of FaceBook and other such social media outlets.

**First**, enter Dana Thornton. Apparently, she was not fond of her ex-boyfriend and decided to create a **FaceBook page for him**. She is accused of creating a fake profile of her ex-boyfriend, a Parsippany, New Jersey narcotics detective, where she allegedly posted comments that, "I'm a sick piece of scum with a gun" and "I'm an undercover narcotics detective that gets high every day." This is where it gets disturbing—she purportedly faces up to 18 months in prison for identity theft. Clearly, she stepped over the line; but at a certain point, common sense should kick in. If she blew his cover and put him in danger, I could understand. But, here, we have a civil—not a criminal—issue. Sue her for defamation or, better yet, move on.

**Second**, enter a Connecticut couple in the throes of a divorce. The judge in the case **ordered** that: "Counsel for each party shall exchange the password(s) of their client's Facebook and dating website passwords." Moreover, (to avoid a Thornton incident): "Neither party shall visit the website of the other's social network and post messages purporting to be the other." While some appear concerned about the **privacy concerns** related to the swapping of passwords, the reality is that you should not post that which you do not want the public to read. If you post it, consider it in your permanent record.

The bottom line: this is much better than Farmville.

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