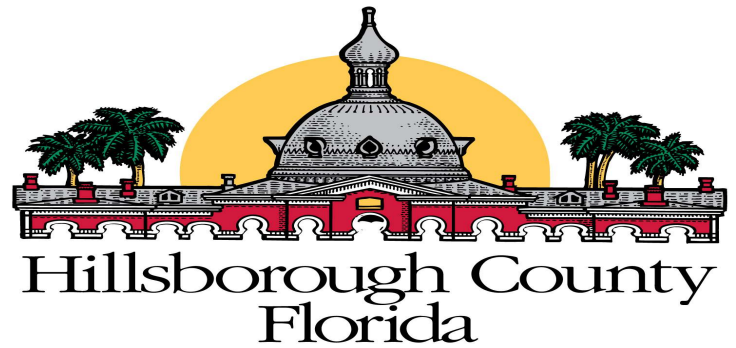


## Safety Tip from Criminal Justice Liaison's Office: Telephone Numbers on Google



Google has implemented a feature which enables a user to type a telephone number into the search bar to receive a person's name and address. If the user then clicks on Map Quest, a map of the person's house will be available. It's basically a nationwide reverse telephone book.

If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

Your telephone number can be removed or blocked by filling out a removal form.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google (<http://www.google.com/> <about:blank>) Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e.555-555-1212). If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours.

Although this may not apply to you if you have an unlisted number or a cell phone as primary contact, tell someone who needs to know this.