iPhone Call History

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This is where examiners will locate many common cell phone items of interest including;

AddressBook CallHistory SMS All of the above listed items are stored in an sqlite database however this document will focus on the **call history** database. Below is a screen capture of what this database looks like when viewed in Encase. One method of viewing this sqlite database is to export the 'call_history.db' file and use an external sqlite database viewer to view the contents.



For my research, I used ABC Amber SQlite Converter (v1.05) to open the call_history.db file;

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∢	13907	9168737550	1271000473	22	5
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	13909	9168681045	1271001257	8	5
	13910	9168681045	1271001310	3	5
	13911	7074706079	1271001382	6	5
	13912	9164701074	1271002740	0	4
	13913	9164701074	1271002814	0	4
	13914	9164551085	1271002960	0	4
	13915	9163811008	1271002937	114	4
	13916	9164701074	1271003031	43	4

'address' - phone number of the related call

- 'data' date and time of the call history entry (stored in Unix date / time format)
- 'duration' duration of the call (stored in seconds)
- 'flags' determine if the call is incoming / outgoing / missed

Below is a breakdown of how this information is stored and how it can be viewed;

Analysis of iPhone call history dates / times



Below are some examples of hex from various types of calls.

1	Outgoing	9168737550	* Patricia York	04/11/10 15:41:13 (GMT)	0:00:22
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21 04 01 01 01 39 31 36 38 37 33 37 35 35 30 4B C1 ED 99 16 05 06 19 EC 54 07 00 (outgoing)

1	Incoming	9168737550	* Patricia York	04/11/10 15:43:39 (GMT)	0:04:08
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21 04 02 01 01 39 31 36 38 37 33 37 35 35 30 4B C1 EE 2B 00 F8 04 FF 18 EC 55 07 00 (incoming)

10	Missed	9168681045	* Michaelann	04/11/10 18:39:28	N/A
	missed	5100001043	mendelam	(GMT)	

21 04 01 01 01 39 31 36 38 36 38 31 30 34 35 4B C2 17 60 00 04 FF 19 EC 6D 07 00 (missed)

19	Incoming	9168685875	N/A	04/12/10 05:07:46 (GMT)	0:01:17
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21 04 01 01 01 39 31 36 38 36 38 35 38 37 35 4B C2 AA A2 4D 04 FF 19 ED 2D 07 00 (incoming)

GREP search for call history in Unallocated;

 $[\x21\x23]\x04..[\x01\x02\x04][\x30-\x39]{9,10}.{5,8}[\x04\x05\x08].{4,6}\x00]$

iPhone SMS History

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AddressBook CallHistory SMS All of the above listed items are stored in an sqlite database however this document will focus on the **text messages** (**sms**) database. Below is a screen capture of what this database looks like when viewed in Encase. One method of viewing this sqlite database is to export the 'sns.db' file and use an external sqlite database viewer to view the contents.



For my research, I used ABC Amber SQlite Converter (v1.05) to open the sms.db file;

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Ī	ROWID (address	date	text	flags
Ι	3728	+19168737550	1270269680	I need to talk to you.	2
Π	3730	+19164701074	1270371090		2
Γ	3731	+19164701074	1270376316	Whats up-I do it 4 the dollar	2
Π	3734	+19164701074	1270408237		2
Π	3739	+19164701074	1270421077	Happy easter-I do it 4 the dollar	2
Ī	3746	+19164701074	1270457737	Yea whats upper -I do it 4 the dollar	2
Π	3750	+19164701074	1270593510	Where you at-I do it 4 the dollar	2
Ī	3753	+19164701074	1270624211	Nobody-I do it 4 the dollar	2
Ī	3756	+19164701074	1270678800	Is it good yet-I do it 4 dolla	2
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- 'address' phone number of the related call
- 'date' date and time of the call history entry (stored in Unix date / time format)
- 'test' contents of the text message
- 'flags' determine if the text message was sent or received

Below is a breakdown of how this information is stored and how it can be viewed;

Analysis of iPhone sms



Below are some examples of hex of sms messages and their values;

1	+19168737550	* Patricia York	04/03/10 04:41:20 (GMT)	Read	Inbox	Phone	Incoming	I need to talk to you.	
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31 39 31 36 38 37 33 37 35 35 30 4B B6 C6 F0 49 20 6E 65 65 64 20 74 6F 20 74 61 6C 6B 20 74 6F 20 79 6F 75 2E 02

10 +19164701074 * Canturbury Kris 04/07/10 22:20:38 (GMT) Sent Sent Phone Outgoing yep	
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31 39 31 36 34 37 30 31 30 37 34 4B BD 05 36 20 20 79 65 70 03

	44 +19	168737550	* Patricia York	04/12/10 21:20:44 (GMT)	Unread	Inbox	Phone	Incoming	I will be on a later train; I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHICH ONEIt will be after 5:00 p.m.	
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31 39 31 36 38 37 33 37 35 35 30 4B C3 8E AC 49 20 77 69 6C 6C 20 **62 65** 20 **6F 6E** 20 **61** 20 **6C 61** 74 **65** 72 20 74 72 **61** 69 **6E** 3B 20 49 20 57 49 4C 4C 20 4C 45 54 20 59 4F 55 20 48 4E 4F 57 20 57 48 49 43 48 20 4F 4E 45 2D 2D 49 74 20 77 69 6C 6C 20 62 65 20 61 66 74 65 72 20 35 3A 30 30 20 70 2E 6D 2E 00

While researching this iPhone's sms, I located a number of unique messages that were not captured / reported using either the 'Ike's iPhone SMS parser' or other automated lab tools such as Cellebrite. These sms messages have different file headers and footers however they are still contained within the 'sms.db' file.

The 'unique sms' messages are in a different format as seen below (Encase view);

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re's my shit, hit me up anytime. 707-246-6118 mmekhalian@gmail.com..5....^|"
** •} ••••••••••••191694758041øÿiCheck vour email and call me after vou see the pictures! •••Iøÿi•••|C|!••#•|K••••••••142376252
741ø0/I sent you a multimedia message. You can view my message w/in the next 7 days via the web at www.viewmymessage.com
/2 using MSG ID pOrswjqzl Password tear18chew.3...6.
•# •-••••••••••19169475804I÷•]Call me at break•••I÷•]•••f|•••#•|••••••••19169475804I÷icGood because I have devoted my life
to you and all my loyalty !! · · · I + ic · · · / | ·
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These messages appear to decode as follows;

** some of these messages have associated dates and times while others do not. It appears that incoming messages do not have associated dates / times while many of the outgoing (sent) messages do have recorded dates / times.



GREP expressions





UFED Guide: Bypassing User Passcode on Apple iPhone Devices

Overview: Access can be gained to user locked iPhone devices by copying certain .plist files from the user's PC or Mac iTunes directory to a USB Flash Drive. This USB drive can then be used in conjunction with your UFED System as a key, to bypass the user locked iPhone. Please note the .plist files MUST come from the computer which the specific iPhone is synced with, after the user code was enabled.



1. Connect Apple iPhone (2G, or 3G) to UFED and select to extract desired information.

2. If the user iPhone is passcode locked, and passcode is known, enter it in the iPhone and select "retry"

3. If Passcode is unknown, and access to the user's Mac or PC is available, copy all .plist files in the following directory to the **root directory** of a newly formatted USB flash disk:

PC iTunes Users: copy all the .plist files in the following directory to root directory of USB drive:

Documents and Settings\<User Name>\Application Data\Apple Computer\Lockdown\(Copy all .plist files to USB Drive)

Mac iTunes Users: copy all the .plist files in the following directory to root directory of USB drive:

VolumeName\Users\<User Name>\Library\Lockdown\(Copy all .plist files to USB drive)

4. Once the key is made, insert the USB drive in either of the top USB port marked "USB EXT" or the Target USB port, and press F2 to continue. The UFED will use the .plist files to bypass the user lock the iPhone and extract the desired information.