

The Poker King of China

Anti-Money Laundering Investigation

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Who's involved?

Online Poker Platform

What's the problem?

The client contracted Prescient to conduct Know-Your-Customer (KYC) due diligence on a Chinese individual who registered for several online poker platforms and was flagged for suspicious activity.

How was it handled?

Conventional U.S. public records searches uncovered minor traffic infractions, liens, and law suits that involved the subject, although no other high-risk activity was identified. Additional open source searches using the English name provided by the client uncovered limited information, although his Chinese name spelling was identified through articles that reference his cities of residence and age.

Additional research using this Chinese spelling, as well as several discovered aliases, uncovered articles and domain registration records that describe the subject as one of the most famous poker players in China due to his involvement in establishing major poker networks in the country. Information was also uncovered on his personal wealth and real-estate assets, which steadily increased in the years leading up to the investigation.

Further searches targeting the subject's aliases uncovered Chinese language articles that provided details on his significant poker winnings in China, which would not have been discovered through traditional English media searches. Although no derogatory information was uncovered, this individual's prominence in the gaming industry and personal wealth was determined through non-English language searches, as well as U.S. public records databases.

So, what happened?

As a result of Prescient's in-depth open source and public records research, the client was presented with a more detailed picture of this particular customer's background and financial assets. The client was then able to make a more informed decision about the risks posed by the customer.



Research & Analysis Highlights:

- U.S. Public Records searches did not reveal high-risk activity, so analysts applied open source methods via the subject's English name.
- Using the subject's English name, age, and places of residency led analysts to discover the individual's Chinese name spelling.
- Chinese-language media and news were searched using the subject's Chinese name, which led analysts to uncover high-risk information.

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