As many of you know, some investigators have begun to use an investigative technique referred to as an “Internet Protocol Address Verifier” (IPAV), a/k/a a “Whois Lookup.” While the technique is of indisputable value in certain kinds of cases, we are seeing indications that it is being used needlessly by some agencies, unnecessarily raising difficult legal questions (and a risk of suppression) without any countervailing benefit.
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