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Thread: [Delete threads from banned users in the marketplace](#)

Voidlight - June 5, 2026, 6:13 am

seeing this person recently be scammed by a user who was banned a month prior <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6320702> made me think to suggest that any posts on the marketplace containing contact info from a banned user should be removed or at least have their contact info censored automatically from the post to avoid people getting scammed. I'm aware that anything not done through the contract system is not hackforums staffs problem but I could see this helping new members who may not fully understand how the forum works yet. I know staff can manually do this and they do, but having it be automatic the moment they are banned could help catch threads that fall through the cracks.

Sam - June 5, 2026, 12:42 pm

I agree, protecting newer users from reaching out to banned scammers in old marketplace threads is a solid idea.

That said, I don't think full automation is necessary. The staff already do a pretty good job manually removing or censoring contact details when someone gets banned. We also have the contract system and vouches for a reason.

My only real concern is that automation could cause false positives and end up being unfair, like censoring posts from members who got temporarily banned or had their ban appealed. Most experienced members already know to avoid direct contacts in old threads anyway.

Pr0m3th3us - June 5, 2026, 1:47 pm

Agreed, ill take it a step further and say deleted everything they have ever posted. Whats the point of keeping anything around?

CL1B - June 5, 2026, 1:49 pm

I agree

Pr0m3th3us - June 5, 2026, 2:03 pm

The Ebooks also need to go.....look at this crap

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6320751>

Delete everything they have posted. To bad. Sucks. That's life. #Dealwithit.

Charlie Sheen - June 5, 2026, 3:40 pm

Usually when a member gets banned I go through their threads and remove their off-site communication. This was a different situation where he was banned while we investigated his account.

There's a few reasons why we don't delete old threads. If ever you find a thread with off-site communication and the OP was banned or closed you can always message myself or staff and we will make the necessary edits.

Omniscient - June 6, 2026, 1:13 pm

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Voidlight - June 6, 2026, 2:01 pm

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Great change, this should be more then clear enough now. Thanks Omni.