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ShadowPacket - September 15, 2026, 12:15 pm

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The mobile phones you can easily pay with cash but the issue is that it's not 100% anonymous.

They ask for your home address and you need to present a driver's license. Some places have machines and some use UV light to check for a valid driver's license. They use that info to put it into the computer system. That way if you did a crime the cops can trace who bought the stuff. Same goes with gift cards.

Even if you use Tails OS... the hardware you use is spying on you. The manufacturers are moving from software based tracking to hardware based tracking.

There's a lot of new circuits in newer devices that help the government and police track you down. There's no more 100% being anonymous those days are over. The only way you can be is if you made an electronics device 100% yourself either by making your own chips or buying old outdated chips. Even if you do this they can still track you when you use the internet. So, at least they will know where the person used the internet and that is about it. They won't know 100% who did it but it narrows it down to where the person accessed the internet from and if there's cameras near by.

In this day and age there's no 100% anonymous. If you think you can then you're dumb and out of touch with reality. It's getting harder every day to hide your identity.

ShadowPacket_ - September 15, 2026, 1:01 pm

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You cannot be anonymous online. What you said is good enough for online privacy. However, if someone wants to sue you or take you to court. Even if you use 20,000 fake accounts. They will trace it back to your internet provider and find out your real details and make an arrest with your real name.

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other countries. The U.S.A is working on using the CIA to spy on other people outside the U.S.A and work with the FBI on finding criminals in other countries. This is how they get put on a list and this list is to ban them from the U.S. and any country that works with the U.S.A.

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The FBI and other governments don't go running after you. They wait until you make mistakes which is you going to them without realizing it. They already know your name, where you live, what you're doing online and who you're talking to and where you travel too. Trust me the CIA and FBI know this behind closed door. They can't do anything legally until you do something stupid. Then they grab you.

So, my point is that if anyone wants to know who you're bad enough they can figure it out easily. It's not hard but it's not fast. It's a slow process but depends how much you pissed off the other person. That determines if you get caught or not.

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No, it's Terry A. Davis.

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m1000 - September 15, 2026, 3:30 pm

Since I'm not a blackhat I couldn't care less about all those extra steps in anonymity. I'm more concerned with how my data is scraped and sold off for the advertising industry. We should all be.

I think most people online try to be something or someone they're not.

Phantom_NiNja - September 16, 2026, 8:57 am

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Yes, and making your own computer. If you build your own computers meaning make the chips, make the board etc.

Then you can be 100% anon if you use that device and hack someone else internet and use that as the starting point.

Then you create fake accounts. That's the only way.

What you suggested is the only way you can be somewhat anon using commercial devices and your own internet.

It's just that it's not 100% anon.

juno00 - September 16, 2026, 11:00 am

I really feel like most people around you, like regular ass people, do not have the capacity to find much about you online

Raijin - September 18, 2026, 7:03 am

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