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SERVICE THROUGH FACEBOOK??? SAY IT AIN'T SO!

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If you are trying to avoid the sheriff serving you with divorce papers, you might want to rethink that idea. A New York judge recently granted the plaintiff/wife permission to serve the defendant/husband with the divorce summons using a private message through Facebook. In what is being called a landmark ruling, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Matthew Cooper allowed a nurse to serve her elusive husband with divorce papers via a Facebook message. According to the New York Daily News article, Judge Cooper issued the following order regarding service via Facebook: "This transmittal shall be repeated by plaintiff's attorney to defendant once a week for three consecutive weeks or until acknowledged" by her hard-to-find hubby.

The moral of this article is: If there is a will to get divorced, there is a way to serve you, in hand, by mail, publication, and now by Facebook!

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