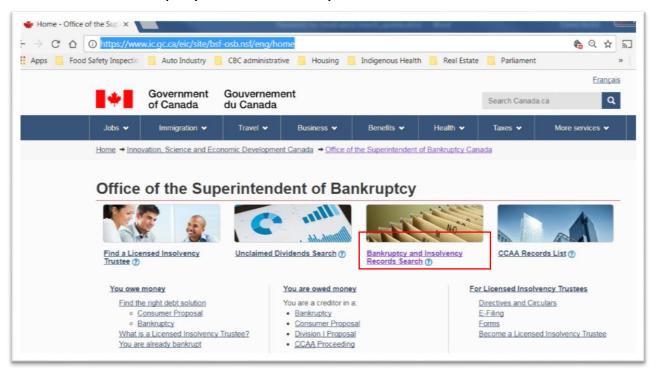
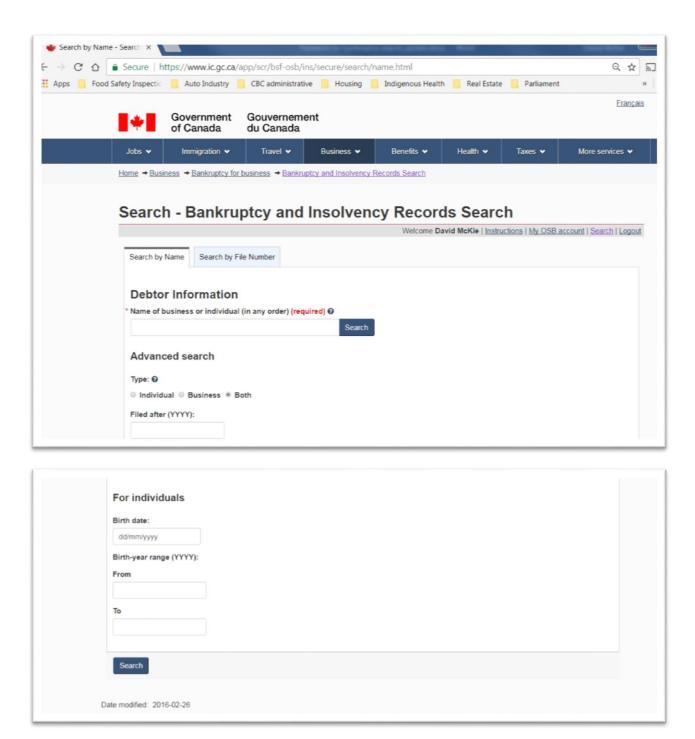
Tutorial for conducting a bankruptcy search

- 1) For basic information that explains the different kinds of bankruptcy searches and the reasoning behind them, please consult pages 221-223 of Digging Deeper
- 2) Log on to the website of the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy
- 3) Select the "Bankruptcy and Insolvency Records Search" tab.



4) You'll receive a prompt for your login username and password. Please use the names that you've been provided, and select the "Login tab.

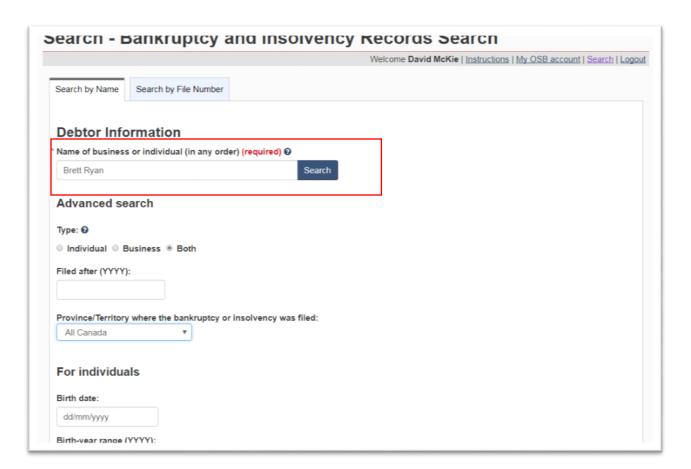


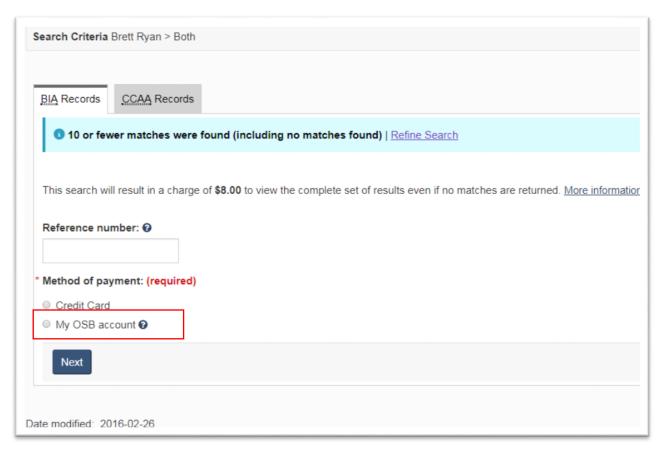
5) If you know the legal name (as opposed to a nickname, or a name the individual prefers to call herself), enter it in the first box, which is required. Filling in the subsequent boxes may help narrow the search if you're unsure about the name. However, if

- you have the individual or company's official name, then that should do the trick.
- 6) Let's take the case parolee whose <u>case</u> we studied.
- 7) In the National Parole Board's 2010 "decision sheet" we learned that money, or the lack of it, was at the root of the individual's problems, forcing him to declare bankruptcy in 2010.

longer residing at the Community-Based Residential Facility, you intend to take on a full course load. It is noteworthy that, on your release, you declared bankruptcy in an effort to alleviate the stress associated with your significant outstanding debt. You are awaiting confirmation of the bankruptcy discharge in March 2011.

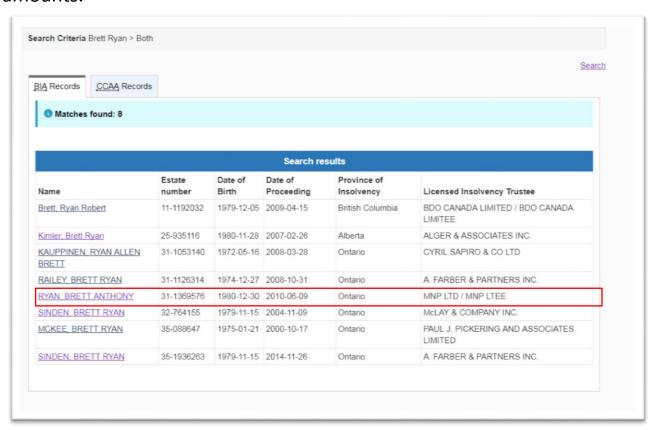
- 8) For more information about the bankruptcy, we need to conduct a search, following the instructions in steps one to five.
- 9) Type his name into the "Name of business or individual" search bar, and then hit enter.





10) Select the radio button to the left of "My OSB account". Because we have a password, we don't have to worry about

amounts.



11) We have eight matches. However, details from the National Parole Board's 2010 decision sheet should help us zero in on the correct name. Specifically, we know that at the time, he was 30 years old.

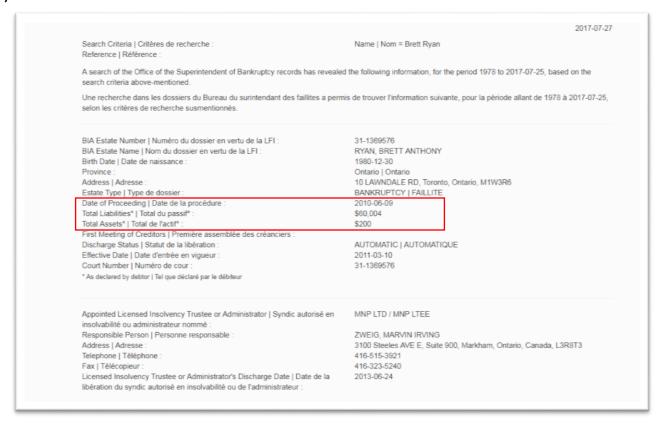
REASONS FOR DECISION(S) AND/OR VOTE(S):

You are a 30 year old, first time offender, serving a 3 year, 9 month, 15 day sentence for Robbery (x8) and Disguise with Intent (x8). You have withdrawn charges for Robbery (x6), Disguise with Intent (x6), and Possession of a Weapon, as part of a guilty plea. The offence involved you robbing a number of banks, while disguised.

12) This means that his birth date would have to be about 1980.

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13) Click on his name.



14) It's still unclear whether this is the right person, forcing us to refer to the parole report for an additional clue, which is contained in the same section of the report that discussed his bankruptcy filing.

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15) Turns out the bankruptcy was scheduled to take effect in March 2011.

16) Returning to the bankruptcy report, we can see that the "Effective Date" was March 10, 2011.

BIA Estate Number | Numéro du dossier en vertu de la LFI: 31-1369576 RYAN, BRETT ANTHONY BIA Estate Name | Nom du dossier en vertu de la LFI : Birth Date | Date de naissance : 1980-12-30 Province Ontario | Ontario Address | Adresse 10 LAWNDALE RD, Toronto, Ontario, M1W3R6 Estate Type | Type de dossier : BANKRUPTCY | FAILLITE Date of Proceeding | Date de la procédure : 2010-06-09 Total Liabilities* | Total du passif* \$60,004 Total Assets* | Total de l'actif* \$200 First Meeting of Creditors | Première assemblée des créanciers : AUTOMATIC I AUTOMATIQUE Discharge Status I Statut de la libération Effective Date | Date d'entrée en vigueur 2011-03-10 Court Number | Numéro de cour 31-1369576 * As declared by debtor | Tel que déclaré par le débiteur

17) So now we know the details of his financial situation: \$60,004 in liabilities, and only \$200 in assets. Perhaps even just as important, we've also learned the name of the trustee responsible for handling the case.



- 18) Now we have the information we need.
- 19) This brief tutorial provides the basic steps necessary for a bankruptcy search, which should become a routine part of your research, especially when backgrounding individuals and companies.