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problems. Ninety-nine percent of America has financial problem," he said. "You don't go kill women and children because you have financial problems."

Browne has said Bales has a sketchy

I don't know about the evidence in this case. I don't know that the government is going to prove much. There's no forensic evidence. There's no confessions'

— John Henry Browne

memory of events from before and after the killings but recalls very little or nothing of the time the military believes he went on a shooting spree through two Afghan villages.

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their profiles set to private, making them available only to selected people or certain networks.

Companies that don't ask for passwords have taken other steps - such as asking applicants to friend human resource managers or to log in to a company computer during an interview. Once employed, some workers have been required to sign non-disparagement agreements that ban them from talking negatively about an employer on social media.

Asking for a candidate's password is more prevalent among public agencies, especially those seeking to fill law enforcement positions such as police officers or 911 dispatchers.

Back in 2010, Robert Collins was returning to his job as a correctional officer at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services after taking a leave following his mother's death. During a reinstatement interview, he was asked for his login and password, purportedly so the agency could check for any gang affiliations. He was stunned by the request but complied.

"I needed my job to feed my family. I had to," he recalled.

After the ACLU complained about the

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efforts to help prevent and end homelessness in our region," said Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn. "The combination of permanent housing with supportive services is a key strategy to help chronically homeless adults, including military veterans, find stable housing and rebuild their lives."

The new money is in addition to \$21.8 million in renewal grants received by Seattle and King County from HUD that were announced in December 2011. That funding supported a total of 1,776 units of housing, including 754 units of transitional housing and 1,022 units of permanent housing for people with disabilities. Funding was also provided for the Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System, which collects data on services provided to homeless people in programs throughout King County and is critical to successful grant applications to HUD.

The new assistance dollars will help to ensure that residents in these facilities

"He has some memories of before the incident and he has some memories of after the incident. In between, very little," Browne said.

Browne said there were potential mental health issues for his client, but that he didn't have expertise to make a qualified judgment. "Dragging parts of bodies around is not something that really you forget very often," he said. "He's in shock."

Browne, a Seattle attorney who defended serial killer Ted Bundy and a thief known as the "Barefoot Bandit," has said he has handled three or four military cases. The defense team includes a military defense lawyer, Maj. Thomas Hurley.

After their investigation, military attorneys could present charges to a commander, who then makes a judgment on whether there is probable cause to believe that an offense was committed and that the accused committed it.

That commander then submits the charges to a convening authority, who typically is the commander of the brigade to which the accused is assigned but could be of higher rank.

practice, the agency amended its policy, asking instead for job applicants to log in during interviews.

"To me, that's still invasive. I can appreciate the desire to learn more about the applicant, but it's still a violation of people's personal privacy," said Collins, whose case inspired Maryland's legislation.

Until last year, the city of Bozeman,

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Mont., had a long-standing policy of asking job applicants for passwords to their email addresses, social-networking websites and other online accounts.

And since 2006, the McLean County, Ill., sheriff's office has been one of several Illinois sheriff's departments that ask applicants to sign into social media sites to be screened.

receive the onsite services they need to achieve and maintain housing stability. Supportive housing has proven extremely effective in successfully housing people whose lives have been shattered by homelessness, mental illness and addiction, while saving millions of dollars in emergency services.

The three projects receiving federal funding are:

1. Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) Aurora Supportive Housing - \$473,253. Located on Aurora Avenue in the Northgate neighborhood, this project will create a new six-story building to provide permanent supportive housing for 87 homeless adults, with 24-hour onsite staffing and case management services. All of the units will be reserved for chronically homeless single men and women.

2. Plymouth Housing Group (PHG) Williams Apartments - \$473,254. The Williams Apartments will provide 81 studio

Chase Protest



Members of Occupy Beacon Hill braved unseasonal weather to protest against Chase Bank. The event was held on the same day as a national protest against Chase. It was held the same day of a national Occupy action against CHASE, originally called by Occupy Atlanta. Occupy groups in Seattle, Spokane, Bellingham, Olympia, Everett, West Seattle, Beacon Hill, Othello, the University District and the Central district all protested against Chase in their individual communities.

Chief Deputy Rusty Thomas defended the practice, saying applicants have a right to refuse. But no one has ever done so. Thomas said that "speaks well of the people we have apply."

When asked what sort of material would jeopardize job prospects, Thomas said "it depends on the situation" but could include "inappropriate pictures or relationships with people who are underage, illegal behavior."

E. Chandlee Bryan, a career coach and co-author of the book "The Twitter Job Search Guide," said job seekers should always be aware of what's on their social media sites and assume someone is going to look at it.

Bryan said she is troubled by companies asking for logins, but she feels it's not a violation if an employer asks to see a Facebook profile through a friend request. And she's not troubled by non-disparagement agreements.

More companies are also using third-party applications to scour Facebook profiles, Bryan said. One app called BeKnown can sometimes access personal profiles, short of wall messages, if a job seeker allows it.

Sears is one of the companies using apps. An applicant has the option of logging into the Sears job site through Facebook by allowing a third-party application to draw information from the profile, such as friend lists.

Sears Holdings Inc. spokeswoman Kim Freely said using a Facebook profile to apply allows Sears to be updated on the applicant's work history.

The company assumes "that people keep their social profiles updated to the minute, which allows us to consider them for other jobs in the future or for ones that they may not realize are available currently," she said.

Facebook declined to comment except for issuing a brief statement declaring that the site forbids "anyone from soliciting the login information or accessing an account belonging to someone else."

Giving out Facebook login information also violates the social network's terms of service. But those terms have questionable legal weight, and experts say the legality of asking for such information remains murky.

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At Plymouth, half of the units will be reserved for homeless military veterans

provide onsite case management.

3. Archdiocesan Housing Authority (AHA) Ozanam House - \$27,395. Located in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood, Ozanam provides 55 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless people over the age of 55 who have been chroni-

cally homeless and are disabled by chemical dependency or co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency. The new funds will expand the supportive services available onsite to add chemical dependency services and health care/nursing support for residents.

Every year, community-based organizations join with the City of Seattle and King County to submit a joint application for the McKinney funding that allows county and local governments and their many partners to provide essential housing and supportive services for homeless people. The funding is critical to the ongoing work of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County and the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.