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Online dating service to verify single status of wannabe Romeos

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — It's one of life's biggest letdowns — discovering that Mr. or Ms. Right is already wedded. An online dating service now hopes to help its love seekers avoid the sleazily married by filtering philanderers.

Upstart dating service True.com, which already screens for felons, recently expanded its partnership with database provider Rapsheets.com to review public records and verify a user's single status.

If a wannabe Romeo turns out to be a married Pinocchio, the user is thrown out of the cyber-circle.

"We're trying to provide a wholesome environment for courtship," said Herb Vest, founder and chief executive of Dallas-based True. "And we're interested in making relationships last."