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“Tarboro - It's Easy to Find, Hard to Leave “
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Tarboro has approximately 11,000 residents. It could be less, depending on how you define the word "resident". If you own a home in Tarboro, but travel six months out of the year we still consider you a resident, particularly if you were born and raised here, like most folks.

It seems like Tarboro people get around right much. I mean they travel to other places like Alaska and Spain and all over the world - a lot. Chances are, you might know somebody from Tarboro or know somebody who knows somebody from Tarboro.

Beth Jackson, a local Mensa prodigy, says that we are seven contacts from knowing anybody in the world. This includes knowing a Chinese rice laborer or the head of the Russian Mafia.

Beth knows all sorts of stuff. She even knows how to get exactly four gallons of water if you have a five gallon bucket and a three gallon bucket. But I'll let you know the answer to that riddle some other time. The point is that Tarboro people get out of town pretty regularly - but they always come back.

Back when the Phone Company was headquartered in Tarboro, there would be people transferred here from Kansas City and other big cities around the country on a regular basis. They would move to Tarboro kicking and screaming. The wives would swear and cuss about having to go to this podunk town in Eastern North Carolina and how there would be nothing to do and how all the people were nothing but redneck hicks that talked funny.

Well, let me tell you that Tarboro can grow on you and I know this from first hand experience. After living in Tarboro for five years, one of these same people quit his job with Sprint when they tried to transfer him back to Kansas City. He started his own business here and still lives in Tarboro. Best I can tell, he plans on getting buried here.

The point is simply this - if you know somebody from Tarboro, you can probably make contact with that Russian Mafia guy in less than seven contacts - probably five at the most.

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