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Something beginning with "L"

I was sure I'd done a player-to-player transfer on Full Tilt before today, when I just sent a few bucks to Paul Sandells for a stake in his action in the WSOP Circuit event next month. But I'm sure I would have remembered this screen. I just don't get why this is useful. If you're going to give me some kind of verification that I entered the right username, what's the problem with telling me the full name of his city? This is what other poker sites do, if they even give any verification at all. I mean, really, anyone who is transferring real money to another player is going to make sure they have the right username and look back at what they've typed, not just hammer the keyboard randomly and hope it ends up in the right place. Are they? Is that actually this player's avatar displayed? How would I know unless (a) I'm sending money to someone I've actually played with before (which I'm not) and (b) I have your horrible cartoon monkey/gnome/dude with afro avatars switched on (which, for the sake of sanity, I don't). Sometimes you won't even be sure what city the other guy will have put on his account, but you'll know roughly - and this was the case with Paul. Even seeing London rather than Lisbon, Lima or Los Angeles here would give me a clue as to whether this is the right guy. That "L" really doesn't narrow it down much. Jeez, if you're worried about giving out too much personal information just show the name of the country he's from, or a little flag picture if you want to be super cool. You can already see any player's country at the poker table without even sitting down. That would be much more useful than making me play bloody I Spy whenever I want to send money.

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