



U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Chief Information Officer

Job Aid | How to Read an Identity History Summary (IdHS)

Purpose

This job aid provides an overview of how to read and interpret an Identity History Summary (IdHS) response from FBI CJIS after conducting a fingerprint-based record check.

How to Read an IdHS

An Identity History Summary, often referred to as a criminal history record or a rap sheet, contains information taken from fingerprint submissions kept by the FBI and related to arrests and, in some instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. If arrest information is returned, the IdHS may also contain information the FBI has on dispositions, probation/parole conditions, and corrections information (when available) submitted by Federal, State, and Tribal jurisdictions. The format of arrest records from different states may vary. A sample IdHS structure is shown in Figure 1.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION CLARKSBURG, WV 26306 FBI Introductory Material Contains FBI# and SID#s Introduction Information Any "caveats" provided from NCIC , e.g. Wanted Person FBI#/SID# Notice/Caveat Infromation Source- FBI **FBI Arrests** FBI#/SID# Federal Charges Appear First **Biographical Set Identifier** Arrest Cycle 1 Arrest Information Court/Disposition Information Corrections Information Caveat Information Arizona Arrests Source-Arizona DPS Multiple arrest cycles may appear on any Federal, FBI#/SID# State, or Tribal criminal histories **Biographical Set Identifier** Arrest Cycle 1 Arrest Information Court/Disposition Information Corrections Information Arrest Cycle 2 Arrest Information Court/Disposition Information Corrections Information California Arrests Source- CA State Police May appear with a different structure or format **Biographical Set Identifier** FBI#/SID# Arrest Cycle 1 Arrest Information Court/Disposition Information Corrections Information

Figure 1: Sample IdHS

Components of an IdHS

An IdHS may contain the information listed below. A sample will be used to show where to find the following information:

- 1. State Identification Number (SID) and Universal Control Number (UCN) Number (formerly FBI# and still displayed as FBI# in some places)
- 2. Caveat / Notice information warning on Warrants and Sex Offender Status
- 3. Biographic Set Identifier (BSI) basic descriptive information about the subject
- 4. Arrest Charges and Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) of the submitting agency (Arresting agency ORI may differ from Court ORI)
- 5. Final Disposition
 - a. Court Charges
 - b. Disposition (Guilty, Case Dropped)
 - c. Sentencing and Fine Information
- 6. Interim Disposition (e.g. pending completion of Alcohol Program)
- 7. Supplemental Court Data

SID and UCN/FBI Numbers

Figure 2 shows where to locate SID and UCN/FBI on an IdHS. In the example below, the person has a criminal history from both Oregon and the FBI.

Figure 2: SID and UCN/FBI Numbers

NOTE: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. This FBI record represents the information available at time of arrest and changes may have since occurred. A new copy of the Rap Sheet should be requested from the FBI for legal or official purposes.	
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TCN 0052484189	ICN E201602000000151572
THE ENCLOSED RECORD, DATED 2016/01/20, WITH THE FBI NO. SECTION AND NGI CONTROL NUMBER (NCN) E201602000000151572 IS BEING PROVIDED AS THE RESULT OF CRIMINAL RETAIN IDENT TEN-PRINT SUBMISSION.	
A CRIMINAL HISTORY REQUEST NOTIFICATION(S) WAS SENT BY THE FBI TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE INDICATING THAT THE REFERENCED SUBJECT IS DECEASED.	
OREGON -STATE ID/	SIDs
FBI -FBI	FBI#

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Caveat and Notice Information

The caveat and notice information includes both general information and, when relevant, special information or status for the subject. For the example in Figure 3 there is a caveat indicating that the subject is wanted, as added to the FBI rap sheet from the NCIC record.

Figure 3: IdHS Notice and Caveat Information

SINCE THIS RESPONSE CONTAINS NATIONAL FINGERPRINT FILE (NFF) AND/OR III PARTICIPANT STATE(S) REGULATED DATA, THE RESPONSE MAY NOT BE COMPLETE. HOWEVER THE FBI MAINTAINED DATA FROM THE NON-RESPONDING III PARTICIPANT STATE(S) IS INCLUDED IN THE RESPONSE.

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- FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORD -

WHEN EXPLANATION OF A CHARGE OR DISPOSITION IS NEEDED, COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE AGENCY THAT FURNISHED THE DATA TO THE FBI.



Biographic Set Identifier

The Biographic Set Identifier (BSI) is the biographical information linked to the fingerprint record. The reviewer should compare the BSI information to the subject to verify that the information matches the subject of the query. The investigating agency should recheck the UCN/FBI number to investigate further if there is a serious mismatch, such as:

- name returned vs name provided (aliases)
- a birthdate indicating a person in her fifties when the subject appears to be in her twenties
- height of more than 6' when the subject appears to be no more than 5'8"

Aliases - If the name on the IdHS is different than the name you submitted, the name you used will appear as an alias. If the subject used an alias at the time of their first arrest, that alias will become the name linked to the fingerprints. All other subsequent names will be listed as aliases, including their true name.

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Federal Arrest Charges/ORI

Federal, State, and Tribal arrest charges are located after the BSI. They will include data on arrests/dispositions, and may include correctional or probation or parole information, received at a correctional facility.

In Figure 4 above, the first arrest was made by the FBI Portland Office. The agency's ORI, arresting charges and caveat information are located in that section. If additional information is needed, best practice is to contact the agency directly.

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Figure 5: Charges and Warrant Information

In Figure 5 above, the Federal charges are pending. The four bank robbery charges are a record of the arrest charges at the time that the IdHS was submitted. There is no disposition data because the subject is in custody and awaiting trial. There is also a caveat concerning a possible outstanding warrant from December 2015.

The investigating agency should contact the entering agency to confirm that the warrant is still outstanding before taking any action.

State Records/ORI

After the Federal record, there is a state record resulting from arrests in Oregon as shown in Figure 6. Much like an FBI arrest, a State Identification number (SID) is noted and linked to the biographic identifiers. This subject's SID is from Oregon.

Remember that the subject's name may be different if a different name was used at arrest. The rest of the BSI may correspond to the other BSI entries in the document.

Figure 6: Oregon State Arrest Information



Dispositions/Supplemental Court Data/Prison Placement

If a disposition is entered, it will appear in the arrest cycle as shown in Figure 7. Note that each count is numbered and has a separate disposition attached. For arrest #1, the subject was convicted of a felony and sentenced to 14 months in jail. For arrest #2, the subject was convicted of a felony and sentenced to 13 months in jail.



Conclusion

The format of arrest records may vary from state to state. Finding arrest and disposition information may take some investigative effort. For questions on arrest or disposition data on the IdHS, contact the arresting agency through an administrative message. Query the entering agency's ORI using QO to retrieve the agency's name, address and phone number to contact by other means. The arresting agency may not have an update or information related to disposition data and may refer you to the court of jurisdiction.

Agencies should refer to their Tribal policies when using IdHS information for hiring, child placement, probation/parole and other decisions.

For more information, email the Tribal Access Program: <u>tribalaccess@usdoj.gov</u> and include your Tribe's name in the subject line of your email message.