Partnership & Progress
Bringing National Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) into the Modern Era
“It is the incomplete record that invites criticism of our entire criminal justice records system.”

L. Patrick Gray
Acting Director, FBI
October 2, 1972
Agenda

1. Improvements in CHRI Reporting
2. New CHRI Functionality
3. State CHRI Improvement Team Services
Uses of CHRI

- Investigative Support
- Officer Safety
- Pre-Trial Actions and Sentencing
- Firearms Eligibility
- Employment Background Checks
- Volunteer Background Checks
What makes a quality criminal history record?

- A full set of ten rolled fingerprint images supports every arrest event.
- Arrest charges are descriptive and easy to interpret.
  - No numeric codes or nonstandard abbreviations.
- Dispositions are available for every arrest event.
- Dispositions are descriptive and easy to interpret.
- Sentencing, custody, and supervision data are available.
- Expungements, sealings, and modifications are performed in a timely and consistent manner.
How do we gauge improvements to national CHRI?

- Arrest-to-disposition completion rates in the Next Generation Identification (NGI) System.

- Percentage of records indexed in the NGI System with an active state pointer.
## Arrest-to-Disposition Completion in the NGI System

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Disposition Improvements, 2021-2022

- Six states had at least a two percent increase in arrest-to-disposition completion rates in the NGI System between 03/31/2021 and 03/31/2022.
- Two states began submitting dispositions using the Disposition File Maintenance Submission (DSPE) Type of Transaction.
- One state began submitting dispositions electronically using the Interstate Identification Index (III) Disposition Submission Message Key (MKE).
- Two states have projects underway to ingest historical dispositions.
State-Owned Records

Percentage of State Pointers vs. State Pseudo-Pointers Over Time

- **State Pointers**
- **State Pseudo-Pointers**

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Pseudo-Pointer Improvements, 2021-2022

• Nine states took control of 5,000 or more pseudo-pointer records between 03/31/2021 and 03/31/2022.

• Ten states have requested a correlation file or similar data pull to support efforts to take control of pseudo-pointer records.
New Functionality
MODERNIZING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD UPDATES
NGI Gateway

- Will be housed on the FBI’s Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal.
- It is secure and web-based.
- At launch, the NGI Gateway will offer disposition submission service.
- User provides standard disposition submission fields; fields are transformed into an electronic disposition submission which attempts to automatically update the NGI System.
- Pilot agencies are expected to begin testing in late 2022.
New III MKEs

Delete Record Cycle
(DRC)
Allows users to remove a single arrest cycle and associated disposition information.

Seal Record Cycle*
(SRC)
Allows users to seal a single arrest cycle and associated disposition information.

Modify Record Cycle
(MRC)
Allows users to modify individual arrest charges.

* Participation in the FBI Sealing Program required prior to use.
Synchronization and Correlation

III Synchronization

• Civil retain indicator helps identify records established by a civil retained print.
• All pseudo-pointers are now returned.
• This is available in pipe-delimited flat text format.

III Correlation

• This is available in pipe-delimited flat text format.
State CHRI Improvement Team Mission

Providing outstanding support to our state partners to increase the availability of complete and accurate CHRI for all authorized purposes.
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Dispositions

• Electronic disposition submission methods
• Troubleshooting disposition submission difficulties
• Solutions for ingesting historical dispositions
• Bulk disposition submissions

Adopting New Functionality

• DRC MKE
• MRC MKE
• SRC MKE
• NGI Gateway
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Expungements and Modifications

• Electronic submission methods for expungements or modifications

• Troubleshooting expungement or modification submission difficulties

• Bulk expungement or modification submissions

The FBI Sealing Program

• Education on the FBI Sealing Program

• Electronic sealing functions

• Bulk sealing submissions
State CHRI Improvement Team Services

**Data and Statistics**
- Quarterly Disposition Dashboards
- Statistics to support grant funding opportunities or reporting requirements
- Data to support special projects

**Bulk Updates**
- Bulk submissions of any kind:
  - Dispositions
  - Expungements
  - Modifications
  - Sealings
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Single-Source Obligations

• Documentation in support of the single-source submission model for all types of CHRI
• Meeting support with contributing agencies, if needed

Education and Outreach

• Attendance at state conferences to address:
  ❖ Importance of CHRI
  ❖ Proper methods for reporting CHRI
• Visits or virtual meetings to educate new staff on policies and procedures
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Taking Control of Pseudo-Pointers

- III Correlation files
- Data pulls to identify “easy targets” for quick wins
- Options for obtaining electronic copies of arrest fingerprints not available in the state system
- Bulk messaging to claim ownership of records

System Upgrade Coordination and Feedback

- Feedback on business requirements for major system upgrades (i.e., identifying items frequently missed during upgrade and sharing information on possible technical solutions)
- Testing and coordination during system upgrades
State CHRI Improvement Team Services

- Creating quick reference guides and educational materials
- Innovating solutions to improve the accuracy and completeness of national CHRI
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