

LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK Applicant SIDs

This correspondence is being distributed to authorized Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) user agencies regarding the addition of applicant state identification number (SID) responses to criminal history inquiries.

On February 18, 2015, criminal history purpose codes C/ and J/ were amended to allow applicant fingerprint information dissemination to criminal justice agencies.

In addition to criminal fingerprints, the Michigan State Police collects and retains applicant fingerprints submitted for a variety of employment and/or licensing purposes, when authorized by statute. These fingerprints are catalogued and organized in the same manner as criminal fingerprints, leading to the creation of a SID upon submission. Each subsequent fingerprint event, whether for criminal or applicant purposes, attaches to the SID associated with the particular subject's name. The existence of Michigan applicant fingerprints has not traditionally been disclosed to criminal justice agencies on a criminal history check by name. However, over time, it became apparent that criminal justice agencies could benefit from the ability to access applicant fingerprint information.

The most significant impact of this change is in the understanding of the meaning of a SID. A SID should no longer be considered to indicate the existence of a criminal record. Rather, a SID now indicates the existence of one or more sets of fingerprints on file in Michigan for a particular subject. Agencies should obtain the Michigan fingerprint record associated with the SID in order to determine the subject's history of criminal and/or applicant events. This can be done by running a QR transaction in LEIN, and entering the SID in scan-line 50.

Questions on this functionality should be directed to Ms. Liz Canfield of LEIN Field Services at (517) 241-0639 or canfielde@michigan.gov.