



LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK Disposition of Firearms

This correspondence is being distributed to authorized Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) user agencies as a guide to changes to the LEIN process for returning a firearm to its lawful owner.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) rule (1110-AA27) contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (28 CFR Part 25) has been amended to allow NICS checks prior to the return of a firearm (disposing of firearms in the possession of a Federal, state, tribal, or local criminal justice agency).

Therefore, effective January 20, 2015, agencies may perform a NICS check prior to returning a firearm by running a criminal history query (QHW) using purpose code F/ (scan-line 52), along with one of the following new NICS Purpose IDs (scan line 249):

- 22 - Return of Handgun
- 23 - Return of Long gun
- 24 - Return of Other

Also, effective January 20, 2015, criminal history purpose code RETRAN will no longer be available for use.

Talon forms available through the Michigan Criminal Justice Information Network (MiCJIN) Portal LEIN and iServices will be updated to include the above NICS Purpose IDs. Agencies not using Talon through the MiCJIN Portal should contact their vendor to ensure programming is in place to utilize this functionality. **Agencies will be able to type the appropriate code into scan line 249 once the changes are implemented.**

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