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OSBI to Launch E-Commerce Solution for Criminal Record Check Requests

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Since the inception of the Oklahoma Open Records Act in the mid-1980's, anyone can purchase records maintained in OSBI's criminal history fingerprint-based repository. Records are routinely requested to make decisions concerning employment, licensing, housing, etc., especially where vulnerable populations are concerned.

Check Out Your Babysitter or Your Daughter's New Boyfriend

Until now, the only options to determine if a person had a criminal record on file with OSBI were to complete a form and mail, fax or deliver it to OSBI's headquarters and wait for the results to be mailed, faxed or handed back.

OSBI will soon be unveiling a new online system where you can request criminal history records anytime, anywhere. Modeled after the ease of making purchases on Amazon, OSBI's new program, the Criminal History Information Request Portal, or CHIRP, makes getting criminal record checks fast and easy. By entering an individual's name, date of birth and other optional identifiers (sex, race, social security number, aliases), you can learn whether or not a person has been arrested and fingerprinted for felonies and/or serious misdemeanors in the state of Oklahoma. If a potential match is identified based on the descriptive information you provide, CHIRP will include a Record of Arrest and Prosecution, or RAP, sheet. Results are returned quickly and online. You will be notified via email when your results are ready to be viewed.

Through CHIRP, anyone with an internet connection, a credit card, or checking account and a need for a criminal record check can gain access to the files of the OSBI. CHIRP will be accessible via computer, tablet, or mobile device. The cost for an OSBI repository search is \$15. You can also get checks of the Department of Corrections' Sex Offender and Violent Offender Registries for \$2 each. There is a \$1 convenience fee per transaction for payment processing.

You can request up to 100 searches in a single transaction. Visit us soon at

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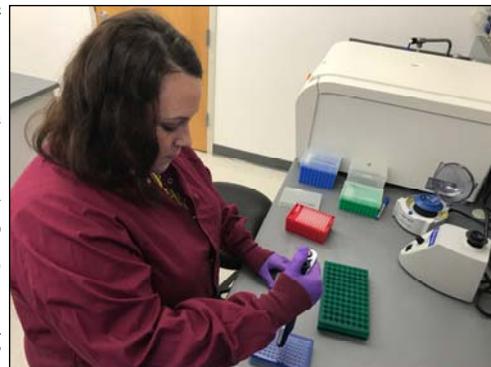


Coming Soon...

Grant Allows OSBI Lab to Implement New DNA Collection Program

By Lesley Perry/CODIS Supervisor

For nearly 10 years, a group of employees from the OSBI visited the State Capitol in an effort to educate lawmakers about DNA databases and to request changes to the law regarding DNA collections. In 2016, legislators passed a law making Oklahoma one of the last states in the nation to allow for the collection of DNA from felony arrestees for inclusion in the national DNA database, CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). Inclusion of these samples in our database is estimated to increase investigative leads in unsolved cases exponentially, leading to more solved crimes for the citizens of Oklahoma. This will undoubtedly make our state a much safer place to live. Unfortunately, along with many vital functions of state government, this law was left unfunded after the legislative budget was approved. During the past year, however, employees of the OSBI CODIS Unit have sought other funding to implement this powerful tool of forensic science.



CODIS Supervisor Lesley Perry demonstrates setting up a plate of DNA samples for amplification.

In October 2017, the OSBI CODIS Unit was notified that it was the recipient of a National Institute of Justice Competitive DNA Efficiency Improvement Grant. The award from this, totaling over \$730,000, will fully fund the implementation of a pilot program for arrestee DNA collection. During the first year, the CODIS Unit will reach out to all police departments in Oklahoma in order to train their personnel to collect these samples. In 2019, OSBI will begin processing these samples for inclusion in the database. Automatic expungement practices are in place for those persons for whom the charges are dropped or who are found not guilty. We hope to take the stories of success from this first year to the Oklahoma legislature to show how effective the program is and ask for continued funding.

OSBI Integrates Database with OBNDD, Creating Fusion of Information

By Special Agent Jim Ely

In late 2011, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation brought on line a computerized Investigative Case Management System. This effort included case management elements including case assignment, case transfers, case status, and case tracking. The system also enables document management of reports, report routing for review and approvals, uploading scanned document attachments to reports, uploading audio recordings of interviews, and desktop publication of groups of case reports for prosecution for delivery to district attorney's and requesting agencies on DVD media or paper, if desired. Cost efficiencies were obtained with savings in paper, printer use, ink, and copy costs as well as reduced postage and labor.



The benefits of the ICMS system also include the real-time viewing of information uploaded to the system from other agents, criminal investigative analysts, and other users prior to report approval as well as tip management on cases. This is beneficial in acting on information from leads sent in all areas from the state while the cases are still under investigation.

The software is an off-the-shelf product from a vendor with more than 30 years of use in various law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. The software also includes capabilities of sharing subject, vehicle, telephone, and address information between connected servers from other law enforcement agencies.

On Monday December 11, 2017, Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Information Technology personnel connected the OSBI ICMS to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs ICMS. This will facilitate the sharing of information on persons and locations under investigation by either or both criminal investigative law enforcement agencies.

As a result of this cooperative effort between OSBI and OBNDD, agent safety is enhanced and investigative leads on criminal activity in human trafficking, narcotics, and criminal investigations throughout Oklahoma are expected to increase.

Bureau Proves Again Its High Standards

By Mitzi Bennett/OSBI CALEA Manager

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) was recently awarded its 6th reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA), on November, 18, 2017, in Jacksonville, Fl. This came after a three day on-site assessment in July 2017. CALEA assessors are individuals chosen by CALEA who are familiar with the policies and procedures of the Commission. CALEA assessors must have the ability to evaluate public safety management policies, procedures, practices, and activities. It is important for an assessor to have a firm understanding of modern public safety personnel; administrative, legal, and operational concepts; and be able to interact, at a peer level, with the assessed agency CEO and command staff. The CALEA Assessment Team Leader Lt. Colonel (R) Robert Johnson had previously served with the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department, Illinois State Police, and Amtrack Police Department before retiring to serve as a law enforcement consultant. Sr/A/Lieutenant Ret. John Tucker had spent his career with the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. The assessment team met with OSBI professionals, toured regional facilities, and inspected files during their visit in July.



During the 2017 Fall CALEA Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, OSBI Director Stan Florence and Accreditation Manager Mitzi Bennett appeared before the CALEA Review Committee before being recommended and subsequently approved by the full body of the 21 member CALEA Commission for reaccreditation on November 18, 2017.

CALEA, in an effort to improve the process and provide agencies with the guidance for best practices in law enforcement, has modified the assessment process to an annual file compliance review followed by an onsite assessment every four years. This will offer feedback while allowing the on-site assessments with agency staff during their assess-

a more continuous process of review and assessment team more opportunities for interaction.

