



Interstate Identification Index (III)

The III is a nationwide database maintained by the FBI of electronic fingerprints and criminal history record information of persons who have been arrested. Criminal history record information is defined as “the information collected by criminal justice agencies on individuals consisting of identifiable descriptions and notations of arrests; detentions; indictments; information or other formal criminal charges; and any disposition arising therefrom, including acquittal, sentencing, correctional supervision, and release.” AFMAN 71-102, Air Force Criminal Indexing.

Governing regulations: DoDI 5505.11, *Fingerprint Reporting Requirements*, and AFMAN 71-102.

Basis for entry: Entry into this database is based on the arrest of a person following a probable cause determination that the person committed a qualifying offense punishable by imprisonment. AFMAN 71-102, paragraph 2.1. Probable cause is defined by AFMAN 71-102 as a “determination that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an offense has been committed and that the person to be identified as the offender committed it.” Qualifying offenses are serious or significant offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the United States Code punishable by imprisonment. DoDI 5505.11, paragraph 1.2.b. Non-serious offenses not subject to indexing in the III include drunkenness, disturbing the peace, and minor traffic violations, identified in DoDI 5505.11, paragraph 1.2.d, as well as other minor offenses listed in AFMAN 71-102, Attachment 5.

Contents of entry: Personal identifying information of the person arrested (name, aliases, date of birth, place of birth, Social Security number, identifying marks, scars and tattoos), case number, date of arrest, arresting agency, arrest charges, court charges, disposition of charges, and electronic fingerprints.

Impact of entry: Entry into this database results in the immediate creation of a national criminal history record that may affect employment and volunteer opportunities, security clearances, and the ability to purchase or receive a firearm. Entries are permanent unless expungement is requested and granted.

Access to the database: All military and civilian law enforcement agencies can access the database. Also, background checks may be requested for governmental licensing and employment, as well as by certain employers who work with vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and disabled persons.

Criteria for removal: Entries will be expunged, or removed, from the III if there was no probable cause at the time of indexing to believe that the person committed the offense for which the person was indexed or if the offense did not qualify for indexing. Expungement requests: Submit expungement requests to daf.cjic.expungements@us.af.mil. For additional information on expungement requests, including templates to be used to request expungement, please visit: <https://www.osi.af.mil/About/Expungement-Request/>.

