



National Crime Information Center (NCIC)

The NCIC is a nationwide clearinghouse of criminal justice data, maintained by the FBI, that allows for the rapid exchange of information between local, state, federal, territorial and tribal criminal justice agencies. Information available in the NCIC helps criminal justice agencies apprehend fugitives, locate missing persons, locate and recover stolen property, and identify terrorists. The NCIC database consists of twenty-one (21) files, including the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR), Protection Order File (POF), Missing Persons, Wanted Persons, Unidentified Persons, Known or Appropriately Suspected Terrorists, Supervised Release, Foreign Fugitives, Immigration Violators, Violent Persons, Gang Members, Identity Theft, Protective Interest, National Instant Criminal Background Check System Denied Transaction File, and seven stolen property files.

Governing statute and regulations: Title 28, United States Code, Section 534 *Acquisition, preservation, and exchange of identification records and information; appointment of officials; Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, Criminal Justice Information Systems, Subparts A, B and C.*

Basis for entry: Air Force investigative agencies will enter persons or stolen property into the NCIC database if they meet the criteria for entry into any of the 21 files described above.

Contents of entry: NCIC files include personal identifying information, such as name, aliases, and date of birth, sufficient to help identify, locate, or apprehend the individuals included in the files. NCIC files also include descriptions of stolen/lost property, sufficient to enable its identification, location and recovery.

Impact of entry: Personal identifying information included in the NCIC will be available to all local, state, federal and tribal criminal justice agencies, for use in identifying, locating, or apprehending persons, based on the file in which the person is entered. Descriptions of stolen property included in the NCIC will be available to all local, state, federal and tribal criminal justice agencies, for use in identifying, locating and recovering stolen/lost property.

Access to the database: All military and civilian criminal justice agencies can access NCIC files.

Criteria for removal: Records entered into the NCIC by the Air Force are removed when the qualifying criteria for entry are no longer met. For example, records of missing persons or deserters are removed when the person is no longer missing or their deserter status has been removed following apprehension or other return to military authority.

NSOR: The NSOR is a nationwide database of registered sex offenders. The NSOR includes the offender's name, current location, and convicted offenses. Access to this database is limited to criminal justice agencies. The Air Force will enter persons convicted of qualifying offenses, identified in DoDI 1325.07, *Administration of Military Correctional Facilities and Clemency and Parole Authority*, into the NSOR and remove them once they register with the state, tribe or territory where they intend to reside upon release from confinement or separation from the Air Force. In contrast, the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) is accessible to the general public and allows persons to search public sex offender registry websites maintained by states, tribes and territories. The Air Force does not control entries placed into NSOPW.

POF: The POF includes protection orders issued by military commanders and civilian courts to protect persons from domestic violence, stalking, intimidation, or harassment. Military protection orders (MPOs) may be enforceable off base if the civilian agency's policy or procedures allows for it. The POF includes the protection order, its dates of issuance, modification, and expiration, as applicable, the identity of the person to whom the order was issued, and the identity of the person(s) protected by the order. MPOs are removed from the POF upon their rescission by the issuing commander.

Expungement requests: Submit requests for expungement to the Department of the Air Force Criminal Justice Information Center at daf.cjic.expungements@us.af.mil. For additional information on expungements, please visit: <https://www.osi.af.mil/About/Expungement-Request/>.

