



Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification Newsletter

LET Transaction in UCJIS vs Use of Force Reporting in UCJIS

The LET (Law Enforcement Transparency) transaction in UCJIS is required for law enforcement under UCA 77-7-8.5 and directs all Utah law enforcement agencies to report anytime they deploy a tactical group or when a forcible entry is made. The Use of Force data collection is entirely separate from the LET transaction and is connected to the Uniform Crime Reporting program. Use of Force is reported by law enforcement agencies when one of the following occurs in connection with a law enforcement incident:

- When a fatality occurs connected to use of force by a law enforcement officer.
- When there is serious bodily injury to a person connected to use of force by a law enforcement officer.
- When a firearm is discharged by law enforcement at or in a direction of a person that did not otherwise result in death or serious bodily injury.

The 2021 state legislative session passed H.B.84 which will make reporting of use of force data required starting May 2021. For further information, please contact Mandy Biesinger at mbiesinger@utah.gov.

Free Training from BCI

The BCI Grants Section offers training for courts and law enforcement agencies across the state. Training opportunities include:

- Fingerprinting Techniques
- Troubleshooting Fingerprint Rejections
- Fingerprints for Citations/Working with Citations
- Suspense Program
- Utah Criminal History
- Criminal History Research

All training is free. Contact Erin Paulsen at erinpaulsen1@utah.gov or at 385-415-9848 for more information or to schedule a training.

Juvenile Criminal Histories

Records that are considered “juvenile records” refer to the detailed history of a child’s crimes and convictions.

Per the Administrative Office of the Courts, local agencies may NOT generate a hard copy of a juvenile’s rap sheet or record summary. Juvenile records cannot be disseminated or entered into a Records Management System.

Highlights from Region Training

UCJIS Updates

The Medical Marijuana Search Query was deployed last year for law enforcement use only. With this transaction it is important to know that it is for use only during an active law enforcement encounter or after a warrant has been issued. Further information on the subject can be found at UCA 26-61a-103(2)(g), UCA 77-7a-103(3), and UCA 26-61a-103(7)(a-b).

The information obtained during an electronic verification is not owned by BCI, the restrictions on the dissemination are specified in UCA 26-61a-103(7)-(9). BCI suggests you consult your legal counsel to ensure your agency does not violate releasing any information obtained.

Use of Force

Beginning May 2021, Use of Force reporting is now required by law enforcement agencies in Utah.

There are three conditions which require the reporting of Use of Force. Law enforcement agencies enter their reports into UCJIS using the Use of Force transactions.

For more information, training, and/or permissions to begin reporting, please contact Diana Monago at dmonago@utah.gov or Maria Martinez at mmartinez@utah.gov.

AMBER Alert

The WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert) is now automatically sent out to the public between the hours of 7AM-10PM. If your agency has an AMBER Alert during the blackout window, 10PM-7AM, and would like a WEA to be issued, let the UCJIS Help Desk know and the on call AMBER Alert Coordinator will reach out to your agency for more information. The UAA transaction will let you know if you are issuing an AMBER Alert within the blackout window or not.

Here are some updates to the AMBER Alert Transaction (UAA):

1. There is now an option to select if the AMBER Alert is a nonfamily abduction or not. If you select "Yes", a flag will be posted on the public website (alerts.utah.gov) notifying the public that it is a nonfamily abduction.
2. You are now able to review and listen to the audio that is sent to the media before submitting the AMBER Alert.

Please be advised that if your agency issues an AMBER Alert, your agency will be contacted by the on call AMBER Alert Coordinator to hold an AMBER Review meeting. The AMBER review will consist of going over the summary of the case, the events that led up to the AMBER Alert being issued, as well as going over any issues there may have been and any suggestions your agency may have to help improve the transaction and/or program.

As a reminder, please remember to contact the UCJIS Help Desk to let us know that your agency will be issuing or may be issuing an AMBER Alert prior to the alert being sent.

JRA

When it comes to Jail Release Agreements (JRAs), they may be entered by arresting agencies as well as booking agencies. Arresting agencies will only enter the citation number, booking agencies only enter the OTN. You cannot enter both the citation number and OTN for the JRA. They are automatically valid for 30 days after the JRA is issued. They expire at midnight the day before they expire. Expired POs are available via the POL transaction. You need to check the box in order to include them in your search.

You CANNOT disseminate a protective order or JRA. If the individual needs a copy, they should reach out to the court. If you HAVE to print a copy, you may only provide what you print from the court order PDF option on that specific PO.

Life Cycle of a Case

Please make sure that you are taking quality prints for offenders and forwarding them to BCI without delay. BCI must obtain fingerprints in order to add it to the criminal history.

Prosecutors if you decide to decline to prosecute under UCA 77-2-3 please make sure to send in the appropriate documentation. A letter of Declination must be sent to the BCI within a timely manner. Declined to Prosecute letters can be sent via fax, email, or though the mail.

Courts, please make sure you are updating the court dockets as BCI uses these for expungements, firearm purchases, and updating records. Please remember to submit dispositions to BCI via fax, email, mail, or electronically.

There are 2 types of expungements:

- 1) Expungement through the BCI (in person or through the mail)
- 2) Auto Expungements through the courts (this is not applied for)

Auto Expungements are currently in the testing process.

*** No ETA as of now ***

Felony Warrants

When a Felony Warrant is made the information used to make the Warrant comes directly from what is entered by the courts. Once the Felony Warrant is active, LEAs will receive an EW notification through the BMSG transaction. All reports will come automatically. Agencies do have the ability to run some of the reports through QSW if they choose. Please remember once a warrant has been served agencies need to use the CLEAR transaction not Cancel.

If your agency TAC is not receiving the warrant emails please contact your Field Service representative.

TAC Reminder

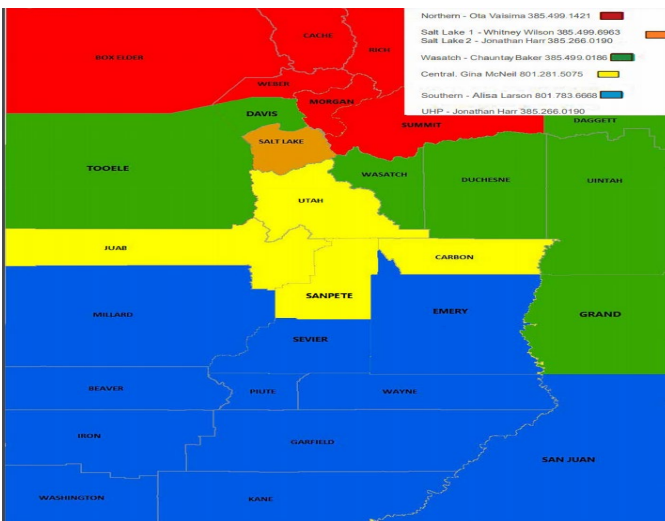
Some of you may notice individuals under your agency ORI with notes on their accounts stating something along the lines of 'Fingerprints cannot be retained – Resubmission due 03/24/2021'. This means the individuals fingerprints were too low of quality to be entered into the FBI's Rap Back fingerprint database. When this happens, we do a name-based search on their prints and make notes in the accounts that they must resubmit every two years. If you do notice it is time to resubmit for them under your ORI, you will want to contact the UCJIS Help Desk to begin that process. This will happen every 2 years for the individual until prints are at a quality the FBI will accept into the Rap Back database or the duration of their employment at your agency.

Virtual Training During the Pandemic

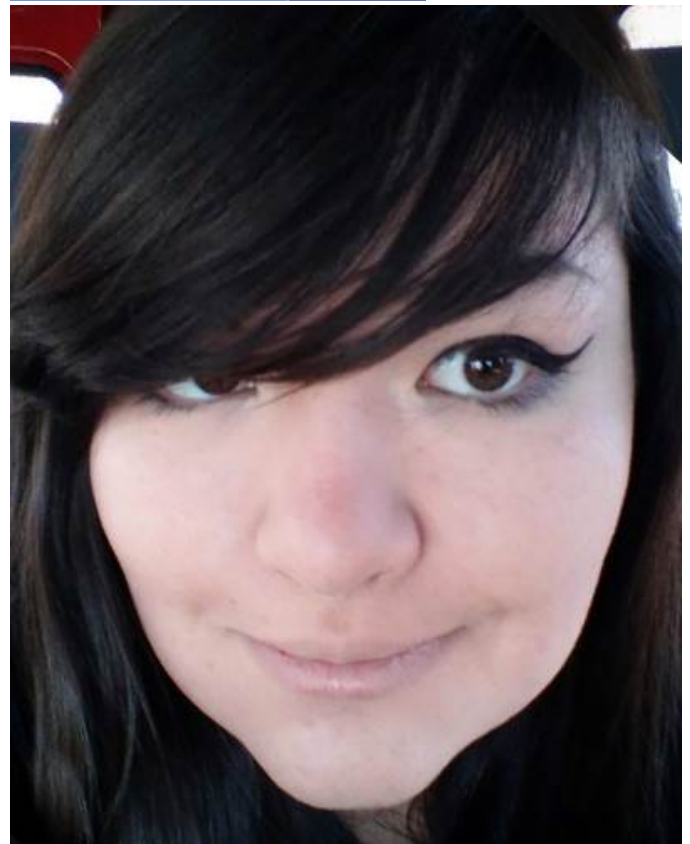
BCI Field Services is still offering training for UCJIS Baseline topics, our New TAC class, POST, and specialized agency training by agency request. Our training has moved to a virtual format using Google Meet as the platform due to the pandemic and group gathering restrictions. The “Upcoming Trainings” tab on the TAC website is regularly updated with any upcoming training and registration information. For questions regarding training or to inquire about specialized agency training, please contact your agency’s Field Services representative.

New BCI Field Services Regions

It was announced during the 2020 Virtual TAC Conference that BCI Field Services would be switching up the “region map” which is used to designate what Field Service representative is over each agency. Each agency should have received an email in October introducing your Field Services representative. A copy of this map and contact information for Field Services may be found [here](#).



Featured Missing Person



Name: Daisy Durborow
 Missing Since: November 24th, 2014
 DOB: July 7th, 1977
 Age: 17 at time missing
 Height: 5'5"
 Weight: 160
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Brown
 Race: Caucasian/White

Contact West Jordan Police Department

(801) 256-2000

Daisy may be in the company of an adult female. They may travel within Utah or to Kansas, Oklahoma, or Texas. Daisy has a tattoo of a crown on the right side of her neck. When she was last seen she had blonde streaks in her hair.

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