

You are required by law to have the individual's signed authorization to run a criminal search. (*This is not a requirement for our skip trace searches.*) This is most commonly achieved through a credit, rental or employment application that gives you specific permission to access or verify personal information.

Please keep in mind that although a few states do not disclose their criminal information it is your responsibility to do your own due diligence to protect yourself. You can do this by searching the "best available" information to you, which we have.

#### National Criminal Searches:

Under this category, our standard product is a **National Criminal Search** which contains most state records with the exception of those listed below. If you are not in one of the states listed directly below, this product may be all you need.

#### States Not Available:

The following states do not disclose their criminal records:

CO  
DE  
HI  
LA  
MA  
NH  
VT  
WV (sex offender only)  
WY

For individuals currently living in these states, and because of the transient nature of our society, it is recommended that you still run a **National Criminal Search** to seek records for any other states. A person may have committed a crime in another (reporting) state which would then appear in our National Criminal Search report.

#### State Criminal Searches:

Because of the way they report, there are a few states where you will need to run an individual **State Criminal Search**. These are listed below. If you have an individual living in one of the states below, again because of the way they report, it may take 24-72 hours to receive results. For these states, you should consider running a **National Criminal Search** also to find any records outside of the state below. A second search charge will be incurred if you choose to do so.

If needed, please order a 2<sup>nd</sup> criminal search and request the **State or National Criminal** search in the 'comments section' of each respective order.

AL  
ND  
NM  
SD

#### California County Criminal Searches:

In California, some counties are not included in the State Criminal Search for California. In those instances where there are criminal records found in California, you should consider running an additional **County Criminal Search** in order to better identify the person and attain more detailed results.

#### Criminal Search Results:

The criminal records we return do not contain the Social Security Number. Although we require the Social Security Number in your submission, it is not a part of the search criteria as it is not recorded by all jurisdictions. Please keep this in mind when reviewing your criminal results as other persons may have the same matching search criteria as listed below.

- A match of the first 3 letters of the first name (This provides a generic phonetic search for nicknames etc.)

- A match of the full last name
- A match of the DOB

In order to confirm that the results are for the person you are seeking you should review the personal information included on the criminal results such as the gender, race, hair color, eye color, height or weight as available. Also, the middle name or initial can be an indication of the correct person. However, some records do not have a middle name or initial.

In other words, look at all the information you receive to be certain that there has not been an incorrect match. We have done our very best to make the process as uniform as possible, but because each state, and then each county is a little different in what they record, and how they report, we are forced to work within the above guidelines.

Finally, in the event that criminal records are found through a ***National Criminal Search*** or a ***State Criminal Search***, it is recommended that you run an additional ***County Criminal Search*** in the county where criminal records were found. This may help to better identify the person and may produce more detailed results. You would need to provide the state and county you wish to search in and that you desire a ***County Criminal Search*** in the 'comments section' of the respective order.

Thank you for taking the time to read and understand this information. It allows us to better serve you.

The Staff at FindTheSeller.com