



INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST FUNCTIONALITY

Background

Since 1967, the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) has provided rapid, valuable information to law enforcement. Information in the NCIC assists authorized users with apprehending fugitives, locating missing persons, recovering stolen property, and identifying terrorists.

In June 2001, the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board approved an enhancement to the NCIC that allows agencies to indicate an investigative interest in an existing record. Up to 10 agencies, excluding the Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) of record, may add an investigative interest supplemental record to a base record.

The following success story demonstrates how the Investigative Interest Agency Identifier (IIA) can be used to assist the criminal justice community.

In Action

On the afternoon of September 20, 2011, residents of Woodbine Borough, NJ, reported that they heard shots fired from a blue minivan, then saw the van speed off. Law enforcement officers arrived at the scene, but the van was long gone.

Two days later, officers reviewed footage from a nearby business and were able to identify a man entering the van as a man who had been reported missing the day of the shooting. The officers were also able to identify a sticker from a car rental company on the windshield. They contacted the rental company, which provided them with the name of a woman who had rented the van. A short time later, the rental company called back to tell officers that the woman had called to report that the van was stolen.



Detectives went to the woman's home and interviewed her. She told them that her boyfriend, a known gang member, had parked the van and later told her that someone had stolen it. Officers then entered information on the minivan into the NCIC Vehicle File.

Meanwhile, police in Philadelphia queried NCIC regarding an abandoned van involved in a car fire on September 20. Based on a hit, they contacted detectives in NJ. When they inspected the van, detectives found evidence of bullet holes.

Detectives later obtained information from cell phones of the missing man and the gang member, which led them to a marshy area, where they found a body. The body was later identified as the missing man.

Believing the gang member was involved in the man's death, officers entered information on him into the Gang File and added an "Investigative Interest" to advise law enforcement to contact the NJ State Police if they encountered him.

Three hours later, an officer in Millville, NJ, stopped the gang member for a traffic violation. A query of NCIC revealed a hit for the subject and advised he was a person of interest and inquiring agencies should contact the NJ State Police. When backup arrived, detectives followed the man to his residence. The detectives went on to obtain a search warrant for the house and his vehicle. Based on forensic evidence from those locations, detectives arrested the man on October 9, 2011.

Entry Criteria and Mandatory Data Fields

The following fields are mandatory to cause acceptance of an investigative interest supplemental record entry: Header (HDR), Message Key (MKE), Originating Agency Identifier (ORI), NCIC Number (NIC) and Originating Agency Case Number (OCA), NIC and Protection Order Number (PNO) (for Protection Order File records), or NIC and Order Number (ORN) (for Extreme Risk Protection Order File records), Investigative Interest Case Number (ICA), and Date Investigative Interest (DII)

Entry of an investigative interest supplemental record appended to a base record may be made by any valid ORI with an investigative interest to the base record.

Example of an Investigative Interest Supplemental Record Entry

The following investigative interest supplemental record entry contains: HDR (1N01HEADER), MKE (EII), IIA (WA1230000), NIC (W146203706), OCA (92341244), ICA (123456789), DII (20000108), Notify Investigative Agency (Y), and the Miscellaneous Field information (WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER INVESTIGATION).

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Acknowledgement:

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WA1230000  
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For more information regarding the investigative interest function of NCIC, see the Other Transactions File in the *NCIC Operating Manual* or the *NCIC NIEM XML Policy Manual*. For questions, contact the NCIC External Training Team at 1-877-FBI-NCIC (324-6242) or ncictraining@fbi.gov.