

INTERPOL State Liaison Program

General:

The SBI was among the first states to join INTERPOL's Program, which has the goal of establishing an INTERPOL service within each state. The program was developed by INTERPOL to meet the challenges of increased internationalization of crime, particularly as it impacts on police at the state and local levels.

Policy:

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation has entered into an agreement with INTERPOL Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau, U. S. Department of Justice, to serve as the liaison for all requests for assistance by or from INTERPOL within the state. The SBI Intelligence Section will process and coordinate such requests.

Requests for international assistance through INTERPOL may be directed through the SBI Intelligence Section. However, this does not preclude any agency in North Carolina from contacting INTERPOL directly. Their ORI is: DCINTER00. **(Note: INTERPOL will communicate only through secure law enforcement networks such as Nlets, ROCIC.Riss.Net, or Leo.Gov). Questions can be directed to: Usncb.state.mailbox@usdoj.gov (from LEO.Gov) or statemail@us.igcs.int (from ROCIC.Riss.Net)**

Requests for assistance should be in writing on official letterhead or by "hard copy" if a telecommunication system is used. Urgent requests will be accepted by telephone but must be followed by a hard copy report of the request. The person and agency making the request must be identified. The criminal activity under investigation must be specified, along with the relationship to that investigation of the person(s) about whom the inquiry is being made.

The SBI Intelligence Section may be contacted at 919-662-4500 or toll free at 1-800-334-3000. INTERPOL inquiries should be directed to the SBI Intelligence Section's Senior Intelligence Analyst. The mailing address is NC SBI Intelligence Section, P. O. Box 29500, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0500.

Anyone requiring further information concerning INTERPOL and the State Liaison Program may contact the SBI Intelligence Section Senior Intelligence Analyst at the above numbers.

The types of investigative assistance available through INTERPOL include the following:

Any "non-compulsory" routine criminal investigative request including, but not limited to:

Name Checks

Criminal Histories

License Checks

Fingerprint Checks

Photograph and Physical Description Checks

Fugitive Searches

Witness Location and Interview

Weapons Traces

Modus Operandi Information

Extradition and Deportation Proceedings

Selected Type of Stolen Property Identification and Recovery

Information on Missing, III, or Deceased Persons

Wanted Notices

INTERPOL's constitution prohibits investigations of matters of a military, religious, racial, or political character.

Communications With Foreign Countries

General Information:

For foreign (non-Us) criminal justice matters, the following services are available through DCI and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) located in Washington D.C.

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Law Enforcement Administrative Switched Messages

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Requests to INTERPOL must be directed through NLETS in the form of an administrative (AM) message. Their ORI is: DCINTER00. This agency handles a large volume of manual traffic between U.S. and foreign countries, and you may experience a delayed response in some cases. However, INTERPOL does have a good working relationship with Canada, Germany, England, and some other countries where the English language is commonplace, and processes requests with all other 187 INTERPOL member countries.

All traffic is handled on a routine basis if the request is not urgent. If the request is urgent (use the word URGENT as the first word of text). Urgent type traffic is usually life threatening or property threatening situations such as stolen cars, bodily harm, kidnapping, hi-jacks, etc.

INTERPOL has the capability of instant and direct communications with DCI terminals in North Carolina through NLETS. They will not respond or act on any traffic addressed within the US.