

## SEARCH Resolution 07-47

Of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

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### **Turnaround Time for Noncriminal Justice Record Checks**

**WHEREAS**, in January 2003, the SEARCH Membership Group approved a resolution, titled 'National Child Protection Act Amendments,' that included a clause establishing a total response time of 20 days as a desirable turn-around period for State-only or national noncriminal justice criminal record checks;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent developments, including expanded use of livescan devices, technology upgrades, growing familiarity with the criminal record check process, public expectations and other factors have combined to drastically reduce the amount of time necessary to conduct a noncriminal justice check;

**WHEREAS**, in light of this reduction, the SEARCH Membership Group recognizes the need to act upon the January 2003 resolution to establish as its position a more realistic time frame in which noncriminal justice criminal record checks should be conducted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that:

"SEARCH hereby rescinds the portion of its resolution of January 2003, titled "National Child Protection Act Amendments," which establishes an appropriate response time of 20 days for the processing of noncriminal justice criminal record checks, and now establishes three days as the acceptable limit for responding to fingerprint-based end-to-end electronic criminal record queries from authorized requestors whether the check is processed at the State repository and returned to the requestor or is forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The SEARCH Membership Group further resolves to encourage criminal record repositories to continue to take action to meet the three-day response time for end-to-end electronic submissions as measured from time of fingerprint receipt at the repository through transmission of the processing result, and acknowledges and agrees with entities such as the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council, the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division and the CJIS Advisory Policy Board to continue to work toward a more expeditious response and support standard."