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A recent SEARCH survey found that governors have ultimate authority over criminal history record repositories in 38 of the 46 responding states; attorneys general are responsible for repository operations in seven of the states. In one instance, the District of Columbia, the mayor is the chief executive responsible for overseeing the repository.

The survey (reprinted below) was sent October 25, 2001, to criminal history repository directors in all U.S. states, districts and territories.

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In response to an inquiry we received from a state, we are conducting a brief survey on which state office oversees the criminal history record repository in your state.

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository? (Please check one.)

_____ Governor

_____ Separately Elected Attorney General

_____ Other Separately Elected Office (please identify) _____

2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository? (Please check one.)

_____ Attorney General Appointed by Governor

_____ Department of Justice

_____ Department of Public Safety

_____ Department of Corrections

_____ Other (please identify) _____

Person completing the survey:

Name _____

Title _____

Agency _____

Telephone _____

Please return your response to eric.johnson@search.org by copying the survey from this email and printing it with answers in your reply email, or by fax to 916/392-8440. Survey results will be made available to respondents once it is completed. We ask that you please reply by November 14, 2001. Thank you for your assistance.

Alabama

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Other separately Elected Office – The Director of Public Safety who is appointed by each governor.
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Alaska

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Arizona

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Arkansas

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Arkansas Crime Information Center

California

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Separately Elected Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Justice

Colorado

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Connecticut

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Delaware

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

District of Columbia

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Mayor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety, and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)

Florida

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor and Cabinet
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is responsible for the administration of the repository, and the Executive Director of the Department reports to the Governor and Cabinet as noted above, FDLE is not governed “within the elective office” of any one member of the Cabinet.

Georgia

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety/Georgia Bureau of Investigation under DPS

Hawaii

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Attorney General Appointed by Governor

Idaho

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Idaho State Police

Indiana

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Superintendent of the Indiana State Police

Iowa

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Kansas

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Director of the KBI

Kentucky

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Justice

Maine

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety/ and Maine State Police, State Bureau of Identification

Maryland

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Michigan

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of State Police

Minnesota

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Mississippi

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Missouri

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Missouri State Highway Patrol

Montana

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Separately Elected Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Justice

Nebraska

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	State Patrol.

Nevada

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

New Hampshire

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

New Jersey

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Attorney General Appointed by Governor

New Mexico

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

New York

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Executive Department, Division of Criminal Justice Services

North Dakota

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Separately Elected Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Bureau of Criminal Investigatoin

Ohio

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Separately Elected Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation

Oklahoma

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, by state, is the criminal repository for the state, Although the OSBI falls into the governor's Safety and Security Cabinet, with the Commissioner of Public Safety names as cabinet secretary, the OSBI's immediate oversight is from the statute based OSBI Commission, which is appointed by the governor.

Oregon

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Oregon State Police

Pennsylvania

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Records & Identification, Criminal Records & Identification Division

Rhode Island

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Attorney General, elected general officer

South Carolina

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

South Dakota

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Separately Elected Attorney General
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Division of Criminal Investigation under South Dakota elected AG

Tennessee

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Texas

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Utah

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Vermont

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Department of Public Safety

Virginia

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Virginia State Police

Washington

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Washington State Patrol

West Virginia

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	West Virginia State Police

Wyoming

1. In your state, who/what elective office has ultimate authority over the state criminal history record repository	Governor
2. Within the elective office you identified in response to Question 1, what agency or department has administrative authority over the state criminal history repository?	Attorney Generals Office, Division of Criminal Investigation