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# New Changes to the eWarrant System on the new UCJIS

With the update to the UCJIS system, there have been some changes to the way officers and prosecutors access the eWarrant system.

One large change that has happened with the eWarrant system involved prosecutors accessing UCJIS directly to view affidavits before judicial submission. In the old system, an officer would click the "Email Prosecutor" link on the bottom of the summary page. The officer would then enter the prosecutor's email address and a brief message containing the officer's contact information. An email would then be sent to the prosecutor containing a PDF copy of the affidavit. Because of security reasons, this method has changed. In the new eWarrant system, the officer will still continue to click on the "Email Prosecutor" link. However, the email that the prosecutor will receive does not contain a PDF of the affidavit anymore. Instead, the email contains the affidavit number along with a unique pin number. Prosecutors now need to log into the new UCJIS and use the EWQP transaction. They then enter the affidavit number and the pin number they received in the email. This will pull up a PDF of the affidavit that they can view.

A common concern BCI has received about this new change is that it is difficult to access UCJIS from mobile devices. The new UCJIS has addressed this issue. Prosecutors and officers can enter an eWarrant using their phone as long as their agency has an approved mobile device management policy in place.

One of the most common complaints about the old eWarrant system was the frequency of the purge cycle. In the old system, eWarrants would purge from the system after 15 days. To help make the system better, BCI has changed the purge cycle to 20 days. However, a warrant will no longer purge off the system until the return of services has been completed or six months have passed since the last update to the warrant. This new change should remedy any issues officers have had with not being able to complete the return of service before the 15-day purge.

Finally, one of the big changes to the eWarrant system involves the transaction codes. Previously, officers wanting to create a new eWarrant would use the WEL transaction and the then WQL transaction to view the warrant. These two transaction codes have changed. To enter a warrant, an officer now uses the **EWEL**. Once they have submitted their eWarrant, they will use the **EWQL** to view their list of submitted eWarrants.

If you have any questions about the new eWarrant system, please contact Alan Leidig in the Field Services section at BCI.

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## The 2014 Crime in Utah Report

The 2014 Crime in Utah Report is currently on the State of Utah Public Safety website.

http://bci.utah.gov/utah-crime-statistics/

Some things to remember when viewing this information:

- The reports that this data is based on were run earlier in 2015. Therefore, this data might not exactly match what you have in your records management system
- The definitions of the offenses are based on the National NIBRS and Summary codes – not on the state criminal statutes

The deadline for submitting your 2015 data to BCI was March 4, 2016. You must have all your NIBRS and Summary data submitted to BCI by that date for it to be included in the 2015 Crime in Utah Report and the National 2015 Crime in the United States report. Also, all your Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) forms must be submitted – if you do not have 12 months of LEOKA data submitted your data will not be published in the Crime in the United States. BCI will be sending out

emails concerning questionable data when we receive it from the FBI. If you have any questions feel free to contact the following:

NIBRS – Mary Ann Curtis: (801) 965-4812 or macurtis@utah.gov

Summary – Della Miller: (801) 965-4454 or dellamiller@utah.gov

The FBI has several publications including Hate Crimes, LEOKA, and NIBRS. These publications are available at https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr.

BCI is still working on the re-write of the current UCR database and the NIBRS submission website. There is no projected implementation date as yet, but we will keep you posted on new developments. When the new re-write is implemented, BCI will be able to accept all the new codes that the FBI has established, e.g. animal cruelty.

# This information is taken from the UCR Quarterly January 2016 edition:

#### Question

An individual entered a convenience store and jumped over the counter when the employee was not looking. The individual grabbed several boxes of cigarettes and left without paying for them. Some people in my agency think this incident should be classified as a larceny-theft (theft from a building), and some think this incident should be classified as a robbery.

#### Answer

This incident should be classified as a burglary because of several factors:

- The individual accessed an area where he or she was not authorized to go (behind the counter), which is considered to be an element of trespass.
- The counter area is within a structure.
- The individual committed a theft (took items without paying for them).

The definition of burglary is, "The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft" on page 42 of the *Summary Reporting System User Manual,* Version 1.0, dated June 20, 2013, and "The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft" on page 22 of the

National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual, Version 1.0, dated January 17, 2013.

For SRS agencies: The agency should submit the incident to the national UCR Program as a Burglary—Unlawful Entry—No Force (5b) on the Return A report.

For NIBRS agencies: The agency should submit the incident.

#### **New UCH Correction Form**

The Records Section at BCI has completed a form that can be filled out for most requests to change or correct information Utah Criminal History (UCH). This form was sent out via email after the 2015 TAC conference.

BCI encourages everyone to use this form when submitting requests or inquiring about a criminal history. Using this form will help BCI have uniformity in processing the increasing number of requests. Also, this new form will help the requestor receive their requested results faster.

If you would like a copy of the form, you can request it from the Records Section at BCI.

Once the form is completed, it can be sent to the Records Section at BCI by either email or fax. If you have any questions about this process, please contact BCI's Records Section.

Email: bcirecords@utah.gov

Telephone: (801) 965-4445, option 2

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# New Administrative Rule Regarding Fingerprints and UCH

On December 22nd, 2015, Administrative Rule R722-910 became effective. This rule formalizes a previous BCI policy and ensures uniformity in regards to which offenses will be retained in the Utah Criminal History (UCH) database when sent with fingerprints to BCI. Criminal justice agencies are requested to submit fingerprints on all misdemeanor offenses that are not included on the updated Non-Retainable List that was emailed to all TACs earlier this year.

Fingerprints can either be in the form of a ten-print fingerprint card or a single print on a citation. BCI is unable to add incidents to the UCH database unless we receive a legible fingerprint. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jacob Dunn, (801) 957-8535, jacobdunn@utah.gov.

#### **TAC Conference Information**

# It is that time of year again! TAC Conference 2016

Utah Valley Convention Center

220 West Center Street, Suite 200 Provo, Utah 84601

September 19th - Miscellaneous

September 20th - Courts

September 21st -22nd - Law Enforcement

Learn about the new, the old, the unchanged, and the "soon to be's."

Cost is \$95 (Payments must be for the exact amount only, no refunds).

Conference registration is open now until Friday, August 19, 2016. Please send completed payment form to <a href="mailto:dellamiller@utah.gov">dellamiller@utah.gov</a>.

More information about schedule and breakouts will be sent to TACs via email soon.

For any further questions, please contact your BCI Field Services Rep.



#### Patch Call from around the U.S.



The foreground of the Schenectady, New York, Police Department patch depicts the statue of Lawrence the Indian located in the city's historic Stockade District. A member of the Mohawk tribe, Lawrence encouraged the people of Schenectady to rebuild following the 1690 massacre that nearly destroyed their settlement. The background of the patch depicts this attack, showing a group of Indian raiders outside the stockade on the left and a family of settlers with their house ablaze on the right.

# **Upcoming BCI Trainings**

#### **Upcoming Training Dates**

8/11/16 - TAC 101 Class at BCI

8/18/16 - Baseline Inquiry Training at POST

10/6/2016 - Baseline Entry Training and BCI

11/3/2016 - TAC 101 Class at BCI

### **Featured Missing Person**

#### **Garrett Alexander Bardsley**



MISSING SINCE: August 20th, 2004

DOB: July 24th, 1992
AGE: 21
SEX: Male
HEIGHT: 5'0"
WEIGHT: 115 lbs.
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue
RACE: White

CONTACT: Summit County Sheriff's Office (435) 615-3600

MISSING ENDANGERED: Garrett was last seen on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in the Cuberant Lake area in the high Uinta Mountains of Utah. He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, red sweat pants, t-shirt, and Converse shoes size 7 to 8. He has straight shoulder length hair and a gap between his front teeth. Any information on the location of Garrett, contact the Summit County Sheriff's Office at (435) 615-3600.

If you ever have any questions or additional information that can be added to a missing person entry, please visit BCI's Missing Person Clearinghouse website.

http://publicsafety.utah.gov/bci/missingpersons.html

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