



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative
Services Division

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Ms. Julie Basco
California Department of Justice
Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis
4949 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95820

Dear Ms. Basco:

Recently, the United States Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services Division (OPM-FISD) contacted you regarding a request to obtain access to Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) through a name-based search of the California Department of Justice's California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). We are requesting access to CLETS in order to determine the feasibility of the system to augment our current methods of conducting law checks at the local level in your state.

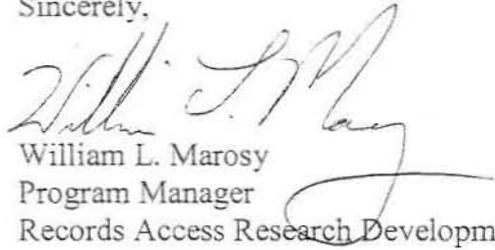
OPM-FISD is a Federal investigative agency responsible for conducting over 90% of the National Security and Public Trust investigations for the Federal Government. We conduct background investigations on Federal applicants, current employees, military service members, and government contractors to determine their fitness and suitability for positions of public trust, or eligibility for access to national security information. Our authority to conduct background investigations is derived from Executive Orders (E.O. 10450, E.O. 12968, and E.O. 13381) and other Federal guidelines (5 U.S.C. 9101, 5 C.F.R. 911 and 5.2, and Public Law 99-169).

As part of our background investigations, CHRI is obtained by contacting law enforcement agencies where the subject lived, worked, went to school, or in areas where criminal activity was self-disclosed or developed during the course of the investigation. Methods of obtaining CHRI from the local law enforcement agencies vary from using facsimile, accessing approved databases or web sites, or by direct in-person contact. The latter method is time consuming, labor intensive, costly, and burdensome for law enforcement agencies, especially because the majority of law checks (roughly 80%) result in "no record" responses. To streamline and augment the CHRI process, we are attempting to centralize as many CHRI searches as possible. To date, in 24 states we obtain CHRI through centralized processing using either Nlets or a statewide database.

In an effort to help us meet our mission of providing timely personnel security investigations, we are asking consideration of this request at your earliest convenience. Chad Plesakov will be the OPM point of contact at (724) 794-5612, extension 5239 or

chad.plesakov@opm.gov and will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding this request. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the accomplishment of this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. Marosy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

William L. Marosy
Program Manager
Records Access Research Development Group