LEADS Daily Briefing
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Criminal History Purpose (PUR) Codes

As a reminder, LEADS policy requires that the correct purpose code be used when making criminal history inquiries. There are specific Purpose (PUR) Codes to be used when making criminal history inquiries. They are as follows:

F - Firearms Related Criminal History - Should be used when: (a) issuing firearms-related permits and explosives permits pursuant to state law, regulation, or local ordinance; (b) returning firearms to their lawful owners; and (c) enforcing federal and state laws prohibiting certain persons with criminal records from possessing firearms in circumstances in which firearms have been pawned. Never for Licensing purposes.

C - Criminal Justice Purposes - Must be initiated by a triggering event (i.e., articulable suspicion or reasonable basis to perform a CHRI inquiry on a particular subject). The FBI requires "specific evidence of a particular crime as the basis for CHRI checks, not the ever present potential for criminality".

J - Criminal Justice Employment - Must be followed up with a Criminal Justice Applicant Fingerprint card if subject becomes an agency hire.

H - Public Housing - (must be used with appropriate ORI ending in "Q")

S - National Security - (used only by authorized agencies)

See the Criminal History Inquiry Help File (COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY FILE INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES.htm) for more information on the correct usage of these purpose codes. The Help File is also available as a link on all LEADS 2000 criminal history inquiry formats

For assistance please contact the Help Desk at 866/LEADS-00.

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