

LEADS DAILY BULLETIN

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Wanted Person IL Geographic Limits and Locating

Illinois Administrative Code Title 20, Chapter II, Section 1240.60 requires all criminal warrants entered immediately into LEADS within 24 hours after receiving sufficient identifiers to permit the establishment of a LEADS record.

As a reminder, Illinois Geographic Limits are determined by the court. Illinois statute 725 ILCS 5/109-9 indicates a warrant for arrest should specify any geographical limitation placed on the execution of a warrant and the limitation(s) shall not be expressed in mileage. *Courts generally express limitations by county.* If no geographic limit is specified by the court, the warrant may be executed anywhere in the State of Illinois.

Entering the warrant into LEADS, the agency will indicate the court limits by completing the Court Issued Limits (CIL) field:

- **Yes**, if the court has specified geographical limits, the Geographic Area (GEO) field must be completed as well.
- **No**, if no geographic limits were specified by the court.

Example of a valid statewide warrant entry (no limits).

The screenshot shows the 'EW - Enter Wanted Person' form. Under 'Header Information', the 'Message Key' is 'EW1 = Wanted Person - LEADS Only' and 'ORI' is empty. Under 'Offense Information', 'Date of Warrant' is '05/15/2024', 'Offense' is '0103 = Espionage', and 'Original Offense' is empty. Under 'Extradition Limitation', the dropdown is empty. Under '* Court Limits', the dropdown is 'N = No'. The 'Geographic Area' field is empty.

Example of warrant with limited geographic limits.

The screenshot shows the 'EW - Enter Wanted Person' form. Under 'Header Information', the 'Message Key' is 'EW1 = Wanted Person - LEADS Only' and 'ORI' is empty. Under 'Offense Information', 'Date of Warrant' is '05/15/2024', 'Offense' is '0103 = Espionage', and 'Original Offense' is empty. Under 'Extradition Limitation', the dropdown is empty. Under '* Court Limits', the dropdown is 'Y = Yes'. Under '* Geographic Area', the text is 'COOK CO, DUPAGE CO, LAKE CO, WILL COUNTIES ONLY'.

Example of warrant with limited NCIC EXL and limited state of Illinois counties.

The screenshot shows the 'EW - Enter Wanted Person' form. Under 'Header Information', the 'Message Key' is 'EW-C = Wanted Person - Caution'. Under 'Offense Information', the 'Date of Warrant' is '05/15/2024', the 'Offense' is '0103 = Espionage', and the 'Original Offense' is blank. The 'Extradition Limitation' is '2 = Limited extradition see MIS field', 'Court Limits' is 'Y = Yes', and 'Geographic Area' is 'ADAMS, PIKE, HANCOCK COUNTIES'.

Example of warrant with No NCIC limits and No Illinois Geographic limits (valid nationwide)

The screenshot shows the 'EW - Enter Wanted Person' form. Under 'Header Information', the 'Message Key' is 'EW = Wanted Person'. Under 'Offense Information', the 'Date of Warrant' is '05/15/2024', the 'Offense' is '0103 = Espionage', and the 'Original Offense' is blank. The 'Extradition Limitation' is '1 = Full extradition', 'Court Limits' is 'N = No', and 'Geographic Area' is blank.

Operators should NOT locate wanted person entries when their agency is outside the court issued geographic limits specified in the CHF record.

- When an agency receives a wanted person hit and that agency is outside the specified court issued geographic limits
 - The warrant may not be executed.
 - A request for confirmation should not be sent.
 - The record should not be located.
- The wanted person caveat includes the following reminder: **DO NOT LOCATE THIS RECORD IF YOUR AGENCY IS OUTSIDE THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS SPECIFIED.**

There have been numerous instances whereby such entries are located in error. This causes unnecessary work for the entering agency as the only way to remove the erroneous locate is to void and reenter the record.

See the LEADS Manual or NCIC Operating Manual for additional instructions.

<https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADS3dot0>

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

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