# LEADS Daily Briefing
*for October 25, 2019*

## Concealed Carry License (CCL) - LEADS May Not be Used for the Law Enforcement Objection Background Check

LEADS may not be used by agencies to check the criminal background of Firearm Concealed Carry Act (FCCA) license applicants.

The prohibition that local law enforcement refrain from conducting a background search using LEADS for FCCA license applicants is grounded in federal law. Specifically, the FBI has determined licensing under the FCCA to be a non-criminal justice purpose. Accordingly, neither ISP nor local law enforcement may conduct LEADS inquiries, which are not positive identification based, as part of the law enforcement objection process within the FCCA.

Additionally, as the FBI-authorized Point Of Contact (POC) for Illinois firearm-related or explosives-related permits or licenses, the ISP Firearms Services Bureau does conduct a National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) on all CCL applicants. Information obtained via the NICS check includes all data that would be obtained with a LEADS/NCIC query plus records on persons who may be disqualified from receiving firearms. So not only is a LEADS check by local law enforcement prohibited, it is unnecessary.

The LEADS/CHRI Brochure (http://leadsinfo.isp.state.il.us/help/CHRIuseagebrochure.PDF) has been updated to reflect this clarification.

For question about LEADS usage, please contact the Help Desk (866/LEADS-00). For questions about the concealed carry licensing process, please contact the ISP Firearms Services Bureau (217/782-7980).

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