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ACCURACY OF SEX OFFENDER RECORDS

Ensuring accurate data in a Sex Offender record is important for several reasons including an officer's ability to correctly identify an offender and state and national crime statistics. This can come down to a field as simple a race (RAC). The FBI criminal history response provides RAC and is a good source to use for other fields also, including place of birth (POB), fingerprints (FPC) and Social Security number (SOC).

Many Illinois Sex Offender records are showing RAC fields completed with U (unknown) or an incorrect RAC. This data then shows up incorrectly both in the record and on the Illinois Sex Offender Public Registry. Several records on the Sex Offender public registry display a photo of an offender and list the incorrect RAC, for example, the photo displays an African American, but lists the RAC as White.

In most cases, the correct RAC can be found on the FBI criminal history. NCIC places the responsibility for accurate and complete entries on the agencies that enter and maintain them. Please ensure fields like RAC are correctly completed and photos attached to records are the correct offender.

Direct all inquiries regarding this matter to the ISP Registration Unit at ISP.SOR.UNIT@illinois.gov.

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