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Gun Serial Numbers

An inquiry on a gun serial number gives access to stolen, recovered, lost, and felony gun records in the Gun File. Inquiry of the Gun File can be made by using the following:

- SER, MAK, and CAL
- SER and MAK
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- or SER only

Inquiry by **SER and MAK** is preferred as this type of inquiry may limit the search and minimize the number of false positive responses. It is essential that all identifying data in a positive response be compared with the weapon in question before further action is taken. If more than one number appears on a weapon, the number on the frame should be inquired on first.

Alphabetic characters appearing between numeric characters (embedded alphabetic characters) in a serial number are not considered for matching purposes since some agencies formerly placed records on file after deleting the embedded alphabetic characters. Thus, a search of serial number 369J257 would retrieve records with serial numbers 369257, 369M257, and 369J257. If the serial number exceeds 20 characters, the rightmost 20 characters should be inquired upon first. If the response is negative, the leftmost characters should be queried

Negative Response:

1L01HEADER

WA1230000

NO RECORD SER/B512673 MAK/REM

Positive Response:

1L01HEADER

WA1230000

MKE/STOLEN GUN

ORI/MD1012600 SER/B512673 MAK/REM CAL/308 MOD/MOHAWK

TYP/RC DOT/19991205

OCA/12423143

MIS/BBL 28

NIC/G000039842 DTE/19991207 1400 EST DLU/20070115 1208 EST

ORI IS ANY CITY PD MD 301 555-1234

IMMED CONFIRM RECORD WITH ORI

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the ISP Help Desk

ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov or at 866/LEADS-00 (866/532-3700).

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