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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
- SER and CAL
- 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

