

LEADS Daily Briefing for January 30, 2019

LEADS Inquiry Message Key ZA - NCIC Wanted Persons Expanded Search

Introduction

In September 2006 the FBI's NCIC Wanted Person File expanded to allow states to enter nonserious misdemeanor offenses, regardless of the extradition status or the seriousness of the offense. Additionally, approximately 2000, NCIC policy was changed to allow entry of Non-Extraditable Felony Warrants for officer safety purposes. LEADS programming now allows LEADS agencies to enter Non-Extraditable Felony Warrants into NCIC for this reason. Currently, LEADS does not transfer ALL the entries from the Illinois wanted person file in CHF to NCIC. This may be a consideration in the future and part of the LEADS Replacement project that is currently being done.

Background

Since the beginning of NCIC in the mid-60s, a "QW" (Query Wanted) inquiry has been used to check for NCIC wanted and missing persons, in addition to Foreign Fugitive, Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization, Protection Order, Convicted Sexual Offender Registry, Immigration Violator, Supervised Release, and U.S. Secret Service Protective Files. Effective September 2006 in addition to the two-character "QW" message key, NCIC created four other message key choices for inquiry in order to expand search options and allow for states to receive limited or all wanted person records.

QW - Limits responses to possible extraditable misdemeanor records and felony records regardless of extradition. (Codes 1-5, A, B, E and C if inquiring agency is from adjacent state)

- 1 - Felony - Full extradition unless otherwise noted in MIS field
- 2 - Felony - Limited extradition see MIS field
- 3 - Felony - Extradition - surrounding states only
- 4 - Felony - No extradition
- 5 - Felony - Pending extradition see MIS field

- A - Misdemeanor - Full extradition
- B - Misdemeanor - Limited extradition see MIS field
- C - Misdemeanor - Extradition - surrounding states only - If inquiring agency is from adjacent state
- E - Misdemeanor - Pending extradition see MIS field

An accompanying NCIC caveat is received when using the ZW inquiry for both positive and negative results:

*****MESSAGE KEY QW SEARCHES WANTED PERSON FILE FELONY RECORDS REGARDLESS OF EXTRADITION AND MISDEMEANOR RECORDS INDICATING POSSIBLE EXTRADITION FROM THE INQUIRING AGENCY'S LOCATION. ALL OTHER NCIC PERSONS FILES ARE SEARCHED WITHOUT LIMITATIONS.*****

New Message Key Option

The LEADS Advisory Policy Board unanimously approved at the May 2007 meeting for LEADS programming to be completed to allow for an expanded inquiry search of the NCIC wanted person records **to include nonserious misdemeanor and felony offenses regardless of extradition limits**. Effective August 2, 2007, a new inquiry message key became available as a drop down option through the LEADS 2000 client, Universal Inquiry format. The message key is "ZA" (Query All) and is equivalent to NCIC's QA (Query All) message key.

QWA - Designed to **return all felony and misdemeanor records regardless of extradition**. Not all records included in a QWA response may be actionable by the inquiring agency; however, the information returned may provide investigative leads. (Codes 1-5, A-E)

- 1 - Felony - Full extradition unless otherwise noted in MIS field
- 2 - Felony - Limited extradition see MIS field
- 3 - Felony - Extradition - surrounding states only
- 4 - Felony - No extradition
- 5 - Felony - Pending extradition see MIS field

- A - Misdemeanor - Full extradition
B - Misdemeanor - Limited extradition see MIS field
C - Misdemeanor - Extradition - surrounding states only
D - Misdemeanor - No extradition
E - Misdemeanor - Pending extradition see MIS field

An accompanying NCIC caveat will be received when using the ZA inquiry for both positive and negative results:

MESSAGE KEY QWA SEARCHES ALL NCIC PERSONS FILES WITHOUT LIMITATIONS.

The ZA message key can be used for Name, Sex, DOB or DLN inquiries (if the 10-27 is on file at SOS, a CHF search is then generated). Additionally, if a LIC inquiry is made and the registered owner(s) DLN is included as part of the 10-28 response, a CHF check will be done through LEADS and the expanded name search through NCIC.

This message key inquiry is optional; therefore, interface agencies are not mandated to have their interface vendor make this change.

Not all records returned in a ZA response may be actionable by the inquiring agency; however, the information returned may provide investigative leads and/or officer/public safety. Users receiving a response as result of the ZA inquiry must determine extradition limitations based on the hit response prior to apprehending the subject.

If you have any questions please contact the Help Desk at 866/LEADS-00 (866/532-3700).

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