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HIGHLAND PARK SHOOTING UPDATE

CHICAGO – In our continued investigation into the shooting in Highland Park on July 4, 2022, the Illinois State Police (ISP) looked into the criminal background of the individual charged in the crime.

The individual passed four background checks when purchasing firearms, through the Firearms Transaction Inquiry Program (FTIP), which includes the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS):

- June 9, 2020
- July 18, 2020
- July 31, 2020
- September 20, 2021

The only offense included in the individual's criminal history was an ordinance violation in January 2016 for possession of tobacco.

ISP has no mental health prohibitor reports submitted by healthcare facilities or personnel.

The September 2019 Clear and Present Danger report made by the Highland Park Police Department was made in response to threats allegedly directed at the family, but the report indicates when police went to the home and asked the individual if he felt like harming himself or others, he responded no. Additionally and importantly, the father claimed the knives were his and they were being stored in the individual's closet for safekeeping. Based upon that information, the Highland Park Police returned the knives to the father later that afternoon.

ISP will continue to provide as much information as possible in an effort to be fully transparent.

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