MAJIC Meeting Minutes 2024

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# February 1, 2024

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**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

1. **Electronic Charging Document Project (eCDP).**

The Alaska Court System and the Department of Law project teams discussed the status of the case initiation phase of this project. A significant amount of testing has been completed since UAT began in June 2023, with issues undergoing correction and re-testing as they are identified. Several missing data fields were added in January 2024. These will be tested this month. The team is in the process of implementing messaging regarding the status of the filing.

1. **Efile Project Update**

**Brodie Kimmel, eFile PM** reported that Anchorage and Palmer went live on January 1, 2024 with the criminal case type. The eFile and Case Management Teams were on-site at the Palmer and Anchorage courts providing roll out support during the month of January. Only Unalaska court remains paper-based for criminal case filing. It is anticipated that Unalaska will go live in the next few months.

1. **Alaska Court System Online Dispute Resolution (AK ODR) Pilot.**

The Alaska Court System has launched AK ODR.  Currently a pilot project for small claims and debt collection disputes, AK ODR provides participants with an online platform to negotiate their disputes directly with each other, or with the assistance of an online mediator.**Rebecca Cain, ODR Project Manager** provided an overview of this project and answered questions.

The program is accessed via a portal available 24/7. It can be used asynchronously so parties can use it whenever it is most convenient.  A link to the program is provided on the court system’s website. The program is available whether or not a person has a court case. Parties can message back and forth, and use a mediator to attempt to negotiate a resolution. If an agreement is reached, the program has template forms available, and parties can also request a court order. The judicial officer can access the agreement in the ACS document management system, and can also hold a hearing, if necessary, before entering a requested order. Currently the program is being piloted for small claims cases and civil debt cases under $100,000. The ACS is looking to expand the use of AK ODR for housing cases, including evictions.  The ACS is also considering the program’s feasibility for traffic cases. A number of states have used it for traffic, with a significant impact on reducing backlogged cases. There are currently five disputes active on the platform.

1. **Alaska Court System Digital Evidence Management Project.**

**Hanley Robinson, Administrative Attorney** provided an overview of the court system’s new pilot project to digitally collect, manage, and display evidence.

Evidence is presented via a web-based platform, and shared as needed electronically in the court room without risk of introducing viruses via the use of externally provided devices, such as thumb drives. This platform also provides a means of keeping track of exhibits, storing them in the electronic case file, and making them easily accessible. The platform will be piloted in Bethel at a district court proceeding in a few weeks. It will be used exclusively at trial and evidentiary hearings. The ACS will roll the platform out slowly and gradually over the next several months. Paper will still be allowed, but this platform will become the only electronic means of sharing evidence in the court room. Parties will access the court’s Wi-Fi using laptops, monitors, TV screens and tablets. All parties log in and the person presenting the evidence will be able to show it to parties, witnesses, and jurors. It will be used for all case types, although there may be challenges with minor offenses with lengthy police video.

Michal Bowers, Law commented that the court’s project is very different from the project underway at Law and DPS. That project focuses on providing a means for Law to be able to request and receive evidence electronically from law enforcement. Law also hopes to be able to use its platform to electronically submit exhibits needed for hearings to the court. The ACS, Law and AST are discussing whether and how this might be possible.

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1. **Electronic Charging Document Project (eCDP)**

Project status – User Acceptance Testing for Phase 1, Case Initiation.

Law’s vendor reported that progress has been made to update the schema with changes recently identified as needed. Testing will resume once the updates are completed.

**2.   DMV’s Mobile Driver’s License Solution**

Alaska DMV has entered into a new Driver's License contract and is actively progressing towards implementing a mobile driver's license solution. While Alaskans will still be required to carry their physical driver's license, they will have the additional option to download a mobile version for added convenience. The mobile solution is expected to be available by the end of 2024.

This agenda item will be rescheduled.

**3.   Uniform Offense Citation Table (UOCT) and Charging Document Accuracy.**

**Anne Fajardo, CMS Analyst, and Helen Sharratt, Integrated Justice Coordinator, Alaska Court System (ACS),** provided and discussed examples of common charge errors seen on charging documents. Anne presented typical issues with offense data on charging documents via PowerPoint. The slides were shared with MAJIC members following the meeting. **Kara Southerland, Criminal Justice Planner, Department of Public Safety (DPS),** responsible for regularly updating and keeping the UOCT, joined Anne and Helen in providing information and input.

Officers and prosecutors are required to cite criminal offenses on charging documents as they are listed in the UOCT. Failure to do so contributes to errors and delays as criminal charges move from case initiation to disposition. These errors must be addressed before dispositions can be entered into the state’s criminal history repository. It is therefore important to refresh UOCT training as new officers or prosecutors join an agency.

The Alaska Court System recently implemented a judgment correction form and process for use by DPS only. DPS is using this process to submit notice of errors to the issuing court in cases where inaccuracies prevent entry of disposition data into the criminal history repository.  In order to minimize the number of judgment errors DPS needs to submit for correction, and the time it takes to make those corrections, it is critical to ensure that charging data is complete and correct at the beginning of the criminal case.

The presentation included how to access the UOCT, an overview of the UOCT’s content, and how to submit a request to update the UOCT. The presentation also covered other common errors seen on charging documents, such as missing defendant information, failure to add the domestic violence indicator at the charge level, and duplicate or incorrect arrest tracking numbers.

# March 14, 2024

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1. **Electronic Charging Document Project (eCDP)**

Project status – User Acceptance Testing for Phase 1, Case Initiation.

Good progress with code updates has been achieved in the last two weeks. Changes have been made in the ACS’ document management system to accept data from Law into the new data fields that were needed and added. Full testing of the new fields can now get underway to ensure that the data successfully enters the ACS’ case management system.

**2.   Judgment Accuracy Project Updates**

Helen reviewed the updated project summary, which was provided to MAJIC members with today’s agenda.

Progress has included implementation of a judgment correction form for use by DPS; updating AST complaint template functionality to ensure the domestic violence indicator displays at the charge tracking number level; and a presentation to ACS clerks regarding the Uniform Offense Citation Table (UOCT) and disposition accuracy. The ACS and DPS are currently working on a presentation on common charging document errors for prosecutors and law enforcement.

# March 28, 2024

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**11:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

1. **Alaska Justice Information Center (AJiC)**

AJiC’s mission is to compile, analyze, and report on criminal justice topics to policymakers and practitioners in order to improve public safety, increase criminal justice system accountability, and reduce recidivism.  **AJiC Director, Brad Myrstol, Ph.D**., provided an overview of the AJiC.

Brad encouraged MAJIC agencies to contact him with any research needs or requests. AJiC is one of only seven justice information centers in the US that is housed within a university. This ensures research independence. Brad provided a Power Point on the mission and work of AJiC. The slides were circulated to MAJIC members following his presentation. Recent research projects have focused on intimate partner violence, the use of deadly force by law enforcement in Alaska, homicide statistics, and Fetal Alcohol data.

AJiC also produces Fact Sheets and AJiC is working to improve these with infographics to make them more readable and visually accessible. The Center publishes interactive data dashboards on an external website. The dashboards, which include ACS case data, and DOC inmate data can be found here: <https://public.tableau.com/app/search/vizzes/ajic>

Upcoming projects include research regarding violence in Alaska’s communities, DV case processing using criminal history repository data, and missing person data.

1. **Criminal History Records**

**Becki Goggins, Director of Law and Policy, SEARCH** (the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics) provided an overview of the beginnings and mission of SEARCH. SEARCH is a membership organization. Members are the criminal history repository agencies in each state or territory. DPS is the Alaska SEARCH member. SEARCH also works closely with prosecutors and courts on a variety of projects.

Among other strategies to improve the administration of justice, SEARCH supports and provides technical assistance for information-sharing, and criminal records systems needs nationwide.  SEARCH provided technical assistance during MAJIC’s strategic planning. SEARCH also provided technical assistance on the MOA-ACS proof of concept project for the electronic filing of charging documents.

Becki explained how criminal history and associated records are created and maintained by criminal history repositories, and the respective roles of courts, prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in contributing data.  She also described the process for conducting checks for firearms purchases through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). In addition, Becki reviewed funding opportunities for states seeking to improve criminal history records. Becki’s Power Point presentation was provided to MAJIC members following her presentation.

**Announcements**

On March 28, 2024, Alaska’s Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Environmental Crimes Unit became the 27th member of MAJIC. Helen welcomed Michal Chiesa, Chief Investigator to the group.

# April 11, 2024

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1. **Electronic Charging Document Project (eCDP)**

There has been a recent hiatus in testing because Law’s recent system update deleted work needed for testing that the vendor needed to restore.

1. **eFile Updates**

The ACS reminded agencies that the ACS is in the process of implementing a new header on court issued forms. The header will be IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA.  This form change is gradually being implemented across most forms.  The type of court and court location is determined from the case number, case code, and/or other areas of the form.

Agencies do not need to change their forms. This is only a change on court issued forms.

**3.   Judgment Correction Project**

The ACS has notified agencies that, as part of the ongoing efforts to ensure ATN accuracy and avoid duplication, prosecutors who decide to file charges after declining to file them for some time must file a brand new case using the same ATN.

The ACS reminded prosecutors and law enforcement to review the sample complaint form in Criminal Rule 3 to ensure that all required data is provided on agency charging documents, including DV indicator at the charge level.

The ACS and DPS has prepared a charging document accuracy presentation that may be helpful for police and prosecutors. The first presentation is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

1. **DMV’s Mobile Driver’s License Solution**

Lauren Whiteside, DMV’s Division Operations Manager introduced DMV’s new Driver License Program Manager, Kate Lampert.

Lauren announced that DMV has entered into a new Driver's License contract and is working to implement a mobile driver's license solution. While Alaskans will still be required to carry their physical driver's license, they will have the additional option to download a mobile version for added convenience. The mobile solution is expected to be available by the end of 2024.

Lauren emphasized that drivers who opt to have a mobile license will still need to carry their physical license on them. A number of states are piloting an electronic license but there no federally accepted mobile driver’s license yet. A lot of changes will be needed over a number of years in addition to universal acceptance, such as retail card readers, and changes in law.

DMV met with APD, CVE and AST at the beginning of this year to discuss forgery issues. Because security features are now five years old DMV is also making some security upgrades to the physical card that will not be outwardly apparent. Five years is a long time and affords criminals time to learn how get around security features. DMV continues to upgrade security features to protect person identity and the public

There will be a lot of publicity before a mobile license is made available, as well as training for law enforcement. The mobile license will be intuitive and information verification will not be as simple as just showing an image on a phone to an officer or retailer upon request, and a physical license will also continue to be required for the foreseeable future. Development has just begun and there is a lot to consider. DMV can return to MAJIC in a few months and provide a demonstration.

# April 25, 2024

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**11:00 to 11:20 a.m.**

1. **Electronic Charging Document Project (eCDP) Update**

ACS is meeting next week to analyze the data received in a recently successful test. The issues encountered by Law following system migration are still being addressed, but progress has been made.

1. **eFile Updates**

The eFile team is testing an upgrade to the document management system (OnBase). Enhancements to the eFile portal (TrueFiling) are underway. These include a filing type search, and a check box and validation to be added to the defendant information in case initiation for criminal and minor offense case types. Currently the only defendant information required at case initiation is the defendant’s first and last name and APSIN ID. However, court rules require more information, and this will be required once the update is completed. The eFile team is also getting ready to pilot a process to import log notes into the document management system. The pilot courts are Unalakleet, Fairbanks, and Nome. Updates to the court room solution (Judicial Tools) have been requested that will make it easier for judicial officers and their staff to track hearings.

1. **Department of Environmental Conservation, Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU)**

Chief Investigator Michael Chiesa provided an overview of the ECU, discussed the types of crimes investigated, and the charges that result.  DEC has broad oversight for ensuring compliance with Alaska’s laws governing the health of water, land, and air. The ECU screens cases to determine if they present regulatory issues, or rise to the level of egregious criminal conduct. This is generally conduct that meets the definition of criminal negligence.

The ECU has two offices (in Wasilla and Anchorage) but responds to alleged criminal activity statewide. An assistant AG with OSP is assigned to the ECU, and is cross-designated with the US Attorney’s office. This means that the Assistant AG can handle cases involving both federal as well as state violations. In general, the federal government allows Alaska to have primacy as long as Alaska’s case is brought under laws that mirror federal law.

The types of cases ECU handles involve any number of diverse situations where land, air, and water are polluted, including waterways, food safety, the seafood industry, packaging, landfills, open burns, chemical discharges, hazardous waste dumping, oil spills, and drinking water contamination. A recent case involved an unlicensed sceptic system hauler who was releasing sewage into waterways. This case included charges addressing not only the polluting conduct, but also falsification of records and deceptive business practices. Often egregious conduct is motivated by economic benefit and lowering costs by not doing things legally to save money. It can also occur simply because in a large state like Alaska, violators think that no one is looking. Another case involved a drunk driver who crashed into an oil tanker, requiring both DUI and environmental charges. The ECU works with the DA in these types of cases. The ECU webpage provides a link for reporting violations, and reports can be anonymous.

Typically, environmental cases require lengthy and detailed investigation and collaboration with the EPA and the DA is sometimes needed. While the Department of Law often files criminal charges for the ECU, the ECU is getting up to speed on being able to file its own charging documents via the new eFile system.

The ECU also provides training for law enforcement on entry and search and seizure.  The ECU is part of a western states project which gathers the environmental departments of western states together for training opportunities. The ECU is also Red Cross certified to provide training on how to stop severe bleeding, and also on reversing opioid overdoses. The ECU is authorized to provide Naloxone training on behalf of Project Hope.

**4.   Judgment Correction Project**

The ACS and DPS made a presentation entitled Charging Document Accuracy to the City and Borough of Juneau’s Law Department, and the Juneau Police Department on April 24, 2024. The training was well received and prosecutors and the JPD database manager both reported that it was informative. It was suggested that providing this information, particularly regarding the UOCT and how to access and use it, would be very helpful for officers filing complaints. The ACS and DPS plan to make this presentation available to other law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the coming months.

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**11:00 to Noon**

**AI’s Potential and Current Uses in the Criminal Justice System.**

Following [Executive Order 14110](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmZlZGVyYWxyZWdpc3Rlci5nb3YvZG9jdW1lbnRzLzIwMjMvMTEvMDEvMjAyMy0yNDI4My9zYWZlLXNlY3VyZS1hbmQtdHJ1c3R3b3J0aHktZGV2ZWxvcG1lbnQtYW5kLXVzZS1vZi1hcnRpZmljaWFsLWludGVsbGlnZW5jZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA0MjkuOTQwMjg3MzEifQ.M8OB4xrjigvKSyIqgZMo3MQ8fUdtgaGQA5_mRcTwnfA/s/1064485882/br/241535268908-l__;!!LViD8WrmGQU!pKLccTQaqiosIEzXJarvpHdiMFRM21x_pvUY7ZZpDAu42km9qR9U0g_otoY8z3sjradxack-XhJOgVMs1B2jmZGR$) (Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has put out a call for input on the use of AI in the criminal justice system.  If agency heads wish to provide input, NIJ’s deadline is May 28, 2024.

The NIJ call prompted this agenda item to afford MAJIC agencies the opportunity to discuss AI and its potential uses, to share information on AI initiatives, and discuss whether and how AI could improve public safety, and the overall functioning of Alaska’s criminal justice system.

DJJ, DOH Behavioral Health, and DOC participated in a thoughtful discussion around some of the questions listed in the agenda (and provided below). Participants agreed that there is a significant need for more education about what AI is and is not, and to ensure that any future use of AI in our criminal justice system is not leveraged without human oversight and judgment. While responsible, ethical, AI (subject to independent auditing) holds the potential for positive and responsible use in the criminal justice arena, there are also inherent and substantial risks in its application. These include but are certainly not limited to, fraud, discrimination, bias, errors in predictive assessments, and unjust or inaccurate decision-making, often with life-changing consequences.

1. What AI are we currently using in the criminal justice arena in Alaska?
2. What areas of criminal justice can be improved with AI?
3. What AI uses have we learned about that might hold promise for Alaska?
4. Are there areas where AI use should not be used?
5. What are the risks and ethical concerns?
6. Can risks be addressed?
7. Are there projects we know about nationally or internationally that we would like to learn more about at MAJIC?

There has been some discussion at DJJ about AI, and DJJ graciously agreed to share a summary and related materials with MAJIC members. That information was distributed after the meeting.

Some additional AI resources were also discussed at the meeting, and these are listed below:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/11/01/2023-24283/safe-secure-and-trustworthy-development-and-use-of-artificial-intelligence>

<https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/using-artificial-intelligence-address-criminal-justice-needs>

<https://www.govtech.com/artificial-intelligence/nascio-speakers-pepper-their-ai-optimism-with-warnings>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?533153-1/hearing-artificial-intelligence-criminal-investigations>

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**11:00 to Noon**

**FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Initiative**

**Mona Rae Harris, Liaison Specialist** and **Terra Crane, Region Coordinator** from **the FBI, CJIS Division, NICS Section, Clarksburg, WV**provided an overview of the NICS, and recent legislation that has impacted NICS and State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) agencies and courts when processing firearm background checks.

The FBI NICS team is working to close gaps in response rates to NICS requests and to continue to foster and encourage ongoing collaboration between criminal justice agencies. The presentation addressed how agencies may be contacted by NICS and the information agencies may possess that is needed by NICS to make firearm eligibility determinations.

For misdemeanor convictions for a crime of domestic violence dating relationships are now a covered relationship for firearm disqualifications. The FBI NICS team must be able to determine the nature of the relationship in a timely manner. If this information is not clearly identifiable from a charging document or judgment, it must be obtained from other records, such as incident or arrest reports. Outreach and efforts are underway with state and local law enforcement agencies to encourage extending retention periods, and including more detailed information in reports and on court documents.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) expanded background checks for potential firearm transfers to person under the age of 21. For this information, FBI NICS is required to contact law enforcement agencies, state criminal repositories, and juvenile justice information systems, even if the agency responds that the information is confidential and cannot be provided.

If FBI NICS is unable to obtain the information it needs via the state point of contact (in Alaska this is the Department of Public Safety), the information will be requested directly from the agency responsible for documenting it. There are over 60,000 agencies that FBI NICS may need to contact for records needed for background checks. The traditional means of fax and email present problems with PII. To address this, there is now a portal and electronic form for submitting requested information directly to the NICS. The form is the digital R-84. Via this new encrypted process, agencies are placed directly into the NICS system. A demonstration of how this works was provided during the presentation. The agency enters the NICS Information Exchange Portal to locate the pending request, and is guided through completion.

If agencies would like to use this new portal and form to communicate with the FBI NICS team on requests, send an email to NICS\_Region-Coordinators@fbi.gov Attn: Digital R-84. NICS staff will need the agency name, agency ORI, and an email address for digital R-84 requests.

The Power Point presentation was shared with MAJIC members following this meeting.

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Public Safety Gun Fatality National Database:  A collaboration between the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to explore strategies for reducing gun deaths through research and data analysis.**

**Gabrielle “Gabby” Giuffre, Sr., Applied Research Specialist, and Ed Reed, Senior Research Associate/Manager with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR)** provided information and a demonstration of a national database designed to provide a comprehensive view of gun-related fatalities between police and the public in the United States.  The database is a collaboration between IIR and Axon Enterprise, Inc. with the goal of supporting identification of strategies to reduce civilian and police gun deaths.

IIR is a Florida-based nonprofit corporation and independent research organization. IRR partners with several federal agencies and receives funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). IIR administers national programs focused on supporting law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. Areas of research and training include information-sharing, data analysis, project management, training development and delivery, officer safety and wellness, gang prevention, criminal intelligence, and gun violence reduction.

IIR began their collaboration with Axon Enterprises in 2022. IIR provides independent research and manages the design and coding for the database and dashboard. IIR oversees data collection to ensure that only those incidents that meet the database’s criteria are included.

The goal of the database and dashboard is to provide an impartial view of relevant information about each incident to inform and support identifications of strategies to prevent or reduce fatalities. The baseline metric for the stated goal of reducing gun-related deaths by 50% over the next decade (by 2033) is the statistical information contained in the database for 2022. That data shows that during 2022, 59 law enforcement officers and 1,142 civilians were killed during police-public encounters.

So far, the database contains data for 2021, 2022, and 2023. Work is underway to add data for the first two quarters of 2024. Incidents coded by IIR for 2021 – 2023 follow a two-tiered system for coding. Tier I data includes “foundational” data which encompasses key incident details and variables. Tier II data will include more fields and variables. Tier II data will allow IIR to understand incidents better, and to support identification of possible patterns and trends that could lead to improved prevention strategies.

The data shows that from 2021-2023, there have been a total of 3,544 fatalities.

The database can be found here: <https://www.axon.com/moonshot/gun-fatality-database>

The inclusionary criteria are provided with the database, but are reproduced below:



The collection methodology and information on Tier I and Tier II data are also provided with the database. Source data includes media reports, dash and body camera video, and police reports.

All data is publicly available and can be downloaded from the website for agency analysis. Source materials are not yet available, but will be in the future.

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Electronic Criminal Case Intake and Disposition (CCID) Form.**

This form, owned and issued by the Department of Law, contains the Arrest Tracking Number (ATN).  The ATN is a critical exchange standard endorsed by MAJIC to track the unique incident involving a defendant.  This number tracks the charges brought from the time of arrest through case disposition.  A sample of the CCID can be found on the MAJIC website here: <https://akmajic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/CCID-form-2021.pdf>   The Department of Law, the Alaska Court System, and the Department of Public Safety began discussing how to digitize and automate the CCID and ATN many years ago.  At that time, an electronic project was deemed premature.  Discussion has now resumed.

Law reported that it is meeting regularly with a vendor to design and develop a portal for use by prosecutors, law enforcement, and other authorized agencies that need to refer a charge to Law to enter mandatory arrest information and and receive an electronically generated ATN. From there, the idea is that the charges, required arrest details, and ATN, would be pushed to Law via an automated process, alleviating the need for the paper CCID/ATN form, and significantly reducing the possibility for errors.

In order to use this process, the agency requesting an ATN would be required to provide mandatory defendant information and accurate charges. The ATN would be automatically generated and would not be editable, and the system would not allow duplication. The APSIN number would be a required field. An ATN could not be obtained without it.

It has not yet been decided whether charges would be pulled from the UOCT. Meeting attendees discussed that if charges were validated by populating them on the electronic CCID from the UOCT from the outset and transmitted to Law, this could substantially address charge data inaccuracies. For agencies unable to use the portal, the CCID/ATN would be printed out as a hard copy. Rural police departments might need to continue with the paper CCID process.

Agencies may need to build an interface to the portal, and the vendor is looking at that. Ideally Law would like the information to go back from Law’s system via the portal to the charging agency. DPS would be very interested in setting up an interface with the criminal history repository and the trooper’s record management system, which is also used by a number of other police agencies.

The group discussed that this would be a good time to look at the CCID form and ensure that Law captures all information on the form needed by prosecution, DPS, corrections, and the court system to improve the accuracy and completeness of criminal cases from the point of arrest to disposition. For example, if not already on the CCID currently in circulation, the DV indicator needs to be provided at the CTN level; for assault cases, a place to indicate the nature of the relationship between the victim and the defendant would help address whether or not the defendant is disqualified from possessing a firearm.

# September 12, 2024

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Ingrid Goodyear, United States Attorney’s Office Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Regional Coordinator for the District of Alaska**, provided an overview of Alaska’s MMIP Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP), related legislation, partnerships, and strategies.

Ingrid is one of five Regional MMIP Coordinators appointed nationwide to address the crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans through collaboration and building response capacity.

Ingrid presented information on:

* Alaska’s MMIP Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP)
* The Alaska Tribal Public Safety Advisory Committee
* The National Regional Coordinator MMIP Program
* The multidisciplinary partners including law enforcement, victim services, tribes and tribal agencies, public safety, search and rescue, medical examiners, and others who have joined as members of the Alaska MMIP working group, or as guests, in seeking solutions to prevent MMIP, identify more unidentified MMIP, and find more MMIP.
* Savanna’s Act and the United States Attorney’s Savanna’s Act Guidelines including the roles of partners, increasing empowerment for tribes, improving MMIP response, increasing capacity across all providers and stakeholders with culturally appropriate and tribally driven collaboration, and cooperation, capacity, and contact/resource building.

Tribal response planning in Alaska begins with involving all stakeholders from the outset, and building trust. Plans are tailored to community needs and are living documents. Ingrid highlighted the Tanana Chiefs regional response plan approved in March 2024. The plan is a model for an urban tribal response plan, with tribal representatives dispatched to respond with law enforcement. The plan can be viewed on the Department of Justice website.

There are 229 tribes in Alaska alone within Ingrid’s region. Numerous agencies partner with tribes in building culturally appropriate responses, training, and outreach. Involved entities include the US Attorney’s Office, the US Coastguard, the US Military, ATF, Victims for Justice, ANJC, UAA, Rural Cap, numerous women’s and native resource providers, the Medical Examiner, the Alaska State Troopers, local law enforcement, VPOs, VPSOs, and native health providers. AST’s C Detachment has been trained in enforcing tribal protective orders and work is underway to train D Detachment next.

The Alaska Tribal Public Safety Advisory Committee meets next at the Federal Building in Anchorage on October 2, 2024. All are welcome.

# November 7, 2024

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Eric Jollymore** from the **National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH)** presented on **AI uses in the criminal justice system.**  Eric works for SEARCH as a Digital Evidence Forensic Examiner and is leading work at SEARCH on artificial intelligence in the criminal justice arena.  For more information about SEARCH, go to[https://www.search.org/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Furldefense.com*2Fv3*2F__https*3A*2Fwww.search.org*2F__*3B!!J2_8gdp6gZQ!6U25W34jmqaVDZlFi2ZfTt3-lNlxtMRwLam-qmzYEEbjtSPPJhtFhPXxViNbT7ktsDbLXQ*24&data=05*7C01*7Csandra.dehart-mayor*40alaska.gov*7Cfdfd4946872e4a89753808da70c840b0*7C20030bf67ad942f7927359ea83fcfa38*7C0*7C0*7C637946302648011806*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C3000*7C*7C*7C&sdata=jkx365Swnan840p6ieenIl3O2rPkUQ5gcGSIVwUT4QM*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSU!!LViD8WrmGQU!t-4YBPME8dPpf8PNE9Lz_-VNMZBUS_-3taTK-QLyZ0cQ_mx4YPLphBQk1nU93eewzuazZzubL_vBHV7vpmUmxxTMapYtDHZU5oY$)

Eric provided an overview of the different types of Artificial Intelligence available, and the origins and types of data used for AI, particularly machine learning. His provided a working example of how AI could assist law enforcement in strategizing where limited resources could be most effective. He discussed the benefits of AI in criminal justice environments and the concerns and risks of AI in the criminal justice context. Eric provided his power point slides for distribution.

Eric defined AI as “the development of computer systems that can perform tasks typically requiring human intelligence, such as problem-solving, decision-making, language understanding, and perception.” Machine learning algorithms drive AI. Most uses of the term AI refer to machine learning which involves the development of algorithms to simulate aspects of intelligence by identifying patterns in data. Data is gathered to be used as training data. The more data, the better the program. Date is used in a learning model, which is a mathematical structure designed to learn from data by identifying patterns. Eric reviewed the three different types of models – supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforced learning.

Data can be obtained from Wikipedia, publicly available agency and government data, Common Crawl, and similar open repositories of web crawl data.

Criminal justice agencies can benefit from AI tools to automate some processes. Eric looked at the possibility of using AI to handle service calls at the Burlington, VT Police Department as an example of how agencies with limited resources might leverage AI to deploy available staff where most needed. Eric also built a proof-of-concept Chatbot to assist victims of domestic violence safely access resources.

Eric cautioned that criminal justice professionals must use their critical skills, expertise, and experience to look critically at AI systems. AI does not predict the future; it can only calculate probabilities which cannot be absolute.

Eric emphasized that the data fed into AI is the most important aspect. Because criminal justice data is not always accurate or complete and contains errors decisions on outcomes such as arrests, sentencing and incarceration cannot be made without human involvement. See Cornell Law Review, 2024. When considering adoption or use of AI technology criminal justice agencies need to demand transparency from the developers. Any AI tool implemented should be interpretable and explainable. Interpretable means the tools and models used must be inherently understandable – the user should be able to understand and trace decisions a tool makes step by step. Explainable means the developer should be able to explain what occurred after the processing of data is completed. Humans must always be in the loop and in command.

# November 21, 2024

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Combatting Firearms and Violent Crime with eTrace and eTrace DIRECT.**

**Lt. Colonel Larry Newton, Kentucky State Police (KSP)** and **Stacie Alvey, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)** provided an overview of ATF’s eTrace program, and the new eTrace DIRECT API.

eTrace has been available to all law enforcement agencies since 2003, and is still a manual system. When a firearm is recovered the officer enters a request in eTrace for information about that firearm from manufacture, through distribution and sale by a Federal Firearm Dealer (FFL). It is a very time-consuming process, involving a lot of paperwork, phone calls and even faxes. The turnaround time for each of the approximately 650,000 trace requests last year was about 7.5 days. For agencies that wish to participate in eTrace, an agreement is required with the National Tracing Center.

The eTrace DIRECT Application Programming Interface (API) automates the trace request. Although automation does not reduce the time it takes for the trace information to come back to the law enforcement agency from the National Tracing Center, electronic submission and retrieval of firearm trace and related data eliminates paper and reduces errors caused by data re-entry.

KSP is the nation’s first police agency to implement eTrace DIRECT. The KSP partnered closely with the Louisville Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to implement eTrace Direct KSP uses a centralized records management system (RMS) to automate the submission of crime gun data by auto-generating a trace request when crime gun data is entered into the RMS. The officer enters all details of the crime gun and the ATF returns information in a report. The trace request is automatically submitted. The results are directly populated back into the RMS, and added to the case. Next time the officer goes into the case file in the RMS, there is a notification that the trace results can be retrieved. The system obviates the need for the officer to search for, download, save and print the trace report from an email. The API is secure and uses software that can accommodate different vendor RMS system software.

From 2022 through 2023 KSP has used the automated system to trace almost 11,000 crime guns, an increase of over 75% from the prior year. Accuracy has improved because KSP do not have to enter the crime gun information more than once. KSP noted that Canada, which shares borders with Alaska, has shown interest in this system. KSP and ATF also provided some tracing data for an Alaska law enforcement agency which showed a possible gap in crime guns recovered versus crime guns traced.

eTrace DIRECT is provided free of charge to law enforcement agencies, however, some agency costs may be incurred to have the RMS vendor program the agency RMS to the API. The Bureau of Justice Assistance may be a good source of funding to assist with implementation of eTrace DIRECT. Alaska law enforcement agencies were invited to contact Lt. Colonel Newton or Stacie Alvey with further questions.

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**11:00 to Noon**

**Capturing and Reporting Relationships in Domestic Violence Cases for Determining Firearms Disqualifications.**

**Christina Vottis**, Senior Management Analyst with the Universal Case Management System (UCMS) Team and **Kristy Connor,** Manager, Criminal Disposition Reporting with the **New York State Office of Court Administration** provided an overview of how New York State (NYS) courts capture and report the relationship between a person charged with domestic violence and the victim.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) has expanded the types of relationships that qualify as federal arms prohibitors and it is critical to capture and report these to the NICS. NYS’ universal case management system is set up to capture the specific relationship, if known, and to send this information to the NICS. NYS reports firearms disqualification relationship data in Misdemeanor Crimes of Domestic Violence (MCDV) and domestic violence Orders of Protection.

NYS has a unified court system, with two case management systems, the UCMS, and a smaller separate web reporting service for small towns and village courts throughout the State of New York. MCDV and PO data is entered into both systems, and both capture relationship data.

NYS staff provided a demonstration of how relationship data is captured in the case management system using test data and transmitted in close to real time to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The DCJS is the official criminal history repository for NYS, and supports all facets of the criminal justice system in NYS. Arrest and assault conviction data include an indicator to flag the relationship status in a MCDV or Order of Protection. DCJS transmits MCDV conviction and relationship information to the NICS indices. Orders of Protection are also transmitted to the NICS.

Victim demographic and relationship data are populated in the UCMS. This information can be entered at case initiation, or it may be entered or updated with additional detail in the court room during a hearing, or at any point during the life of the case. Once the victim “role” is added, the system requires the user to add relationship information from a drop-down list. The list includes living together and current or former dating or intimate relationship. If the type of relationship is unknown the user must select “unknown”. This shows that relationship was reviewed for data entry and the user did not forget or otherwise fail to select the relationship. The system also requires the user to select whether the victim’s address is confidential or not.

Relationship data can be entered on any case, not just a domestic violence case, but for MCDV cases or Orders of Protection the relationship data needs to be entered, transmitted to DCJS and from there to the NICS. The UCMS and smaller web service for towns and villages also allow the user in MCDV cases to create an Order of Protection and to fill it out on screen.

The relationship information can be obtained from a number of sources, and entered or updated at different stages of the case. Arrest reports, or DV incident reports could provide it. The district attorney also prepares Orders of Protection which usually provide information about the relationship. The information may also be on the charging document. The court can ask about the relationship during court room proceedings and enter it into the CMS at that time. The information could be provided by the police, the prosecutor, or the court during a hearing. All agencies are working together to obtain and enter the relationship information into the system.

NYS used federal grant funding to develop an algorithm using relationship information and charges to determine whether it needs to go to the NICS. The query looks for a federally defined relationship and qualifying charges. Prior to this, NICS examiners had a difficult time identifying the relationship information. This programming work allowed for faster identification of the relationship from the data entry on the court side for transmission to the DCJS. A response is returned to the CMS confirming entry of a record into the NICS. Dispositions and Orders of Protection are separate unless one is generated from the other. Technically the record is transmitted by the state police to the NICS but it is accessed from the DCJS repository. DCJS sends it to the state police and it hits their switch. From there it is transmitted to the NICS. It was suggested that a schematic of how the data is entered and shared electronically would be helpful, and if NYS creates one, it could be shared with this group.

The automated transmission of MCDVs to NICS was funded via NARIP in 2018. In 2023 NCHIP Supplemental funds were used for a multi-year project to update all NYS case management systems to capture and report dating relationship information. This has made it much easier to identify the relationship for NICS, and NICS examiners do not have to resort to conducting labor- intensive research to obtain it.

In NYS the relationship is required on an Order of Protection. The relationship is also included on Alaska’s protective order but the ACS CMS and eFile systems do not have a field or drop-down to capture the relationship type. Currently Alaska’s protective orders and dispositions are distributed via email by the court to the Department of Public Safety, but Alaska hopes to automate transmission once the criminal history repository is upgraded. A court API project to allow the Department of Public Safety in Alaska to retrieve disposition data is also underway.