

Reasons the FBI may contact the court:

1. Attempt to purchase a firearm. The FBI has 3 business days to conduct a background check. The FBI queries the NICS system to determine if the person is prohibited from owning or purchasing a firearm under federal and state laws.
2. Criminal record history. A person's criminal record often begins with an arrest. If a person is arrested, the law enforcement agency is required to take fingerprints.
  - a. Fingerprints are uploaded to a person's criminal record history.
  - b. An arrest by a law enforcement agency may not ultimately result in the same criminal charges being filed.
  - c. Criminal charges may not immediately be filed.
3. Lack of disposition relating to an arrest → creates an incomplete criminal record.
4. FBI contacts the arresting agency and the court to try to update the incomplete criminal record.
5. Courts may not have any information regarding a person's arrest. The date of incident (DOI) or date of arrest (DOA) may help locate a criminal case but often the court's record does not contain any information.

When the FBI contacts the court for additional information regarding a person, the court should focus on the different types of cases that could potentially prohibit a person from legally being able to purchase a firearm. Not looking for traffic, civil or family law (divorce, child support, custody).