Connecting Criminal Justice
Nationwide - Effective Search Tips

- **Use the Logic Search.** A Logic Search will return matches that phonetically sound alike, are spelled similarly, and have numbers that may be slightly transposed. It is an effective tool in helping locate individuals who may change the spelling of their last name or switch digits on a date of birth when encountering law enforcement. An Exact Search will return only those records that match your search criteria exactly.

- **Enter all data that you have about the individual.** If you know the individual’s full name, any monikers or date of birth, enter all of it. This will not only help you get the closest match first, but will also help match on multiple criteria.

- **Search all records and all locations.** Even if the offender you are looking for has lived in your state, make sure to search All States.

- **Utilize the link analysis capability.** Click the LinkedUp icon to view other individuals who are connected to your main subject.

If you still can not locate the offender, there are two additional ways to continually watch for the individual:

- **Create a Person of Interest record.** Then, whenever another user conducts searches on this individual, the Person of Interest record will include the information you have, allowing both agencies to work together in locating the individual.

- **Utilize the Watch feature.** If you are searching for an offender, set up a watch on the individual. The Watch feature continually watches the database, and if a record on that individual is entered into the system, you will be notified via e-mail. Also, allow other users to know you have the watch set up to help share information on locating the individual.
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JBRS gives criminal justice professionals an instant, up-to-date database of booking records, warrants, and other data from thousands of agencies across the country. Link analysis provides basic analytics to users. This guide will serve not only as a reference for our most commonly asked questions, but also provide effective search tips intended to help you streamline your search results.

FEATURES

Q. What features are in JBRS?

A. The features include the following:

• Searches – Person
• Reports – Currently Incarcerated, Recently Booked, Person of Interest, and Accessible Data
• LinkedUp, Watches, Photo History, Wanted Posters, Photo Lineups, Behavioral Reports

WACHES

Q. How many watches can I enter?

A. Each user can enter up to 100 watches.

Q. Can I have a watch hit e-mail sent to more than one e-mail address?

A. Yes, in the My Profile tab, you can designate a primary e-mail address and two additional e-mail addresses. Also, on the Add Watch tab, you can enter up to five additional e-mail addresses.

Q. If I update my e-mail address in my profile, will all my watch hits now go to this new e-mail address?

A. Yes, e-mail watch hits are defaulted to go to the e-mail addresses in your profile. The only exception would be if you set up a watch and choose the option to “replace” your default option with someone else’s e-mail address.

Q. I have a watch on an individual I know was booked into a participating facility. Why didn’t I receive an e-mail letting me know?

A. Make sure your e-mail address is up to date in the My Profile tab. Also, make sure to whitelist the e-mail address of jbrs@globalnotifications.com to prevent your watch hit e-mails from going to your spam box.

ACCESS

Q. What do I do if I forget my user name or password?

A. Click on your login page and either the “Forgot Password” or “Forgot User Name” link to retrieve the requested information.

Q. Is there a time when JBRS would ever be unavailable?

A. It could possibly be unavailable on Wednesdays from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. EST during the regularly scheduled maintenance window.

Q. My new co-worker wants access to JBRS. Can I just let him use my user name and password?

A. Each JBRS license is valid for one user. Contact your agency or state administrator to request additional licenses, or sign up at www.jbrs.org.

DATA

Q. How can I find out which states and agencies are contributing data to JBRS?

A. A listing of agencies by state is available under the Reports – Accessible Data tab.

Q. How current is the data in JBRS?

A. Booking data is refreshed at least once every hour, and records management system data is refreshed daily. If you would like to find out when a specific facility most recently sent data to JBRS, refer to the Accessible Data report.

Q. I was looking at an offender record for a current inmate in my facility, but I noticed some of the information is incorrect. How can I fix this?

A. JBRS is interfaced with your jail booking system. Whenever you update your system with the correct information, the updates will also be sent to JBRS.

Q. I am responsible within my agency for letting others know when an expungement request has been approved. How do I notify JBRS of this request?

A. Click on the Help – Record Removal tab. Fill out the online form, and the requested record will be removed from JBRS within 72 hours.

www.jbrs.org