

## **Judicial Inquiry System**

The JIS is a web-based system that enables judges, judicial staff, and other governmental entities to access multiple data sources through one point of entry. The system is a secure, anywhere access system where a single query can gather information from many different data sources and display the information in a user friendly format. Through the JIS, information is streamlined from a variety of local, state, and federal agencies.

- APPRISS: This data source compiles information entered into the jail booking applications throughout Florida as well as 42 additional states providing up-to-date arrest information as well as current booking images.
- CCIS - Comprehensive Case Information System: This data source from the FACC provides current information on court cases for all 67 counties in Florida. In most cases a local clerk detail link is available on an individual case enabling the user to go directly to the Clerk's website to view the progress docket; otherwise the docket is available directly through the CCIS.
- DHSMV – DAVID Driver and Vehicle Information Database: This data source provides driver history, vehicle, and vessel information as well as images from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. (Image access is dependent upon user profile.)
- DJJ - Department of Juvenile Justice: This data source provides information on juvenile arrest, probation, incarceration and dispositions. OSCA is currently working with DJJ on a pilot to receive photos from four circuits.
- DOC - Department of Corrections: This data source provides information regarding the status of individuals who have been placed under the supervision of the DOC. For example, in addition to providing detailed information regarding arrest date, underlying offense and dates of supervision, the file will also indicate if the individual is currently: Supervised, Incarcerated, or No Longer under Department Custody.
- FCIC – Hotfiles: This data source provides information from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement regarding outstanding Warrants, Injunctions, Probationary Statuses, as well as risk identifications such Violent Felony Offender of Special Concern (VFOSC), High Risk Sexual Offender (HRSO), Sexual Offender or Sexual Predator, and Habitual or Career Offender.
- FCIC – Rap Sheet: This data source provides the information regarding arrest history and disposition from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This is the traditional rap sheet providing the oldest arrest first and most recent arrest last.
- FCIC – FL Summary: This data source provides information regarding arrest history and disposition from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in a summarized format. The Florida Summary Rap Sheet summarizes the arrest history listing total number of felony

arrest and convictions, total number of misdemeanor arrests and convictions, total number of incarcerations, etc. The most recent arrest appears first, with the oldest arrest appearing last.

- NCIC – National Crime Information Center: This data source provides information regarding all out of state arrest history. Any information that is provided when querying the NCIC will be provided in a tab format in the NCIC file either by identifying the state that provided the arrest history, or through the generic ‘FBI’ tab which captures immigration and federal law enforcement arrests.

By extracting and making readily accessible information from different databases, the system allows users to obtain comprehensive search results from a single query, saving both time and money. Users can also obtain necessary information rapidly, retrieving a complete criminal history background check more readily than ever before. The system saves users a tremendous amount of time and effort by allowing the users to log into one system and gather the information from multiple data sources, rather than having to log in and out of nine different data sources.

Some of the benefits of using JIS are:

- Flags individuals that have warrants, injunctions, suspended/revoked drivers license, concealed weapon permit, sex offender/predator or a violent felony offender, etc.
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- Time savings. There are numerous “testimonials” documenting how this system has saved hours of work. It is a one-stop (consolidated) view of data that would otherwise require hours to navigate for the user and eliminates the need to obtain different user id’s, passwords, digital certificates, etc.
- Users have indicated that there is improvement in the quality of the research therefore resulting in improvement in the decision making process for the investigator and judiciary.
- Most, if not all, of the current users only have JIS to access this information (they gave up their other access methods).
- Flexible. The major workload associated with obtaining the database connections is completed; therefore adding in new data such as the “Concealed Weapons” is accomplished within days.
- Provide e-mail notifications of HRSO and VFSCO – this has been well received by the users since this e-mail goes directly to them if requested.

All users are set up based on profiles determined by the type of requestor (i.e. judge, case manager, state attorney, public defender, sheriff, etc). This allows the user to view only the data that they are authorized to access based on their role, Florida Statutes, rules or the policies of the data source provider. There is also an audit log in place where each user is tracked and any queries performed are tracked as well.