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Survey of State Records Included in Presale Background Checks: Mental Health Records, Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Records, and Restraining Orders, 2003

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Overview

Federal law prohibits the transfer of a firearm to several categories of individuals, including those who have been committed to a mental institution, have been adjudicated as mentally ill, are the subject of a domestic violence restraining order, or have been convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor (18 USC § 922(g)).

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) conducted a special survey of State repository directors to examine the quality and availability of State records for these categories of individuals. The Survey of State Records Included in Presale Firearm Background Checks: Mental Health Records, Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Records, and Restraining Orders, 2003 was conducted between October 2002 and February 2003 to supplement the information that BJS provides as part of its Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) project.

Some of the highlights from the survey are summarized below.

Mental health records

Fourteen States do not have the ability to access mental health records for purposes of a background check at the time of a firearms purchase.

Among States that are capable of checking records of mental commitments, 24 States and the District of Columbia utilize court records for such checks.

In most States, court records are the primary source for data on those found not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial.

Common reasons given by States for not accessing mental health records directly were; the lack of interface between the checking agency and the agency maintaining the database, mental health records that are incomplete or not automated, the inability to positively identify a person in mental health records, and State privacy laws that prohibit access.

Records for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence

Fourteen States and the District of Columbia do not have the ability to check records for misdemeanor convictions for domestic violence because such records are either incomplete or not fully automated.

An additional eight States indicated that flags are needed on the conviction transactions to identify the conviction as a domestic violence incident.

Nine States indicated that resource constraints inhibited the identification of such offenders, and seven States indicated that the Federal definition of relevant domestic violence convictions was problematic.

Protection orders

Fifteen States indicated that their records of protection orders are either incomplete or not fully automated and eighteen States indicated that they do not forward all of their protection order information to the FBI for inclusion in the National Protection Order file because of incompleteness or lack of automation.

Twenty-seven States indicated that court record systems were the primary location for obtaining information on the imposition of protection orders.

Methodology

This survey is part of the ongoing BJS project, Firearm Inquiries Statistics (FIST), which is conducted by the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS) of St. Louis, Missouri. BJS and REJIS jointly developed the survey instrument in September 2002, and REJIS mailed it to all 50 States and the District of Columbia in October 2002.

The 39 States that have a “checking agency” (an agency that conducts background checks for firearm sales, purchase permits, or exempt carry permits) received a survey with 13 questions, including questions about the checking agency. The 11 States that do not have a “checking agency” received a survey with nine questions on the status of their records. By February 2003 all 50 States and the District of Columbia had returned the survey to REJIS.

Table 1. Whether State agencies that conduct background checks for firearm transfers have access to mental health records and procedures used, by State, 2003

| | State agency does not access mental health records | Procedures used to access mental health information | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | Database | Manual check | Phone or e-mail | Other |
| Alabama | X | | | | |
| Alaska | | | | | |
| Arizona | | X | | | |
| Arkansas | X | | | | |
| California | | X | | | |
| Colorado | X | | | | |
| Connecticut | | X | | | |
| Delaware | | X | | | |
| District of Columbia | | | | | |
| Florida | X | | | | |
| Georgia | | X | | | |
| Hawaii | | X | | | |
| Idaho | X | | | | |
| Illinois | | X | | | |
| Indiana | X | | | | |
| Iowa ^a | | | | | X |
| Kansas | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | |
| Maryland | | X | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | X | |
| Michigan | | X | | | |
| Minnesota | | X | X | | |
| Mississippi | | | | | |
| Missouri | X | | | | |
| Montana | X | | | | |
| Nebraska | | X | | | |
| Nevada | | | | X | |
| New Hampshire | X | | | | |
| New Jersey | | X | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | |
| New York ^b | | X | | | X |
| North Carolina | | | X | | |
| North Dakota | X | | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | |
| Oregon | | X | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | X | | | |
| Rhode Island | X | | | | |
| South Carolina | X | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | |
| Tennessee | X | | | | |
| Texas | | | X | | |
| Utah | | X | | | |
| Vermont | | | | | |
| Virginia | | X | | | |
| Washington | | X | X | X | |
| West Virginia | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | X | | | |
| Wyoming | X | | | | |

^a In Iowa there is no formal method to examine mental health information; however, some mental health information is contained in court records.

^b In New York the database of individuals committed to a mental institution is checked prior to a pistol permit application and not a NICS check.

Table 2. State agencies responsible for updating databases accessed during firearm checks with information that an individual was committed to a mental hospital, by State, 2003

| | Courts | Public mental health facilities or professionals | Private mental health facilities or professionals | No State agency | Other |
|---------------------------|--------|--|---|-----------------|-------|
| Alabama | | X | X | | |
| Alaska | X | | | | |
| Arizona | X | | | | |
| Arkansas | | | | X | |
| California | X | X | X | | |
| Colorado | X | | | | |
| Connecticut | X | | | | |
| Delaware | | X | X | | |
| District of Columbia | X | | | | |
| Florida | | | | X | |
| Georgia | X | | | | |
| Hawaii | X | | | | |
| Idaho | | | | X | |
| Illinois | X | X | X | | |
| Indiana | | | | X | |
| Iowa | | | | X | |
| Kansas | | | | X | |
| Kentucky | | | | X | |
| Louisiana | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | |
| Maryland | | | | X | |
| Massachusetts | X | | | | |
| Michigan | X | | | | |
| Minnesota | X | X | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | | |
| Missouri | X | X | | | |
| Montana | X | | | | |
| Nebraska | | X | X | | |
| Nevada | X | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | | X | |
| New Jersey ^a | X | | | | X |
| New Mexico ^b | | | | | X |
| New York | | | | X | |
| North Carolina | | | | X | |
| North Dakota | | | | X | |
| Ohio | | | | X | |
| Oklahoma ^c | | | | | X |
| Oregon ^d | | | | | X |
| Pennsylvania ^e | X | | | | X |
| Rhode Island | X | | | | |
| South Carolina | X | | | | |
| South Dakota | X | | | | |
| Tennessee | | | | X | |
| Texas | | | | X | |
| Utah | X | | | | |
| Vermont | | | | X | |
| Virginia | X | | | | |
| Washington | X | | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | X | |
| Wisconsin | X | | | | |
| Wyoming | X | | | | |

^a The Department of Human Services provides this information.

^b Courts and prosecutors provide this information.

^c Prosecutors submit this information. Records from the State Department of Mental Health are checked as part of the application for a concealed handgun license.

^d This information is provided by the mental health database maintained by the Department of Human Services.

^e This information is provided by judges and county mental health officials.

Table 3. State agencies responsible for updating databases accessed during firearm checks with information that an individual was adjudicated "not guilty by reason of insanity," by State, 2003

| | Courts | Prosecutors | No State agency | Other |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| Alabama | X | | | |
| Alaska | X | | | |
| Arizona | X | | | |
| Arkansas | X | | | |
| California | X | | | |
| Colorado | X | | | |
| Connecticut ^a | | | | X |
| Delaware | X | | | |
| District of Columbia | X | | | |
| Florida | X | | | |
| Georgia | X | | | |
| Hawaii | X | | | |
| Idaho | | | X | |
| Illinois | X | | | |
| Indiana | X | | | |
| Iowa | X | | | |
| Kansas | | X | | |
| Kentucky ^b | | | | X |
| Louisiana ^c | | | | X |
| Maine | X | | | |
| Maryland | | | X | |
| Massachusetts | X | | | |
| Michigan | X | | | |
| Minnesota | X | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | |
| Missouri | X | | | |
| Montana | X | | | |
| Nebraska | X | | | |
| Nevada | X | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | X | |
| New Jersey | X | | | |
| New Mexico | X | X | | |
| New York | | | X | |
| North Carolina | | | X | |
| North Dakota | | | X | |
| Ohio | X | | | |
| Oklahoma | | X | | |
| Oregon | X | | | |
| Pennsylvania | X | | | |
| Rhode Island | X | | | |
| South Carolina | X | | | |
| South Dakota | X | | | |
| Tennessee | | | X | |
| Texas | X | | | |
| Utah | X | | | |
| Vermont | X | | | |
| Virginia | X | | | |
| Washington | X | X | | |
| West Virginia | X | | | |
| Wisconsin | X | | | |
| Wyoming | X | | | |

^a The Psychiatric Security Review Board is responsible for submitting this information.

^b Law enforcement officers are required to report dispositions on all persons charged.

^c The Department of Corrections is responsible for submitting this information.

Table 4. State agencies responsible for updating databases accessed during firearm checks with information that an individual was found incompetent to stand trial, by State, 2003

| | Courts | Prosecutors | No State agency | Other |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| Alabama | | | X | |
| Alaska | X | | | |
| Arizona | X | | | |
| Arkansas | X | | | |
| California | X | | | |
| Colorado | X | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | |
| Delaware | X | | | |
| District of Columbia | X | | | |
| Florida | X | | | |
| Georgia | X | | | |
| Hawaii | X | | | |
| Idaho | | | X | |
| Illinois | X | | | |
| Indiana | | | X | |
| Iowa | X | | | |
| Kansas | | X | | |
| Kentucky ^a | | | | X |
| Louisiana | | | | |
| Maine | X | | | |
| Maryland | | | X | |
| Massachusetts | X | | | |
| Michigan | X | | | |
| Minnesota | X | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | |
| Missouri | X | | | |
| Montana | X | | | |
| Nebraska | X | | | |
| Nevada | X | | | |
| New Hampshire | | | X | |
| New Jersey | X | | | |
| New Mexico | X | X | | |
| New York | | | X | |
| North Carolina | | | X | |
| North Dakota | | | X | |
| Ohio | X | | | |
| Oklahoma | | X | | |
| Oregon | | | | X |
| Pennsylvania | X | | | |
| Rhode Island | X | | | |
| South Carolina | X | | | |
| South Dakota | | | X | |
| Tennessee | | | X | |
| Texas | X | | | |
| Utah | X | | | |
| Vermont | X | | | |
| Virginia | X | | | |
| Washington | X | X | | |
| West Virginia | X | | | |
| Wisconsin | X | | | |
| Wyoming | X | | | |

^a Law enforcement officers are responsible for submitting this information.

Table 5. State agencies responsible for updating databases accessed during firearm checks with information that an individual was adjudicated as mentally ill, by State, 2003

| | Courts | No State agency | Other |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| Alabama | X | | |
| Alaska | X | | |
| Arizona | X | | |
| Arkansas | X | | |
| California ^a | X | | X |
| Colorado | X | | |
| Connecticut | | X | |
| Delaware | X | | |
| District of Columbia | X | | |
| Florida | | X | |
| Georgia | X | | |
| Hawaii | X | | |
| Idaho | | X | |
| Illinois | X | | |
| Indiana | | X | |
| Iowa | | X | |
| Kansas ^b | | | X |
| Kentucky ^c | | | X |
| Louisiana | | | |
| Maine | X | | |
| Maryland | X | | |
| Massachusetts | X | | |
| Michigan | X | | |
| Minnesota | X | | |
| Mississippi | | | |
| Missouri | X | | |
| Montana | X | | |
| Nebraska | X | | |
| Nevada | X | | |
| New Hampshire | | X | |
| New Jersey | X | | |
| New Mexico ^d | X | | X |
| New York ^e | | X | X |
| North Carolina | | X | |
| North Dakota | | X | |
| Ohio | | X | |
| Oklahoma ^f | | | X |
| Oregon | | | X |
| Pennsylvania | X | | |
| Rhode Island | X | | |
| South Carolina | X | | |
| South Dakota | X | | |
| Tennessee | | X | |
| Texas | | X | |
| Utah | X | | |
| Vermont | | X | |
| Virginia | X | | |
| Washington ^g | X | | X |
| West Virginia | | X | |
| Wisconsin | | X | |
| Wyoming | X | | |

^a Public and private mental health facilities are responsible for submitting this information.
^b The prosecutors are responsible for submitting this information.
^c Law enforcement officers are responsible for submitting this information.
^d This information is part of the criminal history file.
^e Courts share this responsibility with prosecutors for criminal proceedings.
^f In New York, checks of individuals committed to a mental institution are conducted prior to a pistol permit application and not a NICS check.
^g For criminal cases only, prosecutors are responsible for submitting this information in the case disposition.
^h Prosecutors are responsible for submitting this information.

Table 6. Reasons why State agencies that conduct background checks for firearm transfers do not access complete and accurate mental health information, by State, 2003

| | Condition of mental health records | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Not fully automated | No interface between checking agency and records database | Are incomplete | Lack biometric identifiers | Limited agency resources | Limited time | Privacy laws |
| Alabama | | | | | | | |
| Alaska | | | | | | | X |
| Arizona | X | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | | X | | | | | |
| California | | | | X | | | |
| Colorado | | X | | | X | X | X |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | X |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| District of Columbia | X | X | | | | | |
| Florida | X | X | | X | X | X | |
| Georgia | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | X | | | | X |
| Idaho | X | X | | X | | | |
| Illinois | | | X | | | | |
| Indiana | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Kansas | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | X | | | | | | X |
| Massachusetts | X | | | | X | | X |
| Michigan | | | X | | X | X | |
| Minnesota | X | X | | X | X | X | |
| Mississippi | | | | | | | |
| Missouri | | X | | | X | | X |
| Montana | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Nebraska | | X | | X | | X | |
| Nevada | | X | | | X | X | X |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | | X |
| New Jersey | X | | | X | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | | | |
| New York | | | | | | | X |
| North Carolina | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| North Dakota | X | X | | X | X | | X |
| Ohio | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | | | |
| Oregon | | | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | | | | X |
| South Carolina | | X | | X | X | | X |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | X | X | | X | | | X |
| Texas | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| Utah | | | | | | | X |
| Vermont | | | | | | | |
| Virginia | | | | | | | |
| Washington | X | X | | X | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | X | | X | | | X |
| Wyoming | | | | | | | X |

Table 7. Reasons why complete and accurate mental health information is not reported to the FBI, by State, 2003

| | Condition of mental health records | | | Agency lacks resources | Privacy laws |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Not fully automated | Are incomplete | Lack biometric identifiers | | |
| Alabama | | | | | X |
| Alaska | | | | | X |
| Arizona | | | | | |
| Arkansas | X | | | | |
| California | | | | | X |
| Colorado | | | | | |
| Connecticut | X | | | | X |
| Delaware | | | X | | |
| District of Columbia | X | | X | | |
| Florida | X | | X | X | |
| Georgia | | | | | X |
| Hawaii | | X | | | X |
| Idaho | X | X | X | X | |
| Illinois | X | X | | | X |
| Indiana | X | | | | |
| Iowa | X | | X | | |
| Kansas | X | | X | | |
| Kentucky | X | | X | | X |
| Louisiana | | | | | |
| Maine | X | | | | X |
| Maryland | X | | | | X |
| Massachusetts | X | | | | X |
| Michigan | | X | | | |
| Minnesota | X | X | X | X | X |
| Mississippi | | | | | |
| Missouri | X | | | X | X |
| Montana | X | | X | X | |
| Nebraska | X | | X | X | X |
| Nevada | X | | | X | X |
| New Hampshire | | | | | X |
| New Jersey | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | |
| New York | | | | | X |
| North Carolina | X | X | | X | X |
| North Dakota | X | | X | X | X |
| Ohio | X | X | | | X |
| Oklahoma | X | | X | | X |
| Oregon | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | | | | X |
| Rhode Island | | | | | X |
| South Carolina | X | | | | X |
| South Dakota | X | X | X | | X |
| Tennessee | X | | | | X |
| Texas | X | | X | X | X |
| Utah | X | | | X | |
| Vermont | X | | | X | X |
| Virginia | | | | | |
| Washington | X | | X | | |
| West Virginia | X | | | | X |
| Wisconsin | X | | X | | X |
| Wyoming | | | | | X |

Table 8. State sources of domestic violence misdemeanor information, by State, 2003

| | Court records | Criminal history records |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama | | X |
| Alaska | | X |
| Arizona | X | X |
| Arkansas | | X |
| California | X | X |
| Colorado | X | X |
| Connecticut | | X |
| Delaware | X | X |
| District of Columbia | | X |
| Florida | X | X |
| Georgia | | X |
| Hawaii | X | X |
| Idaho | | X |
| Illinois | X | X |
| Indiana | X | |
| Iowa | X | X |
| Kansas | | X |
| Kentucky | X | |
| Louisiana | X | |
| Maine | | |
| Maryland | | X |
| Massachusetts | X | |
| Michigan | | X |
| Minnesota | | X |
| Mississippi | | |
| Missouri | X | X |
| Montana | | X |
| Nebraska | X | X |
| Nevada | X | X |
| New Hampshire | X | X |
| New Jersey | X | X |
| New Mexico | X | X |
| New York | X | |
| North Carolina | X | X |
| North Dakota | | |
| Ohio | X | |
| Oklahoma | X | X |
| Oregon | X | X |
| Pennsylvania | X | X |
| Rhode Island | X | X |
| South Carolina | | X |
| South Dakota | X | X |
| Tennessee | | X |
| Texas | X | X |
| Utah | X | X |
| Vermont | X | X |
| Virginia | X | X |
| Washington | X | X |
| West Virginia | | X |
| Wisconsin | X | X |
| Wyoming | | X |

Table 9. Reasons why checking agencies that conduct background checks for firearm transfers do not access complete and accurate domestic violence misdemeanor information, by State, 2003

| | Condition of domestic violence records | | | | | Federal definition is confusing |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | Are incomplete | Are not fully automated | Lack flags | Too few resources | Limited time | |
| Alabama | | | | | | |
| Alaska | X | X | | | | |
| Arizona | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | | | X | | | |
| California | | | | | | |
| Colorado | X | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | X | | |
| Delaware | | | X | | | |
| District of Columbia | | X | | | | |
| Florida | X | | | | | |
| Georgia | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | | | | |
| Idaho | | | X | | | X |
| Illinois | X | | | | | |
| Indiana | | | X | X | X | |
| Iowa | X | | | | | |
| Kansas | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | | |
| Maryland | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | | | |
| Michigan | | | X | X | X | X |
| Minnesota | X | | X | | X | X |
| Mississippi | | | | | | |
| Missouri | X | | X | X | | |
| Montana | | X | | | | X |
| Nebraska | X | X | | | X | X |
| Nevada | X | | | | X | |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | | | |
| New York | | | X | | | |
| North Carolina | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | X | | | |
| Ohio | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | | |
| Oregon | | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | X | | X | | | |
| Texas | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Utah | X | X | X | | | |
| Vermont | | | | | | |
| Virginia | X | | | | | X |
| Washington | | | | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | | | | |
| Wyoming | | | | | | |

Table 10. Reasons that complete and accurate domestic violence misdemeanor information is not reported to the FBI, by State, 2003

| | Condition of domestic violence misdemeanor records | | | Agency lacks resources | Federal definition is confusing |
|----------------------|--|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Not fully automated | Are incomplete | Lack flags | | |
| Alabama | X | X | X | | |
| Alaska | | | X | | |
| Arizona | | | | | |
| Arkansas | | | | | |
| California | | | | | |
| Colorado | | | | | |
| Connecticut | X | | | | |
| Delaware | | | X | | |
| District of Columbia | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | |
| Georgia | | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | | | |
| Idaho | | | X | | X |
| Illinois | | X | | | |
| Indiana | | | X | | |
| Iowa | | X | | | |
| Kansas | X | X | X | X | |
| Kentucky | | | X | | |
| Louisiana | X | | X | | |
| Maine | X | | | | |
| Maryland | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | X | X | | |
| Michigan | | X | X | | |
| Minnesota | | X | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | | |
| Missouri | | X | X | X | |
| Montana | X | | | | |
| Nebraska | X | X | | X | X |
| Nevada | | X | X | | |
| New Hampshire | | | | | |
| New Jersey | | | | | |
| New Mexico | | X | | X | |
| New York | | | X | | |
| North Carolina | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | X | | |
| Ohio | | | X | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | |
| Oregon | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | | | | |
| Rhode Island | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | X | | X |
| Tennessee | | X | X | | |
| Texas | X | | X | | |
| Utah | | X | X | | |
| Vermont | | | | | |
| Virginia | | X | | | X |
| Washington | | | | | |
| West Virginia | | | X | X | |
| Wisconsin | | | | | |
| Wyoming | | | | | |

Table 11. Sources of restraining order information, by State, 2003

| | Court records | Criminal history records |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama | X | |
| Alaska | | |
| Arizona | X | X |
| Arkansas | | X |
| California | | |
| Colorado | X | |
| Connecticut | X | X |
| Delaware | X | X |
| District of Columbia | | X |
| Florida | | |
| Georgia | | |
| Hawaii | X | X |
| Idaho | | |
| Illinois | X | |
| Indiana | X | |
| Iowa | | |
| Kansas | | |
| Kentucky | X | |
| Louisiana | X | |
| Maine | X | |
| Maryland | X | |
| Massachusetts | X | |
| Michigan | | X |
| Minnesota | | |
| Mississippi | | |
| Missouri | X | |
| Montana | | |
| Nebraska | | |
| Nevada | | X |
| New Hampshire | X | X |
| New Jersey | X | |
| New Mexico | | |
| New York | X | |
| North Carolina | | |
| North Dakota | | |
| Ohio | | |
| Oklahoma | X | |
| Oregon | X | X |
| Pennsylvania | | |
| Rhode Island | X | X |
| South Carolina | | |
| South Dakota | X | |
| Tennessee | | |
| Texas | X | |
| Utah | X | |
| Vermont | X | |
| Virginia | | |
| Washington | X | |
| West Virginia | X | |
| Wisconsin | X | |
| Wyoming | | |

Table 12. Reasons why checking agencies that conduct background checks for firearm transfers do not access complete and accurate restraining order information, by State, 2003

| | Condition of restraining orders | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Are not fully automated | Are incomplete | Too few resources | Limited time |
| Alabama | | | | |
| Alaska | | | | |
| Arizona | | | | |
| Arkansas | | | | |
| California | | | | |
| Colorado | | X | | X |
| Connecticut | | X | | |
| Delaware | | | | |
| District of Columbia | | | | |
| Florida | | | | |
| Georgia | | | | |
| Hawaii | X | | | |
| Idaho | | | | |
| Illinois | | X | | |
| Indiana | | | | |
| Iowa | | | | |
| Kansas | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | |
| Louisiana | | | | |
| Maine | | | | |
| Maryland | | | | |
| Massachusetts | | | | |
| Michigan | | X | | |
| Minnesota | | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | |
| Missouri | X | X | X | |
| Montana | | | | |
| Nebraska | X | X | | |
| Nevada | | | | |
| New Hampshire | | X | | |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| New Mexico | | | | |
| New York | | | | |
| North Carolina | | | | |
| North Dakota | X | X | | |
| Ohio | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | | | |
| Oregon | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | | | |
| Rhode Island | X | X | X | |
| South Carolina | | X | | |
| South Dakota | | | | |
| Tennessee | | X | X | X |
| Texas | X | | | |
| Utah | | X | | |
| Vermont | | | | |
| Virginia | | | | |
| Washington | X | | | |
| West Virginia | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | | | |
| Wyoming | | | | |

Table 13. Reasons that complete and accurate restraining order information is not reported to the FBI, by State, 2003

| | Restraining orders are not fully automated | Restraining orders are incomplete |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Alabama | X | |
| Alaska | | |
| Arizona | | |
| Arkansas | | |
| California | | |
| Colorado | | X |
| Connecticut | | |
| Delaware | | |
| District of Columbia | | |
| Florida | | |
| Georgia | | |
| Hawaii | | |
| Idaho | | |
| Illinois | | X |
| Indiana | | |
| Iowa | | |
| Kansas | | |
| Kentucky | | |
| Louisiana | | X |
| Maine | X | |
| Maryland | | |
| Massachusetts | | |
| Michigan | | |
| Minnesota | | |
| Mississippi | | |
| Missouri | X | X |
| Montana | | |
| Nebraska | X | X |
| Nevada | | |
| New Hampshire | | X |
| New Jersey | | |
| New Mexico | X | |
| New York | | |
| North Carolina | | |
| North Dakota | X | X |
| Ohio | X | |
| Oklahoma | X | X |
| Oregon | | |
| Pennsylvania | | |
| Rhode Island | X | X |
| South Carolina | | X |
| South Dakota | | |
| Tennessee | | X |
| Texas | X | X |
| Utah | | X |
| Vermont | | |
| Virginia | | |
| Washington | | |
| West Virginia | X | |
| Wisconsin | | |
| Wyoming | | |