

New York State DCJS Latent Search Service

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) initiated the latent fingerprint database of the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) in 1989, when it began automated latent fingerprint searches. The Latent Cognizant database contains the records and fingerprint images of approximately 3,000,000 individuals. This database is a sub-system of the Tenprint record database, which contains over 7,000,000 criminal and civil records. The Tenprint and Latent Cognizant databases constantly change with the addition of new records, updates to existing records, or deletions (sealing) of records.

Cases can enter the latent system via two central sites in Albany and nineteen regional sites around the state. Each latent image is evaluated by a trained Latent Examiner. A determination is made as to whether the image is "of value," i.e., has enough identifiable minutiae to launch a search on SAFIS. If the image is determined to be of value, a search of the Latent Cognizant database is initiated.

After all latent fingerprints have been entered, the Latent Examiner compares candidates returned by SAFIS, and makes the determination if the latent image matches any of the candidates.

After searching is complete, latents not identified may be added to the Unsolved Latent Database and the images are archived in the Digital Image Retrieval Subsystem. All new arrest fingerprint cards received are automatically searched against this file daily.

Since November, 2005, DCJS has the ability to search latent palm prints against NYPD's database of approximately 500,000 known palm prints and store them in NYPD's unknown palm print database if an identification is not determined.

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Did you know?



◆ Statewide, approximately 21,000 latent identifications have been made since 1989.

◆ Search results are usually available for review by examiners within 24 hours.

◆ Everyday, on average, over 500 new fingerprint cards are added to our fingerprint database and automatically searched against our unidentified latent fingerprint database.

◆ Latent fingerprints can be submitted by mail or in person to your own Regional Site or to the Central Site at DCJS.

◆ You do not need a suspect to submit latent fingerprints to SAFIS.

◆ Newly entered latent fingerprints can be searched directly against the Unsolved Latent Database to determine the possibility of a serial offender in multiple jurisdictions.

◆ Unidentified latent fingerprints are held in a separate database for continuous searches against new arrest fingerprints.

◆ A Latent Examiner defines the latent search parameters (e.g. geographical area of search, crime type, race, sex, pattern type, etc.).

◆ New coders and matchers have been installed to improve processing speed and accuracy.

◆ The FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) went online in 1999. New York was the first state to perform remote searches of this nationwide file of 600 million fingerprint images.

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State of New York**

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STATEWIDE AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us

SAFIS Regional Sites

Finger Lakes Region

Monroe Co. Sheriff's Dept.
130 Plymouth Ave.
South Rochester, NY 14614
(585)428-2221

Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences

100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315)435-1488

DCJS Satellite Site

Oneida Co. Sheriff's Dept.
6065 Judd Road
Oriskany, NY 13424
(315)765-2260

Central Sites- Albany

Division of Criminal Justice Services
4 Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203-3702
(518)485-7686
(518)457-3339 Fax

NY State Police
Forensic Inv. Ctr. Bldg. #30
State Office Campus
Albany, NY 12226-3000
(518)457-1206
(518)457-8202

Western Region

Erie Co. Central Police Services
45 Elm St. 2nd Floor
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716)858-6761

Midstate Region

Syracuse Police Dept.
511 South State Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315)442-5281

Hudson River West Region

Rockland Co. Sheriff's Dept.
55 New Hempstead Road
New City, NY 10956
(845)638-5440

Hudson River East Region

Westchester Dept. of Public Safety
Saw Mill River Parkway
Hawthorne, NY 10532
(914)864-7836

Western Site

Chautauqua Co. S.O.
East Chautauqua Street
Mayville, NY 14757-0128
(716)753-4932

Satellite

Rochester Police Dept.
185 Exchange Street
Rochester, NY 14614
(585)428-7233

Drug Enforcement Administration

Northeast Laboratory
99 Tenth Avenue, Suite 721
New York, NY 10111
(212)337-2022

Suffolk County Region

Suffolk County Police Dept.
30 Yaphank Ave.
Yaphank, NY 11980
(631)852-6487



DCJS Satellite Site

Binghamton Police Dept.
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
(607)772-7085

New York City Region

New York City Police Dept.
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038
(646)610-6986

Bronx-Manhattan-Queens
Richmond-Kings-Major Crimes

Nassau County Region

Nassau Co. Police Dept.
1490 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501
(516)573-7814