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# Legislative Report

Criminal Gang Investigative Data System (Minnesota Gang File)  
Audit Report

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# Introduction

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[Minnesota Statutes 299C.091 subd. 4 \(a and b\)](#) requires the following action by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) regarding the Criminal Gang Investigative Data System (also known as the Minnesota Gang File).

(a) At least once every three years, the bureau shall conduct random audits of data under subdivision 2 that documents inclusion of an individual in, and removal of an individual from, the Gang Pointer File (Minnesota Gang File) for the purpose of determining the validity, completeness, and accuracy of data submitted to the system. The bureau has access to the documenting data for purposes of conducting an audit. By Oct. 1 of each year, the bureau shall submit a report on the results of the audits to the commissioner of public safety.

(b) If any audit requirements under federal rule or statute overlap with requirements in paragraph (a), the audit required by paragraph (a) may be done in conjunction with the federal audit to the extent they overlap. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate any audit requirements specified in this subdivision.

To meet these requirements, the BCA conducts an annual audit of the Minnesota Gang File. All records about people contained in the file are reviewed during the audit process to determine if they have a conviction within the previous three-year review period.

In addition, the BCA Training and Auditing Unit is responsible for conducting audits of Minnesota law enforcement agencies that have entered information about people into the Minnesota Gang File.

The following law enforcement agencies enter information about people in the Minnesota Gang File:

- Cass County Sheriff's Office
- Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office
- Koochiching County Sheriff's Office
- Metro Gang Strike Force (responsibility for subjects transitioned to BCA Investigations)
- Willimar Police Department

## Audit results

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The audit of the Minnesota Gang File covered the period of September 2024 through August 2025. BCA Training and Auditing staff reviewed 27 criminal histories on those entries that are within the required three-year auditing period.

Out of the 27 records reviewed, seven people who appear in the file did not have an additional criminal conviction and were purged accordingly from the Minnesota Gang File on Sept. 2, 2025, and as of this date, 20 subjects remain in the file.