

THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION AND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION ADVISORY GROUP

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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NEW MEMBERS

Representative Sandra Feist – appointed by the House of Representatives

Katie Notling , Bemidji City Attorney– League of Minnesota Cities

Judge Matthew Frank– appointed by the Supreme Court Chief Justice



BCA SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT DREW EVANS



VIOLENT CRIME STUDY DISCUSSION

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CLEAN SLATE IMPLEMENTATION

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MINNESOTA CLEAN SLATE a.k.a

MN Stat §609A.015 - Automatic Expungement of Records

609A.015 AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility; dismissal; exoneration.** (a) A person who is the subject of a criminal record or delinquency record is eligible for a grant of expungement relief without the filing of a petition:

- Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 list the qualifying criteria for crimes, charges, and dispositions
- This does not apply to requests from a criminal justice agency as defined in **609A.03, subd. 7a, paragraph (f).**



BCA REQUIREMENTS

Subd. 5. **Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to identify eligible persons and grant expungement relief.** (a) The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall identify any records that qualify for a grant of expungement relief pursuant to this subdivision or subdivision 1, 2, or 3.

Which includes processes that:

- are retroactive to review existing records for eligibility
- for identification of day forward eligibility; and annually thereafter
- Includes considerations for different offense levels and dispositions

The legislature requires the BCA to “automatically” expunge (seal) criminal & juvenile delinquent offenses that meet criteria, and notify Court and LE.



CLEAN SLATE PROCESS

Went live:

- 4/21/2025 (We missed 1/1 date set by law)
- Filtered for data quality and matching Court records
- Trickle not a firehose

BCA informs Judicial Branch

- BCA will seal CH records in 60 days unless a motion is made by the judicial branch
- BCA notifies judicial branch of all sealed cases

Availability

- BCA CH records will be sealed in state, but will still be available for interstate use to comply with the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact and CJ purposes without a court order

LE notification

- BCA will make electronic report available to agencies to begin complying with the statute.
- Examine the list to ensure not disseminating these records



Challenges

- Complex law + low quality legacy criminal justice data + integrating two big cj systems = buggy automation logic
- Synchronization and business logic gaps in previous versions of BCA and Court systems
- Missing data
- Invalid statutes
- We underestimated difficulty



Current Status

- ~2 million person records potentially eligible
- Marked ~10k for sealing since 4/21 go-live
- Pre-check process filtering out “problematic” data
- Throttling flow of seals to allow for manual review to grow confidence in logic
 - All felony and gm convictions
 - Some misdemeanors



Next Steps

- **Increase flow as we gain confidence in quality of process**
- **Tackling seals with problematic data**
 - Data mismatches with Court (statute, offense level, court file number)
 - Duplicate records
- **Improve until impractical**



Some Key Takeaways

- Limits and challenges of automation without normalized data
- Payoff of more recent criminal justice systems (CHS, MNCIS, eCharging, Statute Service) – data quality far better with more recent cases
- Unintuitive impacts of law
 - DWI example
 - Court/BCA handling seals differently



LUNCH!



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VIOLENT CRIME DASHBOARD EFFORT

What is violent crime?

Violent crime is a composite measure of the following offenses

- Aggravated Assault
- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
- Rape
- Sodomy
- Sexual assault w/ an object
- Robbery

Data on violent crime incidents is available for 2021 and forward.



VIOLENT CRIME DASHBOARD

- Weapon Type
- Victim Demographics
- Violent Crime by Month
- Offender Demographics
- Violent Crime by Day and Hour
- Geographic Data



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Violent Crime Dashboard



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AUGUST 6, 2025**



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