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Court News

Maverick Criminal Record Provider Reportedly Operating in New Hampshire

According to a [PRRN](#) member, there is a record vendor conducting criminal records name checks in New Hampshire without paying court fees and advertising a turnaround time of 24 hours. This is impossible since local courts will not provide name searches and there are no public access terminals available at the courthouses. Record searchers **must** use the Judiciary's centralized record search process for all trial court name searches (including civil), as explained below. The normal turnaround time by the Judiciary is 2 to 3 days. See the status of record requests at <https://www.courts.state.nh.us/recordcheck>.

Normal Record Search Procedure

One must complete a Record Search Request Form for each individual court. Multiple names can be placed on the [form](#). The form and a check made payable to NHJB Central Processing can be mailed or hand delivered (different addresses). Results are then emailed or mailed, usually within 72 hours. The fee must accompany the request form (see below). The fee structure, set by the New Hampshire Supreme Court, is \$20.00 per name for up to 5 names, then \$5.00 each add'l name in that request. For example 3 names = \$60.00; 5 names = \$100; 25 names = \$200.00. This is on a per-court basis. The normal turnaround time by the Judiciary is 2 to 3 days. See the status of record requests at <https://www.courts.state.nh.us/recordcheck>. Note that local courts will pull files or provide file copies if a case number or case summary is presented.

So how can a vendor provide 24 hour service with no clerk fee?

There is an electronic system available, but it limited to use only by attorneys and data cannot be accessed for resell purposes. The NH Judiciary has been informed of the situation and is very concerned if an attorney account is being used illegally.

We advise to use caution if you are receiving criminal record checks for

FCRA purposes from a vendor in 24 hours and not paying clerk fees.

About the New Courthouse in Litchfield County, CT

The new Litchfield Judicial District Courthouse at 50 Field St. in Torrington was open for business, effective Monday, Aug. 28, with the transfer of cases from three different courthouses being phased in as follows:

- Effective August 26, 2017, the Litchfield Judicial District Courthouse at 15 West Street, Litchfield was permanently closed. At that time, all matters new and pending in that facility were transferred to the new Torrington Superior Courthouse.
- Effective September 8, 2017, the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at 410 Winsted Road, Torrington was permanently closed. At that time, all matters new and pending in that facility were transferred to the new Torrington Superior Courthouse.
- Effective at the end of business on September 15, 2017, the Geographical Area 18 Courthouse, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, will permanently close. At that time, all matters new and pending at that facility will be transferred to the new Torrington Superior Courthouse.

Decentralization of Small Claims In CT

Effective Monday, October 16, 2017, the Centralized Small Claims Office located at 80 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106 will be closed. Any new small claims cases filed on or after Friday, September 1, 2017, either paper or electronically, will have an answer date after October 16, 2017, and will be transferred to the small claims docket at the appropriate judicial district or housing session location.

State Agency News

Judge Rules that Colorado' Sex Offender Registry Law is Unconstitutional

On August 31, 2017, the U.S. District Court in Colorado ruled that Colorado's sex offender registry law is cruel and unusual punishment. Per U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch's ruling, the Colorado's sex-offender registry violated the Constitutional rights of three sex offenders who sued regarding the way the public has access to the list.

Per the ruling, Judge Matsch found that Colorado's registration act poses a "serious threat of retaliation, violence, ostracism, shaming, and other unfair and irrational treatment from the public" for sex offenders and their families.

While there are similar cases in other states challenging sex-offender registries, this case only involves the three plaintiffs. But this ruling could

have far reaching implications should the Colorado Attorney General's Office appeal the ruling to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeal and lose, and/or if an appeal eventually reaches the U, S. Supreme Court.

The ruling may be viewed at PACER - Case 1:13-cv-02406-RPM Document 106 Filed 08/31/17 USDC Colorado.

BRB Launches BRB Search - A Free Portal

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BRB Publications is pleased to announce the launch of a new, free portal called BRB Search at <https://www.brbpublications.com/gen/brbsearch.aspx>.

The new portal is an easy search approach to view contact information and links to free online look-ups for over 20,000 government agencies. The new portal represents an alternative to the existing look-ups method which is more of a drill down approach. BRB Search also includes contact information for county court and recording offices, 20 core state agencies per state, occupational licensing boards, federal courts, members of PRRN by county, plus there is an adjoining county search feature.

The new Portal will have immediate and direct updates as BRB researchers make changes to the various BRB databases supporting this program.

This is an exciting transition for BRB and for the many existing users of FREE BRB data. There are literally thousands of free online look-up sites displayed at BRB Search.

Of course, this system does not tell the whole story, but it is the tip of the iceberg. If you require a higher level of due diligence in your public record searching, please keep in mind the BRB subscription products provide a much more robust professional approach. BRB Subscribers have the know-how for all access methods (including online searches), indexing and search requirements, restrictions, and fees. For example the Courts Section contains objective comments regarding when online searching is equivalent to onsite research.

When it comes to knowledge of public records access, BRB has the most comprehensive databases in the U.S. BRB Publications believes the value of data subscription products is measured by the depth of the content as well as the accuracy and currency.

We invite you to check out BRB Search. Please forward any comments or suggestions to brb@brbpublications.com

The Equifax Data Breach - Information You Need To Know

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The recent Equifax data breach has exposed 143 million Americans to potential identity theft. This breach was caused by hackers gaining access to key items of data including names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, driver's license information and credit card numbers.

This breach occurred at Equifax, one of the three national credit reporting companies in the U.S. (Experian and TransUnion being the other two) and the breach is not associated with any NCRA member companies. NCRA members (mortgage credit reporting and resident screening companies) often provide Equifax data as part of the reports they offer, however, no NCRA member company has been identified as being part of this cyber-attack.

We urge every American adult to check with Equifax at 866-447-7559 or via the web at <https://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com/> as soon as possible to see if your personal data may have been compromised in this breach. At 143 million consumer files disclosed, this is the single largest loss of Social Security numbers in U.S. history. This represents approximately two of every three Americans with an Equifax credit history. In 2015 health insurer Anthem Inc. was hacked for 80 million social security numbers, until now the largest breach of this type. If you have not yet taken steps to find out if you are part of this massive breach please do ASAP.

If your data has been compromised, please use precautions to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft. Enroll with the Equifax TrustedID program and consider placing a fraud alert or credit freeze on your credit report. Credit monitoring alone is not sufficient protection. Information about how to protect yourself is on the Equifax website above, or at one of the following helpful websites about the Equifax data breach, and identity theft in general.

- The Federal Trade Commission - <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2017/09/equifax-data-breach-what-do>
- Experian - <https://www.experian.com/news/data-breach-five-things-to-do-after-your-information-has-been-stolen.html>
- TransUnion - <https://www.transunion.com/equifax-data-breach->

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