



Public Record Update

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Kent, Michigan Circuit Court Limits Years Available Online

As of 1/1/2025, an online search of Kent, Michigan's Circuit Court Criminal records only yield cases from 2019 to present. Prior to this, case records dated back to 1996. The reason for this change is due to the Public Act 193 of 2020, Michigan's Clean Slate law. At this time, the court is reviewing their records to ensure they comply with this law. The review is expected to be temporary, lasting anywhere from several weeks to months. When complete, the court will once more provide records for prior years. An on-site researcher is needed for this court in order to get a search beyond 2019 and for identification verification purposes. Note that there is no public access computer, and all requests must be submitted to the clerk staff. Alternatively, the court is accepting research requests by email to courtclerksfax@kentcountymi.gov. The turnaround of these requests is at the mercy of the court.

Does this affect the District courts within this county? No, it does not. Four of these courts provide online access to their records, while two—specifically the 59th District Courts in Grandville and in Walker—do not. The District courts that provide online access have confirmed that their search results automatically exclude non-reportable cases. The same applies when searching on the court's public access terminal (PAT). For the two courts without online or PAT access, assistance from a clerk is required, and non-reportable cases are excluded.

To view the Circuit court's notice about this change or search records for available years, visit <https://www.accesskent.com/CNSearch/appStart.action>.

All 105 Counties Now Accessible On Kansas eCourt

The state of Kansas has completed the migration of court data for every county to its new case management system, Kansas District Court Public Access Portal also known as eCourt. The final county to be added to the new system was Johnson on November 5th, 2024. Users can conduct a statewide search or narrow down their results to a specific county. Access to the portal is free, however, each user must be registered. Results include the subject's year of birth only. You can find the Kansas District Court Public Access Portal at <https://prodportal.kscourts.org/prodportal>.

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Case Management System Changes

Here's a summary two courts that are making changes to their case management system and online access in 2025.

- **Ashland County Municipal Court, Ohio** – Plans are underway to shift from the court's current case management system provider, Civica, to a web-based solution offered by i3Verticals. This shift will involve a comprehensive overhaul of nearly all court operations. Although no official transition date has been set, the aim is to be operational with the new system before the software license with Civica expires in July.
- **Riverside County, California** – On January 21st, Riverside completed the transition to a new case management system. The new "Public Portal" provides online access to the following types of records: Probate, Family Law, Civil, Criminal, and Traffic. The portal includes the case index, register of actions, and calendar information. Registration is required, and search fees apply. To access the Public Portal, go to <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/> and select the option "Search Court Records". Please note that access to Riverside Public Access (RPA) was discontinued with this transition.

Search Fee Increase

Also, at the beginning of this year in Michigan, the Huron Circuit Court increased its search fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per name. This increase applies to record searches for criminal and civil records. There is no public access terminal, and all search requests must go through the clerk.



Motor Vehicle & Licensing News

Real ID Is Really Happening

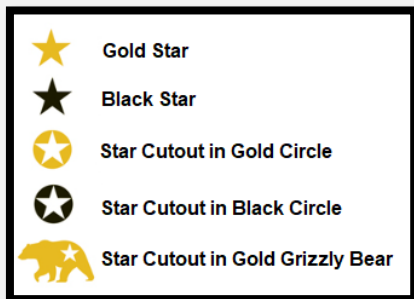
(The following is an excerpt from the electronic version of the MVR Access and Decoder Digest)

"The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government set standards for the issuance of sources of identification including driver's licenses. The Act established minimum security standards for license issuance and production. The Act also prohibits Federal agencies from accepting (for certain purposes) driver's licenses and identification cards from states not meeting these minimum standards. The purposes covered by the Act include accessing Federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants, and boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft."

After multiple extensions, REAL ID is finally taking effect nationwide on 5/7/2025. At that time, U.S. travelers must provide a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities.

mDLs (mobile driver's license) will be accepted for "official purposes" when issued by a state to whom TSA (Transportation Security Administration) has granted a waiver. Any States issued a waiver will be on a published list provided by TSA. It is recommended to call ahead of arriving at other federal agencies to learn if the waiver is accepted as not all Federal agencies will accept mDLs.

There are only five REAL ID compliant symbols approved for use on a license or identification card. See below. The MVR Access and Decoder Digest, found at www.MVRdecoder.com, includes an image of each state's current driver's license. This helps determine which symbol is used in which state.



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