The FBI's National Data Exchange System

N-DEx helps bring a top 10 Texas fugitive to justice

N-DEx SYSTEM SUCCESS

In September 2015, Texas Department of Public Safety Analysts were in the process of adding an absconder that was convicted of sexual assault on a child to their Top 10 Wanted list.

They were conducting exhaustive searching of various databases, including a search of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Data Exchange (N-DEx) System.

They found a recent record from New York State Police, Oneonta, which listed the subject as a complainant in a missing person report.

Using the address in the record, San Francisco, California, deputies, acting as deputy United States Marshals, conducted a raid at the address and took the subject into federal custody. If it were not for the N-DEx System hit, the subject likely would have remained at large.

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Comments from N-DEx System Users

Using the N-DEx System, warrant officers are able to locate subjects wanted by the department. As one warrant officer states, "The N-DEx System provides us with the ability to search recent incidents or find arrest information that is sometimes more up to date than other databases. By using the N-DEx System, we are able to discover additional personal information given at the time of the incident, such as vehicle information, social security numbers, telephone numbers, street addresses, and more."

The N-DEx System has been very useful to probation officers at the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Agency in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The officer states, "I use the N-DEx System to compile information for the purpose of conducting pre-sentence investigations. Often times we are able to see that the individual has a criminal record from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), but NCIC doesn't show the details of the crime. The N-DEx System has been extremely helpful in obtaining the details of specific crimes, so that I am able to paint a better picture for the courts. The N-DEx System has proven to be a valuable asset to the probation office!"

Police officers across the country use the N-DEx System to link investigative subjects to vehicles or phone numbers. A Corporal from a Texas Police Department states, "I have used the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Data Exchange (N-DEx) System in multiple cases with positive results. In several cases, I have used the N-DEx System to link individuals to vehicles or to link an individual to a phone number. Currently, I am involved with an investigation into an organized Romanian theft ring, and the N-DEx System has been very helpful by providing records containing photos and linking my suspects to similar incidents in other states."

What is the N-DEx System?
The N-DEx System is an unclassified national strategic investigative information sharing system that enables criminal justice agencies to search, link, analyze, and share local, state, tribal, and federal records.

- No fee
- Available 24/7
- Easy web-based access

The N-DEx System was created with the security and privacy of criminal justice information in mind. The N-DEx System allows agencies to determine what data they will share, with whom, and at what level of openness.

- Ownership of data submissions to the N-DEx System always remains with the record owning agency.
- The N-DEx System provides agencies with flexible data sharing options.
- Prior to using information found in the N-DEx System, users must obtain approval from the record-owning agency.

The N-DEx System was created as an answer to the 9-11 Commission, which called for better information sharing among local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.

Complementary Analytical Tools
The N-DEx System is available at no cost and provides tools that save time, aid in investigations, and promote collaboration.

Data Available
- Over 700,000,000 searchable records from local, state, tribal, and federal sources, with new records available daily.
- Incident, arrest, and booking reports; pretrial investigations; supervised release reports; calls for service; photos; and field contact/identification records.

Access the N-DEx System
- The N-DEx System is easily accessible via the FBI’s Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP). Anyone with a LEEPID account via <www.cjis.gov> can request access to their state N-DEx “Sub-SIG” (Special Interest Group).
- Agencies can access the system using a method that works best for them.
- The N-DEx Program Office partners with many organizations including Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS), COPLINK, and the Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LinX) in order to provide flexible access options.

Why N-DEx?
The N-DEx System fills information gaps, provides situational awareness, and complements other well-known FBI systems, such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Interstate Identification Index (III), and Next Generation Identification (NGI). Although those systems provide critical information to the criminal justice community, the N-DEx System offers additional detailed information, such as incident and case reports, full Department of Justice (DOJ) case files, and corrections data.