## IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

#### 11.02 BCLABIS

## A. General

The Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) database is searched for matches to 10-print fingerprint cards, latent fingerprints and palm prints, producing possible candidate lists (hits or matches). Possible candidate fingerprints are compared to the searched card or latent for verification of a match. <u>Idaho Code Chapter 30</u>, <u>Title 67</u> covers criminal history and crime information, including fingerprint submission requirements.

### B. Definitions

- "10-print fingerprint card" means a fingerprint card onto which impressions of all 10 fingerprints of an individual have been rolled separately.
- "ABIS" means the Automated Biometric Identification System, a database of fingerprint and palm print minutia. ABIS allows the search of thousands of fingerprints and palm prints, in a matter of minutes, searching for possible matches.
- "ABIS Inquiry Report" means the notarized report of the technical ABIS search of a latent print.
- "Applicant Card" means the 10-print fingerprint card submitted for criminal history search of a person for a non-criminal justice purpose, such as when applying for licensing or employment.
- "BCI" means the Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification. The BCI manages the state repository of criminal history information.
- "Criminal Card" means the 10-print fingerprint card of an arrested individual rolled at the time of arrest or while in custody.
- "Hit" means a possible matched fingerprint(s).
- "Ident Report" means the notarized report of the findings of the comparisons of 10-print cards.
- "Latent print" means an unidentified fingerprint or partial fingerprint retrieved from a crime scene.
- "NGI" means the FBI Next Generation Identification system-- the nation's largest and most efficient electronic repository of biometric and criminal history information. The NGI is a multimodal platform capable of evolving with future technological advances.
- "Unknown person" means a person whose identity is unknown or in question.

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"WIN" is the Western Identification Network, Inc. WIN is a centralized ABIS database located in Sacramento, California. It is shared by 8 central site members: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. It also provides interface capability to ABIS databases in California and the FBI NGI (Next Generation Identification) system.

### C. Search Procedure

- 1. Criminal cards are optically scanned into ABIS by fingerprint technicians or are electronically submitted by the arresting agency:
  - a. the system extracts minutia-point data from the print images and searches the minutia from incoming fingerprints against those in the database;
  - b. the new prints are registered into the system.
- 2. Applicant cards are submitted to ABIS for technical search to ascertain if matches of the fingerprint minutia are registered in the database.
- 3. The process is the same as for a criminal card; currently the applicant cards are not registered to the database, with the exception of Police Applicants.
- 4. Agencies may also submit 10-print fingerprint cards of unknown persons to BCI for search through ABIS to determine the identity of the unknown person.

### D. Match Confirmation/Validation Procedure for 10-Print Searches

- 1. When a 10-print fingerprint card search results in possible matches, a list of the possible candidate records is generated.
- 2. The fingerprint technician performing the search compares the searched prints and the candidate prints to determine if there is a match.
- 3. The technician prepares an Ident Report for the submitting agency detailing the search results on an unknown person.
- 4. Criminal and applicant card results are routed in accordance with established BCI workflow processing.

## E. Viewing Master Copies

- 1. The fingerprint cards maintained in the BCI ABIS system are the source documents for the Criminal History Database.
- 2. Examiners from outside agencies wishing to see the originals of BCI fingerprint cards for comparison purposes may view the cards at the BCI office:
  - a. examiners may receive a printed copy of electronic fingerprint cards from BCI;

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b.	examiners are encouraged to obtain a fresh set of the possible candidate's prints for case file purposes.

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