Criminal Gang Investigative Data System (Gang Pointer File) Audit Report

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Minnesota Statutes 299C.091, Criminal Gang Investigative Data System (also known as the Gang Pointer File), requires this report from Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Audit of data submitted to system

Minnesota Statutes 299C.091, Subd.4 (a), requires that "At least once every three years, the bureau shall conduct random audits of data under subdivision 2 that documents inclusion of an individual in, and removal of an individual from, the Gang Pointer File for the purpose of determining the validity, completeness, and accuracy of data submitted to the system. The bureau has access to the documenting data for purposes of conducting an audit. By October 1 of each year, the bureau shall submit a report on the results of the audits to the commissioner of public safety.

(b) If any audit requirements under federal rule or statute overlap with requirements in paragraph (a), the audit required by paragraph (a) may be done in conjunction with the federal audit to the extent they overlap. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate any audit requirements specified in this subdivision."

The BCA conducts an annual audit of the Minnesota Gang File. Each subject record in the file is reviewed during the audit process to determine if they have a conviction within the previous three-year review period.

The BCA Training and Auditing Unit is responsible for conducting audits of Minnesota law enforcement agencies that have entered subjects into the Gang Pointer File.

Report on data currently within the system

The following law enforcement agencies enter subjects in the Gang Pointer File:

- Cass County Sheriff's Office
- Metro Gang Strike Force (responsibility for subjects transitioned to BCA Investigations)
- Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office
- Willimar Police Department

The audit of the Gang Pointer File covered the period of September 2025 through August 2026. BCA Training and Auditing staff reviewed 20 criminal histories on those entries that are within the required three-year auditing period.

Out of the 20 records reviewed, five subjects did not have an additional criminal conviction and were purged accordingly from the Minnesota Gang File on Aug. 11, 2026. As of this date, 15 subjects remain in the Gang Pointer File.

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