

Selection.com President says National Background Check System Problems are Also Present in Volunteer Background Checks

A recent article by USA Today exposed some of the glaring issues with the government's National Background Check System, used for gun purchases. According to James Boeddeker, the President at Selection.com, some of those same FBI database issues plague the fingerprint process used for volunteers across the United States.

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According to the recent article by USA Today, millions of fugitives can pass undetected through federal background checks and buy guns illegally because police departments across the country routinely fail to put their names into a national database that tracks people on the run from the law. Yet despite years of attempts to shore up the government's National Instant Background Check System, enormous gaps remain, particularly when it comes to identifying fugitives. In five states alone, law enforcement agencies failed to provide information to the FBI about at least 2.5 million outstanding arrest warrants, police and court records show. Among them are tens of thousands of people wanted for violent offenses and other felonies. An [investigation last month by USA TODAY](#) found that tens of thousands of fugitives — including people on the run from charges of robbery, sexual assault and murder — could escape justice merely by crossing a state border. Those fugitives are responsible for a substantial share of violent crime. In Washington, for example, one of every six people charged with murder was already wanted by the police for another crime.

The USA Today article also states, in Ohio alone, state police know of 183,000 warrants that were not reported to the FBI. Other warrants aren't even reported to the state, said Les Reel, who supervises the state's fugitive database.

[Selection.com](#) has been helping their clients avoid risky hires for over 20 years. Their President, James Boeddeker, points out that much like the National Background Check System issues, state searches like fingerprints do not offer reciprocity with other states. This makes it easy for someone to cross state lines and hide their history. According to Boeddeker, "Fingerprint background checks will only show records where the person has been fingerprinted, thereby leaving out many fugitive files. In addition, many states don't report criminals to the FBI database because they're not willing to extradite them or pursue them across state lines. For that reason, it's important to have residence-based searches as part of a volunteer background check system." He continued, "Our national criminal database searches over 1,400 criminal repositories, making it harder for someone to cross state lines. With just one of our non-profit clients, we've proactively uncovered criminal records that had been previously missed by state and FBI fingerprint checks, thereby avoiding lawsuits for our clients."

Selection.com was started in 1991 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Selection.com provides a full range of employee screening background check reports including criminal background checks, employment verifications, education verifications, drug screenings and professional license verifications.

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