

Selection.com® Helps City Reduce Crime with Tenant Screening

Selection.com®'s recent tenant screening program for a local city has been a success. Selection.com® is a criminal background check company based out of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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In October 2014 Selection.com® announced a citywide program to help reduce crime by promoting pre-screening of potential tenants. One city in particular, agreed to provide their landlords with seed money to use in pre-screening their tenants.

In a recent article by the [Middletown Journal News](#) it was reported that earlier this year, to assist local landlords in leasing their properties to quality prospects, the city set aside \$5,000 for reduced-cost background checks. Selection.com® has prepared a report for prospective tenants that includes previous addresses, past due accounts, and credit score as well as a criminal check of more than 241 courts in Ohio.

In the first six months of this program, the effort has been successful. When reviewing criminal searches alone, **38% of tenants screened had undisclosed criminal violations**. After removing minor charges (failure to register dog, unspecified misdemeanors), the resulting applicants had a 31% hit rate including charges such as:

- Theft
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Failure to pay taxes
- Passing bad checks
- Burglary
- Domestic violence

Selection.com® President, James Boeddeker, stated, "By comparison, the national average for criminal hit rates is 18%. This means that landlords and community partners are well-served by performing tenant screenings. Our national criminal database searches over 1,100 criminal repositories, making it harder for tenants to hide criminal history."

Criminal research together with a tenant credit report helps property owners protect their investment and helps the community reduce crime.

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.

For further questions or to schedule an interview, contact Carl Brown at 513-522-8764, ext. 3030.

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