


## Adverse Filings

## Criminal Records

## State and Federal Criminal Records on Westlaw

## State Criminal Records

Westlaw includes criminal records from 37 states. These records are derived from court filings or department of corrections documents and indicate whether a criminal conviction or incarceration record exists for an individual. The types of information included vary by state, but a record may include the offender's name, date of birth, physical characteristics, offense information, sentence imposed, incarceration location, and probation information. The levels of offenses reported (felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, etc.) also vary by state. Each state criminal record on Westlaw represents a separate offense or crime, so multiple records may arise from a single incident that resulted in multiple charges.

Click the **Scope** icon (  ) on the database Search page for detailed information about the content of records from a particular state, and the levels of offenses reported in the database. The Scope page also includes search tips and important information about the legally permissible uses of information from the database.

For information about the starting date of coverage, currency, and frequency of updates, click **Coverage** on the database Search page. Criminal records can be searched with search templates or with the Terms and Connectors search method.

## Databases

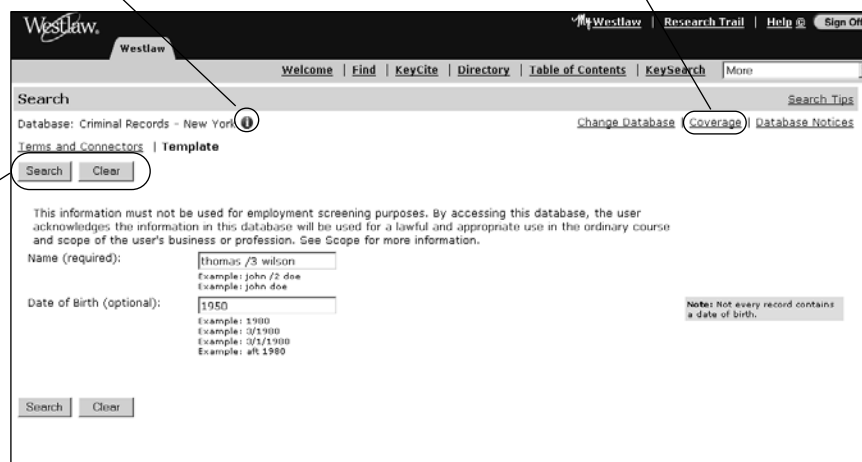
**Criminal Records–Combined (CRIM-ALL)**—Criminal records from 37 states and the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). The available states are AK, AR, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, TX, WA, WI, and VA. The CRIM-ALL database also includes federal criminal records from the Criminal Records–Federal (CRIM-FED) database.

**Criminal Records–Individual State (CRIM-XX)**—Criminal records from state and federal courts in the state, where XX is a state's two letter postal abbreviation.

Click the **Scope** icon for information about database contents, search tips, and information about legally permissible uses.

Click **Coverage** for information about starting date of coverage, currency, and frequency of updates.

Click **Terms and Connectors** to search with the Terms and Connectors search method.



The Search page in the CRIM-NY database



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For technical assistance, call West Customer Technical Support at **1-800-WESTLAW** (1-800-937-8529).

For search assistance, call the West Reference Attorneys at **1-800-REF-ATTY** (1-800-733-2889).

## Search Examples

- How can I find out if John Gacy, born in March, 1942, has a criminal record in the state of Illinois?

Access the Criminal Records–Illinois database (CRIM-IL), type **john /3 gacy** in the *Name* text box, type **3/1942** in the *Date of Birth* text box, and click **Search**.

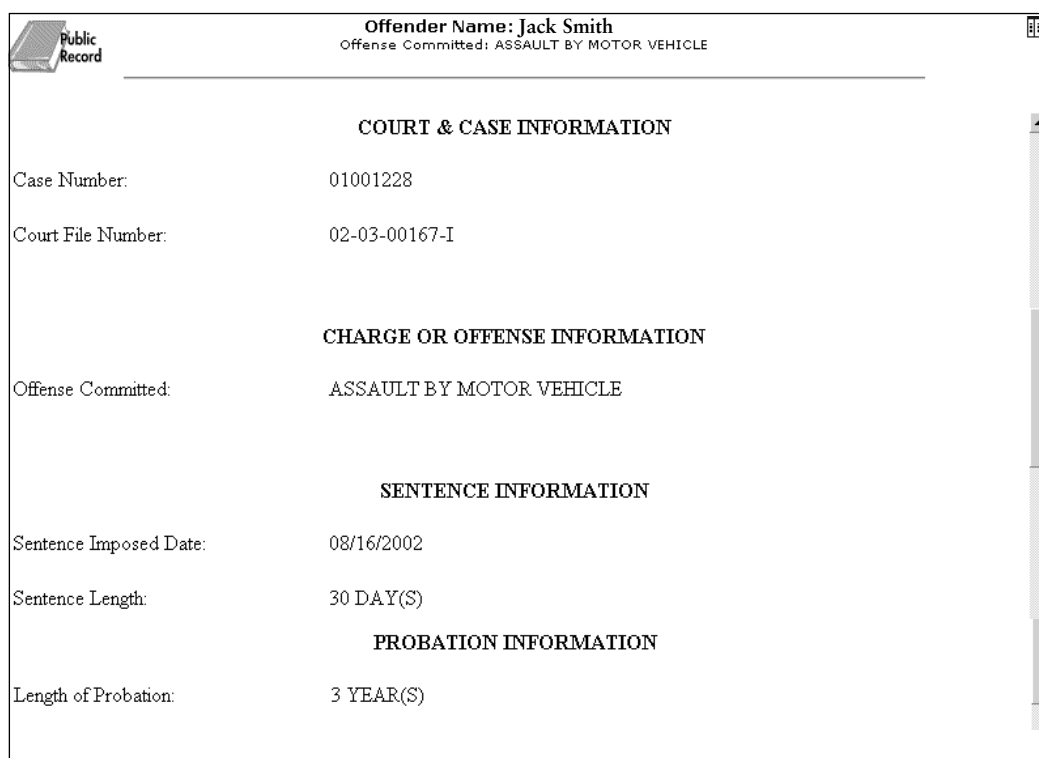
- I want to search for criminal records that name Theodore R. Bundy as the offender, but I am not sure in which state he may have been convicted. He was born in 1946. How can I search records from multiple states in one search?

Access the Criminal Records–All database (CRIM-ALL), type **theodore /3 bundy** in the *Name* text box, type **1946** in the *Date of Birth* text box and click **Search**.

- How can I research the length of sentences imposed in New Jersey for the offense of assault by motor vehicle, beginning with sentences imposed after 2001?

Access the Criminal Records–New Jersey database (CRIM-NJ), and click **Terms and Connectors** to select the Terms and Connectors search method. Restrict your search to the Offense-info field (off) and add a Sent-impos-Date field restriction (sid) to your query. Type **off(vehic! automobile /3 assault battery weapon) & sid(aft 2001)** in the *Terms and Connectors* text box and click **Search**.

Please note that different states use different terms to describe the same offense—if you are not sure of the exact term used for the offense, add possible alternative terms or abbreviations to your search, as shown in the assault by motor vehicle example.



The screenshot displays a public record for Jack Smith, with the offense committed being Assault by Motor Vehicle. The record is organized into several sections: Court & Case Information, Charge or Offense Information, Sentence Information, and Probation Information. The Case Number is 01001228 and the Court File Number is 02-03-00167-I. The sentence was imposed on 08/16/2002 for a length of 30 days. The probation period is 3 years.


| Public Record   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Offender Name: Jack Smith</b><br>Offense Committed: ASSAULT BY MOTOR VEHICLE |                          |
| <b>COURT &amp; CASE INFORMATION</b>   |                          |
| Case Number:  | 01001228                 |
| Court File Number:  | 02-03-00167-I            |
| <b>CHARGE OR OFFENSE INFORMATION</b>  |                          |
| Offense Committed:  | ASSAULT BY MOTOR VEHICLE |
| <b>SENTENCE INFORMATION</b>   |                          |
| Sentence Imposed Date:  | 08/16/2002               |
| Sentence Length:  | 30 DAY(S)                |
| <b>PROBATION INFORMATION</b>  |                          |
| Length of Probation:  | 3 YEAR(S)                |

A portion of a record retrieved from the CRIM-NJ database

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## Federal Criminal Records

Westlaw includes criminal records derived from filings made in the U.S. district courts. Records from most U.S. district courts are included in the database. A record typically contains the defendant's name; the court or case number; attorney information; verdict, conviction, or disposition information; and basic information on the sentence imposed.

Click the **Scope** icon (  ) on the database Search page to access the Scope page, which lists the courts included in the database, as well as search tips and important information about the legally permissible uses of database information.

Click **Coverage** on the database Search page for information on the currency of information provided by the various included courts, including the starting date of coverage, the last date updated, and the frequency of update.

Click **WestDocket** at the top of a record to view the current court docket sheet for the case. WestDocket may provide additional case information, including current status, filings, and additional parties. There is an additional charge to view WestDocket for the case.

## Databases

**Criminal Records–Combined (CRIM-ALL)**—Federal criminal records as available in the Criminal Records–Federal database (CRIM-FED), combined with state criminal records from 37 states and records from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). State records are available from the following states: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, TX, WA, WI, and VA.

**Criminal Records–Federal (CRIM-FED)**—Federal criminal records derived from criminal related filings made in the U.S. district courts. Most U.S. district courts are included in the database. The CRIM-FED database can be searched with search templates or the Terms and Connectors search method.

## Search Examples

- How can I find out if John Walker Lindh has been charged with a federal crime?

Access the Criminal Records–Federal database (CRIM-FED), type **john /3 walker /3 lindh** in the *Name* text box, type and click **Search**.

- How can I examine the records of cases in which Judge Michael Davis of the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, was the presiding judge and the charge involved the distribution of methamphetamine?

Access the Criminal Records–Federal database (CRIM-FED) and click **Terms and Connectors** to select the Terms and Connectors search method. Type **judge /3 michael /3 davis & methamphetamine** in the text box and click **Search**.

- How can I examine the dockets of cases prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Alice Martin in the Northern District of Alabama involving violations of 18 U.S.C.A. 1343?

Access the Criminal Records–Federal database (CRIM-FED) and click **Terms and Connectors** to select the Terms and Connectors search method, and add an attorney field restriction (at) to your search. Type **at(alice /2 martin) & (18 +10 1343) “fraud by wire” & “northern district of alabama”** in the text box and click **Search**.

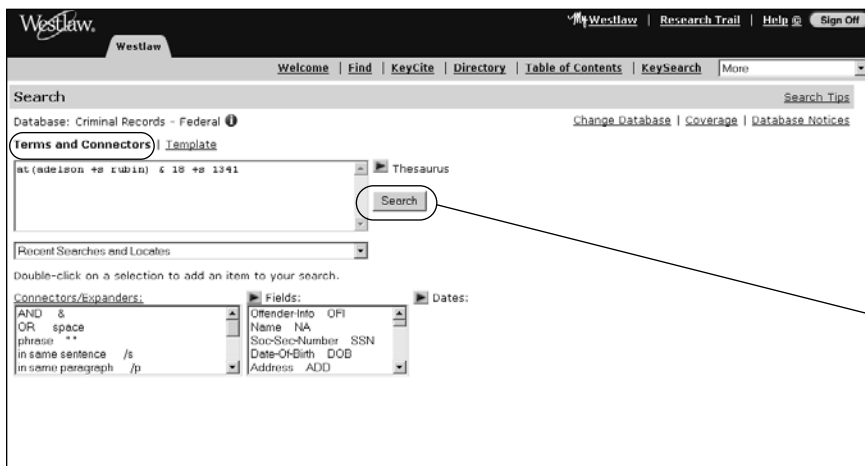
- How can I examine the records of cases in which attorney Joseph Friedberg is listed as defendant's counsel?

Access the Criminal Records–Federal database (CRIM-FED) and click **Terms and Connectors** to select the Terms and Connectors search method, and add an attorney field restriction (at) to your search. Type **at(joseph /2 friedberg)** and click **Search**.

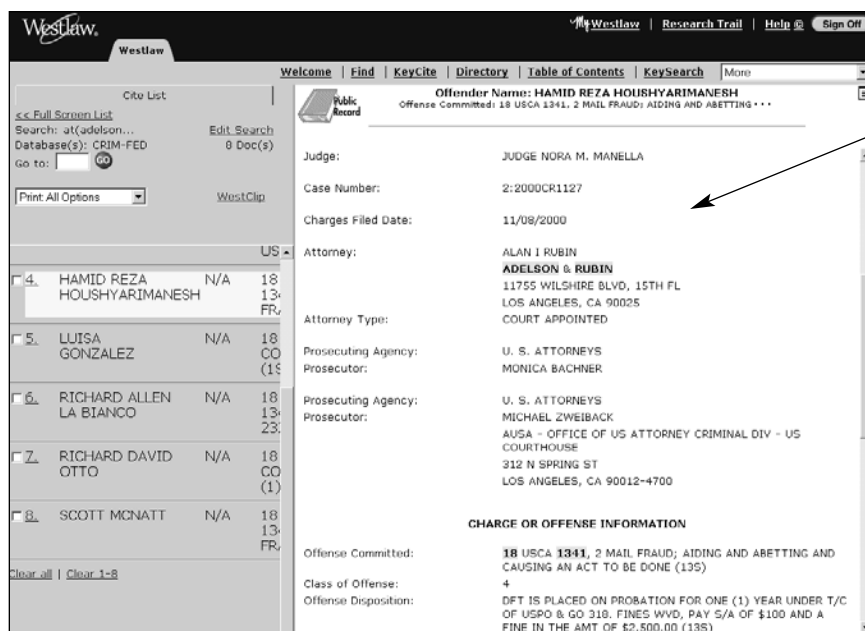
## Federal Criminal Records Search Example

To investigate whether a criminal record summary is available for a particular individual, simply type the individual's name in the *Name* text box and click **Search**.

For searches based on other criteria, use the Terms and Connectors search method. For example, suppose that you want to retrieve federal criminal records that list the law firm of Adelson and Rubin as the attorneys of-record in cases where violations of 18 U.S.C.A. 1341 are alleged. Access the CRIM-FED database, click **Terms and Connectors** to select the Terms and Connectors search method, and add an attorney field restriction (at) to your search. Type `at(adelson +3 rubin) & 18 +10 1341` and click **Search**.



| Rank | Name                       | Date of Birth | Offense                        | Offense Date | State |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1    | AARON TONKEN               | N/A           | 18 USCA 1341, 2; MAIL FRAUD; A | N/A          | CA    |
| 2    | AARON TONKEN               | N/A           | DEFENDANT IN VIOLATION OF      | N/A          | CA    |
| 3    | HAMID MANESH               | N/A           | DFTS IN VIOL OF 18 USCA 371 &  | N/A          | CA    |
| 4    | HAMID REZA HOUSHYARIMANESH | N/A           | 18 USCA 1341, 2 MAIL FRAUD; AI | N/A          | CA    |
| 5    | LUIISA GONZALEZ            | N/A           | 18 USCA 371 CONSPIRACY (1SS) 1 | N/A          | CA    |
| 6    | RICHARD ALLEN LA BIANCO    | N/A           | 18 USCA 1341; 2(B); 2326 MAIL  | N/A          | CA    |
| 7    | RICHARD DAVID OTTO         | N/A           | 18 USCA 371 CONSPIRACY (1)     | N/A          | CA    |
| 8    | SCOTT MCNATT               | N/A           | 18 USCA 1341 MAIL FRAUD (1 - 2 | N/A          | CA    |



Using the Terms and Connectors search method to retrieve federal criminal records that list a specified law firm as a lawyer for the defendant

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