



# CAUTION

## Threat to law enforcement

### NCIC Violent Persons File (VPF)

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*A new NCIC file that is automatically searched with an NCIC WANTED PERSONS QUERY (QW).*

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*The VPF is designed to alert law enforcement officers that the individual they are encountering may have the propensity for violence against law enforcement.*

## Description

An entry into the VPF should be made when at least one of the following criteria has been met:

1. The offender has been convicted of assault or murder/homicide of a law enforcement officer, fleeing, resisting arrest, or any such statute which involves violence against law enforcement.
2. The offender has been convicted of a violent offense against a person, including homicide and attempted homicide.
3. The offender has been convicted of a violent offense against a person, in which a firearm or weapon was used.
4. A law enforcement agency, based on its official investigatory duties, reasonably believes that the individual has seriously expressed his or her intent to commit an act of unlawful violence against a member of the law enforcement or criminal justice community.

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## Remarks

- There is no specific message key (MKE) to query the VPF; however, a wanted person inquiry will return a hit response on this file if a match occurs.
- A caution indicator can be added to the VPF record when it is known that a VPF subject is armed and dangerous, has suicidal tendencies, has previously escaped custody, is a drug addict, or whatever is appropriate to the particular circumstances. The reason for the caution will be listed in the Caution and Medical Conditions (CMC) Field.
- VPF records have an unlimited retention period. A VPF record will remain on file indefinitely or until action is taken by the entering agency to cancel the record.
- The following caveat alert will be part of all positive VPF responses.

**WARNING-A SUBJECT IN THIS RESPONSE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A VIOLENT OFFENDER OR A SERIOUS THREAT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. REVIEW THIS RESPONSE IN ITS ENTIRETY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. USE EXTREME CAUTION IN APPROACHING THIS INDIVIDUAL.**

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