White Paper

# Proving Identity Using LexisNexis® Identity Management Solutions

Do you know who you're talking to? Validate and authenticate identities with more confidence.

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Two of the most common requests asked by law enforcement officers of people that they contact are "License and registration, please" and "Identification please." It is usually the first step in trying to officially identify a detained individual, suspect, fugitive, a person's relative and/or associate, and a victim. The request is both lawful and simple but the person's response is often fraudulent and criminal.

Most states have penal code laws that are misdemeanors for providing false identification to a law enforcement officer. When the request for identification involves a vehicle stop, the laws apply to supplying a false name, fake/counterfeit/borrowed driver's license and/or vehicle registration, or any answer to a question that the individual knows that the answer is not true. Similarly, making false statements in applications for government issued licenses, identification or credentials is cause for denial and potential charges of perjury.

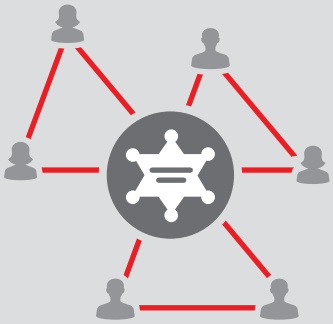
The motives for furnishing false identity information to a law enforcement officer are many. The individual may be a fugitive from justice with outstanding arrest warrants. The driver's license may be revoked, suspended, expired, or not even issued. The person might not have a valid, government issued identification but only present a credit card, membership, religious document, or other generic "proof" of who they claim to be.

Even if the individual is arrested, they may be able to keep their true identity secret if they can bail out of jail before their fingerprints are validated. Finally, the person may want to avoid being discovered on a "watch list" or they may resist presenting any form of identification by claiming to be "sovereign citizens."

While claiming false identity to avoid arrest is a serious problem, of more concern to a law enforcement agency (LEA) is wrongful incarcerations due to misidentifications of individuals. In one large sheriff's department, 1,450 people were wrongfully arrested over a 5 year period. Wrongful incarcerations are due to an incomplete Record Management System that officers query, stolen identifications, and descriptive information about the arrested individual that is not precise. The cost to an LEA is both in professional reputation and financial settlements from law suits.

Today, law enforcement officers use a variety of methods to identify people that they encounter. Official record checks via police dispatchers can search licenses, registrations, criminal history, wanted persons, registered sex offenders, firearms ownership, restraining orders, parole and probation status, and some mental health commitments. Additionally, only a very few agencies have mobile thumbprint devices for patrol officers as well as facial recognition software in the officer's vehicle.

LexisNexis® has over 15.4 billion consumer records and 8.4 billion unique name and address combinations from thousands of independent sources.



Accurint Mobile from LexisNexis utilizes two key identity proofing solutions called Instant Verify and Instant Authenticate to aid in positive identification of individuals. Instant Authenticate leverages "knowledge based authentication" (KBA), a process that quickly queries billions of public records to provide the officer with verified data on the identity that is purported.

Instant Authenticate involves three steps to discerning true identity: Discover, Verify, and Authenticate. The officer discovers identity when the person presents them with identifying documents and information, and it becomes subject data input. The identity presented is then searched through the 40 plus years of bundled public record data of LexisNexis to verify that the identity truly does exist. To confirm that the individual presenting the verified identity is in fact that person, Instant Authenticate presents a short 3 to 5 question authentication quiz related to that identity that the individual should be able to answer.

Questions on the quiz can range in topics from current and prior addresses, cities and states lived in, relatives and associates, property ownership including vehicles and boats, roommates that shared an address, and student information. The questions are designed by the law enforcement agency and customized for a passing score.

Instant Authenticate can be easily downloaded to any Smartphone or tablet device. It is available to officers on patrol and working field investigations.

Our identity management solutions can help prevent fraud, reduce mistaken identities, lower the incidence of false arrest, validate fugitive and wanted person captures, prevent early release of the wrong prisoner, and help the involved law enforcement agencies avoid or defeat law suits. Utilizing Instant Authenticate and the KBA process is yet another LexisNexis tool to enhance officer safety and get One Step Closer to solving crimes.

For increased security, LexisNexis authentication solutions are built on a dynamic decision engine, giving you control of the frequency of the question categories used, how often those questions appear and the weight given to each correct answer in each quiz.

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