



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of Criminal Justice Information Services  
CORI Unit

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### Deceased Individual Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Request Form

Use this form for requesting CORI under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 6, § 178B. This form may be submitted by anyone seeking to obtain CORI information on a deceased individual.

A money order or bank issued Cashier's or Treasurer's check in the amount of **\$50.00 made out to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and proof of death** (in the form of a death certificate or a newspaper article/obituary) must accompany this form. These are the only acceptable forms of payment. **Do not send cash, personal checks, or business checks.** This form, along with the accompanying payment and proof of death, must be mailed to the address above, **Attn: CORI unit.**

**Requestor Details**

Type or print clearly. Complete this section with your information. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) MUST be completed.

\* First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Last **SIX** digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_  
\* Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing/Email Address**

\* Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt. # or Suite: \_\_\_\_\_ \*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR:**

**Check here to receive results electronically via secure email. Results will not be mailed.**

\* Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are submitting this request on behalf of an organization, complete the sections below.

\* Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Is this a media organization?  Yes  No  
\* Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt. # or Suite: \_\_\_\_\_ \*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Details**

Complete this section with the information of the deceased person whose CORI you are requesting.

\* First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
Former Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Former Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Last **SIX** digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_  
Parent 1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent 2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms and Conditions

By submitting a request for CORI using this form, the Requestor agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions and any and all other guidelines, disclaimers, rules, and privacy statements within this agreement, collectively referred to as "Terms and Conditions." All Terms and Conditions contained herein apply only to obtaining information from the DCJIS.

1. As referenced in these terms and conditions, the terms below shall have the following meanings:
  - a. CRA: Consumer Reporting Agency
  - b. CRRB: The Criminal Record Review Board
  - c. CORI: Criminal Offender Record Information
  - d. DCJIS: The Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services
  - e. iCORI service: The internet-based service used to request and obtain CORI and self audits.
  - f. Requestor: A registered user of the iCORI service and any additional authorized users for the requestor's account. Requestor, as used in these terms, also includes Consumer Reporting Agency requestors. Requestor, as used in these terms, also includes any individual who requests or obtains CORI or a self-audit report from DCJIS using a paper form.
2. Obtaining CORI from DCJIS by using this form is subject to Massachusetts General Law and to Federal law, including, but not limited to, M.G.L. c.6, §§ 167-178B (the CORI Law), M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 (the Public Records Law), M.G.L. c. 266, § 120F (Unauthorized use of a computer), and any current or future laws applicable to the use of computer systems or personal information. The penalties for violations of these laws include both civil and criminal penalties.
3. A requestor may only request the level of CORI access authorized by statute or the DCJIS for the type of request being submitted. A requestor who submits a CORI request using an access level higher than that authorized for the type of request being submitted will be in violation of the CORI law and DCJIS regulations and may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties.
4. An individual or entity who knowingly requests, obtains, or attempts to obtain CORI or a self-audit from the DCJIS under false pretenses, or who knowingly communicates, or attempts to communicate, CORI to any individual or entity except in accordance with the CORI law and DCJIS regulations, or who knowingly falsifies CORI or any records relating thereto, or who requests or requires a person to provide a copy of his or her CORI except as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6, § 172, shall, for each offense, be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. In the case of an entity that is not a natural person, the amount of the fine may not be more than \$50,000.00. In the case of such a violation involving juvenile delinquency records, an individual or entity shall, for each offense, be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$7,500.00. In the case of an entity that is not a natural person, the amount of the fine may not be more than \$75,000.00.

5. Neither the DCJIS nor the CRRB shall be liable in any civil or criminal action due to any CORI or self-audit report that is disseminated by the DCJIS or the CRRB, including any information that is false, inaccurate, or incorrect, because it was erroneously entered by the court or the Office of the Commissioner of Probation.
6. CORI results are based on an exact match of the information provided by the requestor to information as it appears in the CORI database. Requestors are responsible for providing accurate information for the subject requested. In addition, it is the requestor's responsibility to compare the CORI or self-audit results received from the iCORI service to the subject's personal identifying information to ensure that the results match this information. The DCJIS is not liable for any errors or omissions in the CORI results based on a requestor's submission of inaccurate, incorrect, or incomplete subject information. Furthermore, NO REFUNDS of CORI fees will be provided because of data entry errors or other errors or omissions made by the requestor.
7. Each requestor who submits 5 or more background checks annually must have a written CORI policy. Each requestor is responsible for adopting its own CORI policy. The DCJIS publishes a model CORI policy on its website that may be adopted for use by requestors. If this requirement applies to a requestor, the requestor agrees that at the time of submission of any CORI request, it has adopted a CORI policy.
8. The requestor agrees that he/she has reviewed and understands all training materials regarding the CORI process and CORI requirements available from the DCJIS. Requestors are solely responsible for reviewing and understanding the training materials provided by the DCJIS.
9. Requestors who seek to receive the standard or required level of access to CORI for employment, housing, licensing, or volunteer purposes must ensure that the following are completed prior to submitting a CORI request:
  - a. Completion of a CORI Acknowledgement Form for each subject to be checked;
  - b. Verification of the identity of the subject using an acceptable form of government issued identification;
  - c. Obtaining the subject's signature on the CORI Acknowledgement Form;
  - d. Signing and dating the CORI Acknowledgement Form certifying that the subject was properly identified; and
  - e. Confirming that the requestor is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
10. All requestors, including those that request CORI through a CRA, must comply with 803 C.M.R. 2.00 and, if applicable, 803 C.M.R. 5.00. In addition, CRAs are also responsible for ensuring compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act and with DCJIS regulation 803 CMR 11.00.

11. A requestor that uses CORI to commit a crime against, or to harass, another individual is subject to the criminal penalties set forth in M.G.L. c. 6, §178 ½, including imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year and a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. The DCJIS and the CRRB disclaim any liability for the improper use or dissemination of information obtained through the iCORI service.
12. Requestors are subject to audit at any time by the DCJIS and may be asked to produce documentation to demonstrate compliance with these provisions and with DCJIS regulations (803 CMR 2.00-11.00 et seq.).
13. No information obtained from the iCORI service or from DCJIS personnel regarding use of the iCORI service shall be construed as legal advice.
14. The DCJIS reserves the right to alter, amend, or discontinue any feature of the iCORI service or the conditions of its use at any time. Any such changes will be announced on the iCORI service and/or the DCJIS website in advance. The user is subject to the terms of use in effect at the time of his/her agreement. The DCJIS and the CRRB shall not be liable for any damages associated with use of this site.
15. These Terms and Conditions are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the laws of the United States, without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law. If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is determined to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered void. The remaining provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.
16. By submitting a request for CORI to the DCJIS, I affirm that I have read and understand these Terms and Conditions. Further, I acknowledge, agree to, and am bound by, these Terms and Conditions, as well as by M.G.L. c. 6, §§ 167-178B, inclusive, and 803 CMR 2.00-11.00, inclusive.