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**Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS)  
Statement Regarding the Release of Information  
on  
Firearms Licensees and Firearms Owners**

The DCJIS Firearms Records Bureau is statutorily responsible for the maintenance of records of all individuals licensed to possess firearms within the Commonwealth. In addition, the FRB maintains records of all firearms sold, transferred, or registered in the state. These records are maintained within the Massachusetts Instant Record Check System, more commonly known as MIRCS.

The following is an excerpt from the Massachusetts Public Records law ([M.G.L. c. 66, § 10\(d\)](#)) regarding firearms license and ownership information:

The commissioner of the department of criminal justice information services, the department of criminal justice information services and its agents, servants, and attorneys including the keeper of the records of the firearms records bureau of said department, or any licensing authority, as defined by chapter one hundred and forty shall not disclose any records divulging or tending to divulge the names and addresses of persons who own or possess firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns and ammunition therefore, as defined in said chapter one hundred and forty and names and addresses of persons licensed to carry and/or possess the same to any person, firm, corporation, entity or agency except criminal justice agencies as defined in chapter six and except to the extent such information relates solely to the person making the request and is necessary to the official interests of the entity making the request.

Therefore, based upon state law as cited above, the DCJIS will not disclose the names and addresses of those who possess firearms licenses or firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, or ammunition to ANY individual or entity. The only exception to this policy is that such information will be disclosed to law enforcement and criminal justice organizations and personnel when that data is sought for legitimate criminal justice purposes.