

STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

CRIMINAL ARREST FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENTS

1. Criminal justice agencies must fingerprint and forward one state and one federal fingerprint card to the State Bureau of Identification without delay in the following circumstances:
 - a. When an adult is arrested for an indictable offense (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15)
 - b. When an adult is arrested for a violation of any state law relating to narcotics or dangerous drugs, whether indictable or otherwise (N.J.S.A. 53:1-18.1)
 - c. Within a reasonable time after the filing of a complaint summons by a law enforcement officer charging the adult defendant with an indictable offense (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15)
 - d. When an adult is arrested for shoplifting or prostitution (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15)
 - e. When an adult is convicted of a nonindictable offense and the identity of the person convicted is in question (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15) [List the disposition on the front of the state criminal fingerprint card; the sentence and date on the back of the fingerprint card]
 - f. When an adult is charged in an indictment/accusation and has not been arrested or fingerprinted for the charges (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15) [List the indictment/accusation number in the appropriate block on the front of the state fingerprint card]
 - g. When an adult is arrested and believed to be wanted for an indictable offense or believed to be a habitual criminal (N.J.S.A. 53:1-15)
 - h. When a person is sentenced to a penal institution as the result of a conviction for a crime, shoplifting, prostitution, or drug offense (N.J.S.A. 53:1-14)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- i. When a person is arrested for any domestic violence offense where ANY of the following four circumstances are met: (1) victim exhibits signs of injury caused by an act of domestic violence; (2) a warrant is in effect; (3) there is probable cause to believe that the person has violated a judicial order in N.J.S.A. 2C:29-9 AND there is probable cause to believe that the person has been served with that order; (4) there is probable cause to believe that a weapon as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1 has been involved in the act of domestic violence
- j. Additionally, any person CONVICTED of assault or harassment, (i.e. a private citizen complaint with no law enforcement involvement) which resulted from an act of domestic violence, must be fingerprinted

JUVENILE FINGERPRINTING

- k. When a juvenile, age 14 or older, is charged on the basis of an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime (N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-61.a(3))
- l. When a juvenile is referred to superior court to be handled as an adult (Attorney General's opinion)
- m. When a juvenile, age 13 or under, is adjudicated delinquent in family court on the basis of an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime (N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-61c and d, 53:1-15) [List the disposition on the front of the state criminal fingerprint card, the sentence and date on the back of the fingerprint card]

NOTE: Questions can be addressed to the State Bureau of Identification, at (609) 882-2000, extension 2467