

FIREARMS TRANSACTION CENTER

A UNIQUE FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (UFIN) WILL BE PROVIDED TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE DENIED, FOR USE IN FUTURE FIREARM PURCHASES. THE NUMBER SHOULD BE RELAYED TO THE VTFP THROUGH THE FIREARMS DEALER AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. ALTHOUGH A COMPLETE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION CHECK WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE, THE UFIN WILL PROMPT US TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE APPEALS FILE FOR QUICK TURNOVER OF YOUR TRANSACTION.

INTRODUCING THE UFIN

Virginia Firearms Transaction Program

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION CHECK, REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF A FIREARM IN VIRGINIA, IS ACCOMPLISHED BY A NAME CHECK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASER'S SEX, RACE, AND DATE OF BIRTH. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO RECEIVE A "HIT" RESPONSE WHEN WE QUERY THE NATIONAL AND STATE DATABASES DUE TO SIMILAR PERSONAL DESCRIPTORS OF THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER AND THOSE LISTED ON AN ARREST RECORD. WHEN THIS OCCURS, RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER MAY BE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED IN THESE FILES; AND IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS A FIREARM. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD TO INCLUDE NUMEROUS ALIAS NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH.

UPON NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED DENIAL, THE FIREARMS DEALERS SHOULD ADVISE THE DENIED INDIVIDUAL OF THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISION. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE DENIED INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS FOR COMPARISON WITH THE FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN THE PROHIBITING CRIMINAL RECORD.

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL TAKING THE FINGERPRINTS MUST DOCUMENT ON AGENCY LETTERHEAD PAPER THAT HE OR SHE HAS REVIEWED THE INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AND OBTAINED THE FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS. THE LETTER AND FINGERPRINTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE MANAGER, FIREARMS TRANSACTION CENTER.

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The UFIN is valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia only. To request a UPIN (Unique Personal Identification Number) for nationwide use, please contact the FBI NICS Operations Section Customer Service at 1-877-444-6427 for information on the Voluntary Appeals File.