### The Basics of Background Checks and Drug Testing

## PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYERS WHO WANT TO KNOW

### TYPES OF POPULAR BACKGROUND CHECKS

- <u>CRIMINAL HISTORY</u>\*
  - County / State / National / International
- Motor Vehicle Reports (Driver Records)
- Social Security Number Validation
- Employment and Educational Verifications
- Drug Testing



## CRIMINAL RECORDS

- County Level Searches
- Statewide Criminal Searches
- National Multi-Jurisdictional (Databases)
- Federal Criminal Searches
- Jurisdiction, Case Description, Disposition, Disposition Date typically provided



### NATIONAL CRIMINAL DATABASES

- Social Security Number Validation w/ Address History and names used list
- National Criminal Database Search\*
- National Sex Offender Search
- \*Criminal records found should be confirmed at county level
- <u>ALL NAMES SEARCHED</u>



#### EXAMPLE OF SEARCH FOR ALL NAMES

- Name provided is PALMER.
- The Product searches all names associated with the SSN
- Able to retrieve records under the applicant's maiden name, BARNES.

#### **REPORT INFORMATION**

#### FIRST NAME: CATHERINE

#### DOB: 2/15/xxxx

LAST NAME: PALMER

ALERT: SSN IS PRESUMED TO BE VALID. Issued in CA - Issued In Year 1988-1988

#### **CRIMINAL INFORMATION**

#### POSSIBLE CASE(S) LOCATED. RECOMMEND COUNTY SEARCH(ES) IN THESE LOCATIONS:

CASE NUMBER: 044-TR 9802209 CITATION JURISDICTION: OK AOC Criminal Data OFFENDER INFO NAME: BARNES,CATHERINE A DOB: 02/15/1977 SSN: GENDER: UNKNOWN EYE COLOR: UNKNOWN HAIR COLOR: WEIGHT: 000 HEIGHT: 000 ADDRESS: 744 ELM AVE ,NORMAN OK 73069 CASE NUMBER: 044-TR 9802209 CITATION COMMENTS: Case#: 044-TR 9802209 Citation #: C411506

### WHY DATABASE SEARCHES?

- Searches hundreds of criminal jurisdictions nationwide as well as sex offender databases
- OFAC SDN List, the FBI Terrorist List and Federal/State/Local Wanted Fugitive Lists
- ALL names and addresses are searched through criminal and sex offender databases

### FEDERAL CRIMINAL SEARCHES

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## CRIMINAL MONITORING



- Monitor employees and volunteers criminal records
- National Database Monitoring (30 days) / NC is everyday
- E-mail notification when record is discovered
- HIGHEST LEVEL OF <u>DUE</u>
   <u>DILIGENCE!</u>

### DRIVER RECORDS



- Official DMV and BMV data sources
- Issue/Expiration Dates, Current Status, Any Points or Accidents

Ohio specific, effective July 2, 2018, customers have the option to choose between a Compliant DL-ID and a Standard DL-ID





### DRUG TESTING





Clinical Lab Based and On-Site
 Testing kits – Urine / Hair / Saliva

• Department Of Transportation (DOT) Collections and Breath Alcohol Tests

### COMPARISON OF DRUG TESTING METHODS

Туре	Pros	Cons	Window of Detection
Urine	*Most reliable results *Least expensive *Most flexibility in testing different drugs, alcohol & nicotine *Most likely of all methods to withstand legal challenge	*Specimen can be adulterated, substituted or diluted *Limited window of detection	*Typically 1 to 5 days, THC may be longer
Hair	*Longer window of detection *Greater specimen stability *Can measure chronic use *Easy to ship and store *More difficult to adulterate than urine	*Most expensive *Test usually limited to basic 5 drugs *Cannot detect alcohol use *Will not detect recent drug use. (1 to 7 days prior to test)	*Depends on length of hair. Hair growth = half an inch per month. Specimen shows 3 month history
Oral Fluids	*Sample obtained under direct observation *Minimal risk of tampering & collected in any environment *Can detect alcohol use *Reflects recent drug use	*Drugs and metabolites do not remain in oral fluids as long as in urine *Less efficient in detecting THC *Sample dries out, multiple sample testing not practical *More expensive than urine testing	*Approx. 10 to 24 hours

### MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER: MRO

- MRO will confirm POSITIVE results from the lab through communication with the donor and the doctor and/or the pharmacy
- Recommended all POSITIVE results be sent to the MRO



### The Legal Truth

### SIMPLIFYING THE COMPLICATED LAWS OF CBD AND THC

- Marijuana is listed as a Schedule 1 Drug on the Controlled Substances Act
  - Most potential for abuse and dependenceNo medicinal qualities

  - Doctors cannot "prescribe" a <u>Schedule 1</u> drug
- The federal government still considers marijuana and CBD products derived from marijuana in almost any form to be illegal
  - Epidiolex is the only CBD derived product from marijuana approved by the FDA
- At the federal level, CBD in food and drink is still illegal. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act prohibits adding even approved drugs to human or animal food in interstate commerce



### EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATIONS

- <u>This report verifies the following information:</u>
- Dates of Employment
- Position Held
- Salary Earned, when available
- Additional information provided by employer





### EDUCATION VERIFICATIONS

- Verification of degrees at ALL levels
- Colleges and Universities
- Provides the dates attended, diploma earned and date of graduation





### EMPLOYMENT INSIGHT CREDIT CHECKS

- Employment Insight<sup>SM</sup> helps you make better employee hiring decisions by quickly and cost-effectively providing objective and factual credit information.
- Employment Insight is a SOFT hit to an applicants credit and therefore does not provide a FICO score.
- FCRA compliant and provides insight into an applicant's integrity and responsibility toward his or her financial obligations.





- Wells Fargo Bank has agreed to a settlement of \$12 million to resolve a class action lawsuit after denying employment to a job applicant based on the results of a background check report.
- Applicant claims he was not given a copy of his background check report and other disclosures at least five business days before he was denied employment
- "<u>Adverse Action Class</u>," includes approximately 6,254 individuals, and the "<u>Impermissible Use</u> <u>Class</u>," which includes more than 244,000 individuals.

### 5 STEPS TO STAY OUT OF COURT



### END USER: DISCLOSURE

<u>The Disclosure must:</u>

- 1. Be Clear and Conspicuous in writing
- 2. NOT be oral
- 3. NOT buried or in small font
- 4. Consist solely of Disclosure
- 5. NOT part of the application
- 6. Made when the applicant applies for job or commences job
- Blanket Disclosure for duration of employment is acceptable

### END USERS: AUTHORIZATION

#### Authorization must be obtained from consumer

- 1. Must be in writing
- 2. May be on the Disclosure
- 3. Blank Authorization for duration is acceptable
- 4. FCRA does not prohibit employer taking adverse action if consumer declines

### WHAT IS ADVERSE ACTION?

Adverse Action is any action taken that is adverse to interests of consumer

- End Users 15 USC 1681m
  - Provide oral, written or electronic notice
  - Provide consumer with report(s)
  - Provide Summary of Rights

## ADVERSE ACTION: FOR EMPLOYMENT

For Employment Adverse Action – More stringent with requirements before adverse action is taken

- 1. **PRE**-Adverse Action Notice
  - a) Copy of Report
  - b) Summary of Rights
- 2. Waiting Requirement "Reasonable" amount of time
  - Recommend 1 week or 5 business days
- 3. **POST** Adverse Action 15 USC 1681m (a)
  - a) Notice of Adverse Action
  - b) Consumer Report(s)
  - c) Summary of Rights

# QUESTIONS?

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