

**Department of the Attorney General Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center** 

**Criminal History Records Search & Ordering** (eCRIM)

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Challenges & Objectives



Solution



Metrics & Successes



## (i) Background

- The Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) is a division of the Department of the Attorney General, and maintains the adult criminal history database for the State of Hawaii
- Businesses, nonprofits, and individuals need a means to determine if e.g., potential employees or volunteers have a criminal record
- In the past, there was a significant cost to obtain that information, for both the agency and the public



# Challenges & Objectives

- Obtaining conviction records was a multi-day process
  - Public requests were made at the office or at police stations, involving a drive, parking, and wait time for users
  - o These requests took 3 5 days to fulfill manually, costing many hours of staff time
  - Records were provided on paper, adding another cost
- HCJDC wanted to fulfill these requests but there was a high cost to do so
  - Goal of moving from manual fulfillment to automatic fulfillment to decrease the time for the public to submit requests and receive results as well as time for HCJDC fulfillment of requests
  - Streamline the process to allow staff to focus on other responsibilities



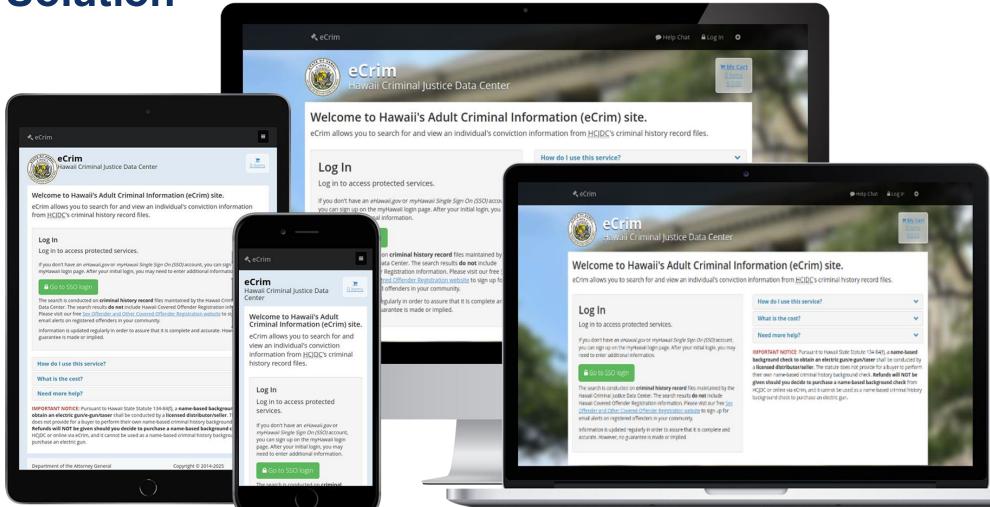
### Launch of eCRIM web application in September 2005

- Allows users to search the HCJDC database based on name, gender, date of birth, and/or social security number
- Transformed the process of searching for and obtaining certified criminal records
- No need to visit offices, eliminating significant time and labor for both users and staff
  - o The public can log in 24/7, conduct a search, review results, select records and purchase certified records without a wait or reliance on staff
- The system now records over 150,000 transactions annually, with over half a million dollars in statutory fee collection

### Steps to use eCRIM

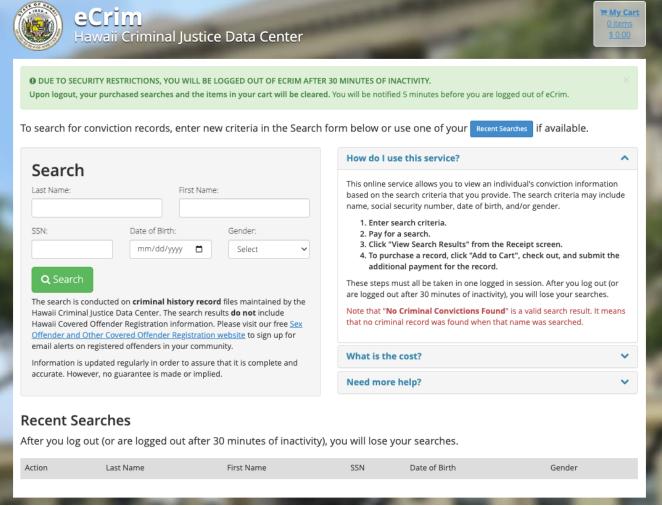
- Users enter their search criteria, purchase the search and view a list of possible matches
- From the search results, users select record(s) of interest and can purchase a certified PDF of a record that can be validated for up to 60 days after purchase







Search Logged In (Last name and first initial is required if no SSN)



#### Search Criteria Confirmation

Please confirm the search criteria below. Last Name: TESTER First Name: TESTING The search fee is non-refundable. Important Note to eCrim Users How eCrim works: 1. Payment for Searches and for Copies of Certified Records: There is a \$5 nonrefundable search that is paid prior to each search. The search will provide a broad listing of possible matches. For a certified copy of any record selected after the search results are returned, there is an additional \$12 fee for each certified record. 2. Search Results: eCrim does not perform an "Exact Match" search, but instead is designed to return a broad list of possible matches to allow the user to determine if there is a match or not. A broad search is done because offenders may give false information at the time of arrest. The search criteria is also applied against alias information associated with the conviction record. Searches are completed using a "Sounds Like" search for the last name and a "First Initial" search for the first name. Multiple results may be returned. If a date of birth or a social security number is included in the search, the records returned may not exactly match all criteria specified in the search. ☐ I understand that my search may return multiple records that are not an exact match, and an additional \$12 fee for each certified record will be required for each record I choose to purchase. ★ Cancel

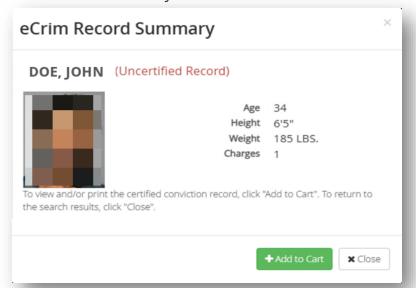
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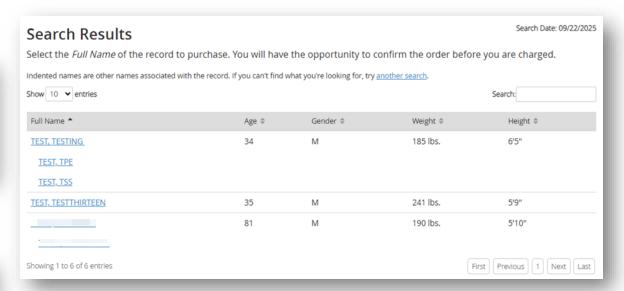
Please print this receipt for your records and click View Search Results below to complete the transaction.

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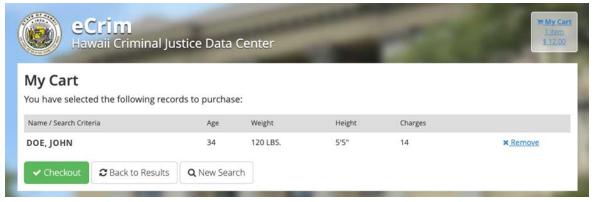
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#### Record Summary





#### Add to Cart / My Cart / Checkout





### Metrics & Successes

- Realtime access to criminal conviction information
  - eCRIM pulls search results from the HCJDC database
- Redesigned in 2014 and additional work done in 2025
  - Look and feel improved, introduced responsiveness and ease of use for mobile devices in 2014
  - In 2025, made usability adjustments for search result displays, and improved instructions and design
- One of top services in terms of number of transactions
  - 118,034 Total Searches in 2025
  - 36,201 Total Records Purchased in 2025



