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**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*

*Criminal History Records Database, Warrants Database, and Traffic Crash Reporting System Within the Criminal Justice Information Center Michigan Department of State Police*

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*The purpose of the Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC) is to provide accurate, comprehensive, and timely information and analysis for criminal justice and public safety purposes. The enactment of legislation in recent years has made the accuracy of criminal records vital not only to criminal justice agencies but also to citizens and private sector businesses.*

***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of CJIC's efforts to ensure the accuracy of the Criminal History Records Database (CHRD).

***Audit Conclusion:***

We concluded that CJIC's efforts to ensure the accuracy of CHRD were effective and efficient. However, we noted one reportable condition (Finding 1).

***Reportable Condition:***

CJIC had not implemented a complete performance measurement process to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of its efforts in ensuring accurate CHRD data (Finding 1).

***Noteworthy Accomplishments:***

From 2004 to 2007, CJIC worked with local law enforcement agencies, county prosecutors, and courts to automate the reporting process for CHRD. In addition, CJIC encouraged local law enforcement

agencies to use Live Scan devices when performing fingerprinting and created interfaces between local systems and CHRD. As a result, over 97% of arrests, charges, and dispositions are reported to CHRD electronically. This initiative improved timeliness and accuracy as CHRD data had one point of entry, thus reducing the possibility of errors.

In addition, beginning in 2007, CJIC collaborated with the State Court Administrative Office to create a reporting mechanism between the Judicial Data Warehouse, local courts, and CHRD. As a result, CJIC located over 43,000 missing dispositions and electronically added them to CHRD. This initiative greatly improved the completeness of records in CHRD.

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***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of CJIC's efforts to ensure the validity of warrants in the Warrants Database.

**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that CJIC's efforts to ensure the validity of warrants in the Warrants Database were effective and efficient. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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**Audit Objective:**

To assess the efficiency of CJIC's maintenance of the Traffic Crash Reporting System (TCRS).

**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that CJIC was moderately efficient in maintaining TCRS. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 2).

**Reportable Condition:**

CJIC should increase the emphasis on potential cost savings when evaluating grant applications from local law enforcement agencies. Also, CJIC should evaluate the effectiveness of previous grant awards results. (Finding 2)

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**Agency Response:**

Our audit report contains 2 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations. CJIC's preliminary response indicated that it agrees with all of the recommendations.

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