National Instant Criminal Search ("NICS") Database

- NICS Collects Data from other sources
- Database summarizes post judicial disqualifications
- Search of data collected for the purpose of approval of a firearm purchase for a
 - o Convicted felon;
 - o a fugitive of justice;
 - an unlawful user and/or an addict of any controlled substance;
 - a person adjudicated mental defective or involuntarily committed to a mental institution by an outside court
 - The subject of a protective order issued after a hearing in which the respondent had notice that restrains them from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such partner (excluding ex parte orders);
- Used to clear or deny of purchase of new firearm.
- No referral for seizure of all weapons owned or possessed.
- Criminal act is in trying to purchase a firearm.

Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") Database

- DCJS both collects data and makes its own findings of "ineligibility"
- Data sources include many non-judicial sources and ex parte sources without notice to individual affected
 - Mental Health data from psychiatrists, physicians, registered nurses or social workers (Mental Hygiene Law § 9.46)
 - The" Director of Community Services" or his designee makes a report pursuant to § 9.46 of the Mental Hygiene Law, the Division of Criminal Justice Series shall convey such information, (Mental Health Law § 9.46)
 - Is the subject of an ex parte Temporary Order of Protection before a hearing.
 (Family Court Act § 842-a)
 - Failure to renew a pistol license or recertify registration (Penal Law § 400.00(10)(b))
 - Being "ineligible for a pistol license" a any time (Penal Law § 400.00(11))
- DCJS then uses this Database to trigger a Penal Law Section 400 "removal" of all "weapons" in the home under Penal Law §400.02 (No warrant or Due Process)
- "all weapons owned or possessed by such individual <u>shall be removed</u> consistent with the provisions" of Penal Law 400.00(11) (Penal Law § 400.02)
- Police have no discretion (1) in the "ineligible" determination; or (2) decision remove weapons.
- Permits NYS Police to conduct the Penal Law § 400 removals if local police not willing.

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APPEALS PROCESS	 Individuals who are denied the purchase of a firearm may request that the NICS or the state that processed their transaction provide the reasons for the denial. An appeal can be filed with the the NICS Transaction Number (NTN) assigned to their transaction via the NICS Appeal website, fax or mail. 	 No Appeal Process for DCJS ineligibility No process to return rifles and shotguns For ineligibility based upon MHL § 9.46 report, the record stays on the DCJS Database (Executive Law § 837(19)) May seek a Certificate of Relief From Disabilities (Mental Hygiene Law § 7.09(j)
DESTRUCTION OF INFORMATION	 The privacy and security of the information in the NICS is of great importance. (See NICS Website) Data stored in the NICS is documented federal data and access to that information is <i>restricted</i> to agencies authorized by the FBI. (See NICS Website) The NICS is not to be used to establish a federal firearm registry; (See NICS Website) NICS destroys all identifying information on approved transactions prior to the start of the next NICS operational day. (See NICS Website) 	 HIPAA Rights Ignored (MHL § 33.13(c)) FOIA protection must be requested (Penal Law § 400.00(5)(b)) Includes ammunition sales (Penal Law § 400.03)

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