



Connecticut State Police

Central Criminal Intelligence Unit

Introduction to:


FACTS

An application from the MATRIX
Project



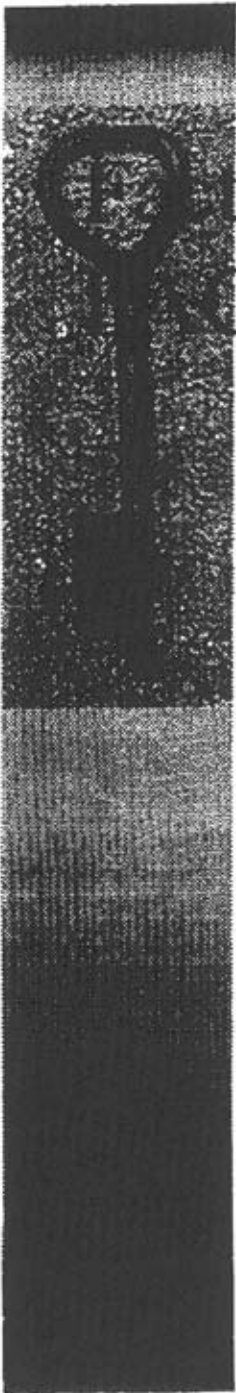
MULTI-STATE ANTI-TERRORISM INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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Multi-State Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange (MATRIX)

The Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, initiated funding for a pilot project titled MATRIX. The MATRIX pilot project was initiated in response to the increased need for timely information sharing and exchange of terrorist-related information among members of the law enforcement community around the nation.



Factual Analysis Criminal Threat Solution FACTS

The cornerstone of the MATRIX pilot is the use of Factual Data Analysis.

FACTS integrates Law Enforcement Data, Motor Vehicle Files, Corrections Files, Criminal History, and Sex Offender Files, with the ACCIRINT Program. These are all simultaneously searched from one query.

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of the data currently in FACTS is already available to Law Enforcement. However, each must be individually searched and current systems do not enable limited information searches.

FACTS can only be utilized for legitimate Law Enforcement Investigative Purposes.

FACTS can only be accessed by certified users who must acknowledge the Privacy Policy each time they utilize the system. Access is via a secure RISS.NET connection.

FACTS data is currently stored in supercomputers that are housed at ACCURINT, in a secure area.

FACTS - COSTS

The FACTS budget for Fiscal 2003-2004 is \$7,800,000. This is \$4,867,800 for licensing (currently \$133 per user per month) and **\$2,932,200** for the service. The service includes the supercomputer and network, hardware platform; data center space, security, and operations staff; Ongoing data integration services; 24x7 customer support; 26 user training sessions (including travel and expenses); and continued application enhancements. The budget is covered by grants from the Justice Department and the Department of Homeland Security.

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License Agreement

In consideration for the privilege of access to the information in the MATRIX Applications, including but not limited to FACTS™, the individual User who logged into the Application agrees to the following conditions:

1. The User acknowledges that the MATRIX Executive Policy Group shall not be liable for the use made of the MATRIX applications by the individual User or the consequences of that use, and that the User or User's employing agency, or both, remain responsible for the acts or omissions of such User in connection with access to and use of the information in FACTS™.
2. The User is aware that the information found in MATRIX Applications may contain errors. The User will not take action based solely on this information without independently verifying the validity and accuracy of that information.
3. The User understands and accepts that any non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement or any unauthorized or improper use or dissemination of information derived from MATRIX applications may subject the User or the User's employing agency to discontinuance of service. Moreover, certain offenses against system security and the improper dissemination of the information contained therein are crimes under State and Federal law.
4. The User agrees to abide by the following rules and understands that access to

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[Disagree]

[Agree]

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Reference Information

The MATRX leadership Board has requested certain information be logged by users of Matrx.

- 1) Required - Each time you log on you will be asked what type of investigation you are working. Please select from the pull down options provided on the Crime Category field. This information will be used to evaluate the applicability of MATRX by crime category.
- 2) Optional - You may enter a Case or Reference number for your queries.
- 3) Optional - If you are disseminating query results to third parties (ie. other agencies, etc.) you may enter the name of the person and their agency.

If you work on multiple cases during the same session you may change any of the information above by selecting Reference Information from the Options menu bar or Press F8.

Clear All

Crime category:

Reference number:

Auto Generate
Reference Number

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Dissemination Information:

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Save

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Success Stories

Florida Agency Locates Previously Unidentified Twin Brother

The main target in a case was arrested by a federal law enforcement agency in South Florida. It was believed he had a twin brother, but he had never been located. Using FACTS, the subject was identified by linking all other relatives and associates. FACTS also identified a current local address for the subject.

Florida Agency Locates Felony Hit-And-Run Vehicle

A local law enforcement agency requested help from a Florida Department of Law Enforcement Analyst in locating a vehicle that was involved in a hit-and-run accident where a 16-year-old male sustained severe injuries. The vehicle that left the scene was a white, 2000-2002 Chevrolet Avalanche. FACTS was able to provide a comprehensive list of vehicles using the following parameters: (Chevrolet); (cream, white & unknown); (2000 to 2002); (vehicle type of unknown and truck); (10 mile radius around the zip code). A ten-page list sorted by description was provided to the law enforcement agency traffic investigators. From that list, investigators located the vehicle. The law enforcement investigators are extremely pleased with the FACTS product results that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement provided within minutes. They claim they may never have located the vehicle or driver without the assistance of FACTS.

Privacy Concerns

The powerful capabilities of MATRIX have raised privacy concerns not unlike the initial computerization of government files, such as vehicle registrations and drivers licenses, from their index card origins. Privacy concerns at that time included questions such as what data was included and why, under what circumstances can it be accessed, and by whom.

Today, these are the questions now being asked about the MATRIX program. *Not surprisingly, the answers are the same.*

Using MATRIX, law enforcement has exactly the same access to the same data for the same reasons as they had prior to its invention... only faster. The result is a safer community.

