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BJS RELEASES REPORT ON FIREARM-RELATED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR UNLAWFUL DRUG USERS

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) today released *State Progress in Record Reporting for Firearm-Related Background Checks: Unlawful Drug Users*. This is the sixth in a series of reports highlighting states' progress in submitting records related to firearm background checks to various national and state criminal records systems. Under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, those who unlawfully use or are addicted to a controlled substance are prohibited from receiving firearms. This report describes how firearm-related background checks of unlawful drug users prohibit them from purchasing or possessing firearms. It was produced for BJS under a cooperative agreement with SEARCH and the National Center for State Courts.

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