

READING CORI

How to Read Criminal Offender Record Information Reports

By the Greater Boston Legal Services CORI & Re-entry Project

❶ **Docket number.** The most recent charges on a CORI report that you get from the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) are listed first and each case has a docket number and lists a letter after each charge. Below is an example of a charge on a CORI report.

Docket Number: 1402CR012345A	Appearance date: 10/16/2014
Offense Type: FELONY	Case Status: CLOSED
Offense Literal: TRAFFICKING CONT SUB	
Offense Description: COCAINE SCHL ZONE	
Court Name: ROXBURY DISTRICT	Court Phone: 617-427-7000
Police Dept.: BOSTON POLICE	Police Dept. Phone: 617-343-4673
Disposition Type: NON CONVICTION	Disposition Date: UNKNOWN
Court Disposition: C 10/23/2014 DISM	
Incarcerated: N/A	Incar. Release Date: N/A

❷ **Year of case and court codes.** For most cases, the first two numbers of the docket number are the year of the case and the second two numbers are the court code. “CR” means a criminal case. For example, docket number 1402CR12345 means the case was filed in 2014 and the court code is 02 which means the case was in the Roxbury Court. A list of all court codes is attached. Old cases from the 1970’s may list a number without the year or a court code, but the “**Appearance**” date in the top right corner for each charge will list the year. The report lists the court’s name and phone number if you want to call a court clerk’s office and ask about the case.

❸ **Open or closed status.** The report says if a case is still **open** or is **closed**. You will see the word “WARRANT” if there is a warrant for a person’s arrest related to the case.

❹ **Offense.** The type of charge and offense are listed. In the example above, the charge is a felony and the offense was trafficking a controlled substance. CORI reports use abbreviations. A list of common abbreviations and acronyms is attached. Sometimes the listing for a charge also includes other information about the charge such as the example above that says the controlled substance was cocaine in a school zone.

❺ **Disposition.** This tells you what happened in the case. The report will say if the charge ended in a conviction (meaning a guilty finding) or a non-conviction. The date of the disposition appears in front of the disposition. In the example above, the case was continued to 10/23/2014 and dismissed on that date. The CORI report also says if the person was incarcerated for the offense. “N/A” means not applicable and no incarceration. The report has a space to list the date of release from incarceration, but this information is rarely listed.

Other common dispositions are “G” (Guilty), “NG” (Not guilty), “NP” (nolle prosequi meaning the prosecutor dropped the charge), and “Dism” (dismissed). A charge also may be continued without a finding (CWOFF) and later dismissed or end in a guilty finding if the person did not comply (obey) conditions of the CWOFF, for example, by violating an abuse prevention order. Charges also may end in a “file” (non-conviction) or “guilty file” (conviction) disposition, but for purposes of sealing, such charges may be sealed only after a waiting period through the Commissioner of Probation even though the “file” disposition is not a conviction. G.L. c. 276, §§ 100A, 100C.

COURT CODES

1 BMC Central	34 Attleboro District Court
2 Roxbury BMC	35 Edgartown District Court
3 South Boston BMC	36 Salem District Court
4 Charlestown BMC	38 Haverhill District Court
5 East Boston BMC	39 Gloucester District
6 West Roxbury BMC	40 Ipswich District Court
7 Dorchester BMC	41 Greenfield District Court
8 Brighton BMC	42 Orange District Court
9 Brookline District Court	43 Palmer District Court
10 Somerville District Court	44 Westfield District Court
11 Lowell District Court	45 Northampton District Court
12 Newton District Court	47 Concord District Court
13 Lynn District Court	48 Ayer District Court
14 Chelsea District Court	49 Framingham District Court
15 Brockton District Court	50 Malden District Court
16 Fitchburg District Court	51 Waltham District Court
17 Holyoke District Court	52 Cambridge District Court
18 Lawrence District Court	53 Woburn District Court
20 Chicopee District Court	54 Dedham District Court
21 Marlboro District Court	55 Stoughton District Court
22 Newburyport District Court	56 Quincy District Court
23 Springfield District Court	57 Wrentham District Court
25 Barnstable District Court	58 Hingham District Court
26 Orleans District Court	59 Plymouth District Court
27 Pittsfield District Court	60 Wareham District Court
28 Northern Berkshire District Court	61 Leominster District Court
29 Southern Berkshire District Court	62 Worcester District Court
31 Taunton District Court	63 Gardner District Court
32 Fall River District Court	64 Dudley District Court
33 New Bedford District Court	65 Uxbridge District Court

- 66 Milford District Court
- 67 Westborough District Court
- 68 Clinton District Court
- 69 East Brookfield District Court
- 70 Winchendon District Court
- 71 Suffolk Juvenile
- 72 Barnstable Superior Court
- 73 Bristol Superior Court
- 74 Dukes Superior Court
- 75 Nantucket Superior Court
- 76 Berkshire Superior Court
- 77 Essex Superior Court
- 78 Franklin Superior Court
- 79 Hampden Superior Court
- 80 Hampshire Superior Court
- 81 Middlesex Superior Court
- 82 Norfolk Superior Court
- 83 Plymouth Superior Court
- 84 Suffolk Superior Court
- 85 Worcester Superior Court
- 86 Peabody District Court
- 87 Natick District Court
- 88 Nantucket District Court
- 89 Falmouth District Court
- 90 Eastern Hampshire District Court

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS IN CORI REPORTS

DISPOSITION CODES

1.	APP	Appeal
2.	APP WD	Appeal withdrawn
3.	BO	Bound over
4.	C	Continued (date)
5.	CC	Court Cost
6.	CIVIL(277:70C)	Criminal to Civil cases
7.	CMTD	Committed plus length of sentence
8.	CMNTY SRV	Community Service
9.	CONC	Concurrent with sentence serving
10.	CWOF	Continued without a finding
11.	CWOF SP	Continued w/o finding supervise by prob
12.	DEL	Delinquent
13.	DF	Default
14.	D/R	Default removed
15.	DISM	Dismissed
16.	DYS	Division of Youth Services
17.	FILE	Filed
18.	FINE	Fine plus dollar amount
19.	FJ	First Instance Jury
20.	F/A	From and After Sentence Serving
21.	G	Guilty
22.	INDICT	Indicted
23.	MT	Mistrial
24.	NDEL	Not Delinquent
25.	NG	Not Guilty
26.	NOB	No Bill
27.	NPC	No Probable Cause
28.	NP	NoI Pros
29.	PD	Paid
30.	PROB	Probation
31.	PROG	Program
32.	REMIT	Remitted
33.	REST	Restitution
34.	R/R	Revise and Revoke
35.	RT	Residential Truant for Drunk Driving
36.	SPS	Split Sentence plus length of commitment, plus actual or projected term date
37.	SS	Suspended Sentence plus length of suspension
38.	STAY	Sentence plus stay of execution, plus date
39.	TERM	Terminated
40.	VN	Violation Notice
41.	VOP	Violation of Probation
42.	VWF	Victim/Witness Fund
43.	WAR	Warrant
44.	WAR/WD	Warrant Withdrawn/Recalled
45.	MO/DA/YR	Month/Day/Year

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DCJIS SAMPLE CORI REPORT
(Disclaimer-confidentiality page excluded)



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Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

The information provided within this response contains only Massachusetts criminal offender record information and is based on the statutory access of the requestor. Unauthorized access, use or dissemination of this information is prohibited under Massachusetts General Law.

This information is not fingerprint-supported and may not actually relate to the person whose information you are seeking. Individuals who believe there may be a discrepancy within this record should contact the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS).

This Massachusetts CORI was generated on 03/19/2012 19:25 as the response to your request submitted on 03/07/2012 08:51 with the following details:

Request Details

Request ID: E12REQ2-00000116	Request Date/Time: 03/07/2012 08:51
Name: DOE, JOHN	
Date of Birth: 01/01/1999	SSN: ***-12-3456
Sex: MALE	Race:
Father's Name: JON DOE	Mother's Name: JANE DOE

Response Summary

The following matching subject(s) have been found. Full subject and offense information for each matching subject is contained within this response.

Name	Date of Birth	PCF Number
DOE, JOHN	01/01/1999	0123456789

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Subject 1 of 1

PCF Number: 0123456789

Name: Date DOE, JOHN
 of Birth: 01/01/1999
 Sex: Height: MALE
 Hair Color: BROWN
 Address: 1 JUMP ST BOSTON MA
 Father's Name: JON DOE
 SSN:***12-3456
 Place of Birth: Boston MA
 Weight: 200
 Eye Color: BLUE
 Mother's Name: JANE ROE DOE

Adult Offender Offenses

Court Appearance 1 of 3

Appearance Date: 03/01/2012

Offense 1 of 2

Docket Number: 0302CR123456789A
 Case Status: CLOSED
 Offense Type: MISDEMEANOR
 Offense Literal: DISORDERLY PERSON
 Offense Description:
 Court Name: ROXBURY DISTRICT
 Court Phone:
 Police Dept.: BOSTON POLICE
 Police Dept. Phone:
 Disposition Type: C 3/1/12 CWO 3/1/13 DISM
 Disposition Date: UNKNOWN
 Incarcerated: N/A
 Incar. Release Date: N/A

Offense 2 of 2

Docket Number: 0302CR123456789B
 Case Status: CLOSED
 Offense Type: FELONY
 Offense Literal: LARCENY MORE
 Offense Description:
 Court Name: ROXBURY DISTRICT
 Court Phone:
 Police Dept.:
 Police Dept. Phone:
 Disposition Type: C 3/1/12 G 3MO HC SS
 Disposition Date: UNKNOWN
 6/1/12 TERM
 Incarcerated: N/A
 Incar. Release Date: N/A

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LEGAL HELP FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE

FREE CORI Zooms: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month* 2pm to 4pm

Learn about your rights and get legal help. Hear a presentation explaining sealing of records and do an intake with help from Greater Boston Legal Services CORI & Re-entry Project in collaboration with the Boston Bar Association.

Registration required. Register at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZHQCMM>

2020 Schedule

Oct. 14, 2020

Oct. 28, 2020

Nov. 11, 2020

Nov. 18, 2020 (date advanced to 3rd Wed. due to holiday)

Dec. 9, 2020

Dec. 16, 2020 (date advanced to 3rd Wed. due to holiday on Dec 25)

Jan. 13, 2021: Clinics resume in 2021 on 2nd and 4th Wednesday

EMAIL OR CALL GBLs if you live in the Boston area and need help with sealing or expungement:

- Email cori@gbls.org with your name and phone number, or
- Call (617) 603-1797 and leave your name and phone number in your message, or call 617-371-1234 9am-5pm (Mon-Friday).

IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE BOSTON AREA, you can find another legal aid program near you at: www.masslegalhelp.org

BOOKLETS AND CORI

- Read more information on CORI: www.masslegalhelp.org
- Read more booklets in this series <https://www.gbls.org/self-help/cori>
- Get CORI report online: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dcjis/>

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