

SAKI's Partnership with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program¹

Overview

The Department of Justice established the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) in 1985. ViCAP's mission is to provide crime analysis support to local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies by

- ◆ Collecting, assessing, collating, and analyzing case information
- ◆ Providing investigative leads and resource recommendations
- ◆ Facilitating coordination across multiple agencies

ViCAP Web National Crime Database

- ◆ Database houses more than 86,000 cases.
- ◆ Law enforcement agencies retain ownership of cases.
- ◆ Database is available only to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies through the secure Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP).

ViCAP

- ◆ Provides law enforcement agencies across the United States with a repository for behavioral and investigative information.
- ◆ Enables law enforcement agencies to collate, enter, and analyze their own violent crime data.
- ◆ Allows for the identification of similar criminal cases on regional, state, and national levels.

ViCAP Submission Criteria

The following types of solved and unsolved violent crimes can be entered into ViCAP:

- ◆ Homicides (and attempts) that are known or suspected to be (1) serial in nature and/or (2) random, motiveless, or sexually oriented.
- ◆ Sexual assaults that are known or suspected to be part of a series and/or are committed by a stranger.
- ◆ Missing persons in which the circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play.
- ◆ Unidentified human remains from a known or suspected homicide.

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Fiscal year 2018 SAKI sites are required to enter data for all cases that meet the ViCAP submission criteria. Cases should be entered into ViCAP if a law enforcement agency has reason to believe that an individual may be a serial offender. The SAKI TTA Team recommends that sites start by prioritizing entry of cases that are linked to other cases via DNA/CODIS² hits. For example, if your site has unknown serial rapists who have a DNA hit to other cases, these cases should be prioritized for entry into ViCAP.

ViCAP Services

ViCAP provides the following services free of charge:

- ◆ Crime analysis
- ◆ Creation of maps, timelines, and matrices
- ◆ Information dissemination
- ◆ Facilitation and coordination of communication between agencies
- ◆ Task force assistance
- ◆ Coordination of seminars and case consultation
- ◆ On-site analytical assistance
- ◆ Development and maintenance of the ViCAP Web National Crime Database (ViCAP Web)

For more information about ViCAP, please visit www.bit.ly/vicap_info.

¹ Information in this resource was borrowed from the PDF, *ViCAP: Violent Criminal Apprehension Program*, 2015.

² Combined DNA Index System

Resources

For questions regarding the SAKI-ViCAP partnership, please contact the SAKI TTA Team at sakitta@rti.org or Angela Williamson at Angela.Williamson@usdoj.gov.

For questions about using ViCAP, refer to the following information:

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