# UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL DISPOSITION CODES FOR NICS REPORTING





### **BCI/NICS REPORTING OVERVIEW**

- How does BCI report information to NICS?
  - BCI updates the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) with arrests and dispositions sent in by Law Enforcement and Courts
  - NICS accesses Ohio's CCH by running a demographic search via Interstate Identification Index (III)
  - If successful hit comes back they view the rap sheet for any prohibiting offenses

#### **BCI/NICS REPORTING OVERVIEW**

- December 2019 FBI contacts OHDPS regarding dismissals from Municipal Courts
- FBI had decided to consider these dismissals as final without doing further research with the Common Pleas Courts
- BCI created two new codes to ensure accuracy of dispositions submitted

# Code 319 – Bound Over to Common Pleas Court

- Any felony offense that has been adjudicated by the Municipal Court and bound over to the Court of Common Pleas court for indictment.
- This code will indicate that the Municipal Court has heard the felony case, and the defendant has either waived the preliminary hearing or, following a preliminary hearing, the court has found probable cause to continue the prosecution.

#### Code 325 - Dismissed Not Final

- Any felony offense that has been dismissed "for future indictment," "for direct indictment" or "without prejudice" by a Municipal Court.
- This code will indicate that the felony case has concluded in the Municipal Court but could potentially continue in the Court of Common Pleas at a future time or will continue due to direct indictment.

### FAQ'S

 If a court submits through OCN, are there any changes they should make on their end?

Courts need to submit the requested updated mapping of their codes to <a href="https://oceny.com

# **FAQ'S Continued**

 Should a municipal court report a 319 on misdemeanor companion cases to felonies bound over to Common Pleas

If the Common Pleas court is going to hear the misdemeanor cases, then yes, submit all with the 319 code

# **FAQ'S Continued**

 How would a municipal court report a case that is dismissed and directly indicted

Use code 325 - Dismissed not final

# FAQ's Continued

 What code would be used when a case prior to a preliminary hearing is taken directly to the grand jury and a No True Bill is found

NICS views codes 305 (Dismissed Final) and 324 (No True Bill) in the same manner, so either code is acceptable

#### **List of CDN Codes**

- A complete list of CDN (Court Disposition Numeric) codes is available on the AG's website at:
- https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Forms/Form s-for-BCI-Criminal-Records-and-Background-Chec/Formsfor-Court/CDN-codes-080620

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