

<p>California Department of Justice CALIFORNIA JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION Cuong D. Nguyen, Director</p> 	<h1>INFORMATION BULLETIN</h1>	
<p><i>Subject:</i> Notice to LEAs Re: Retirement of the CLETS CSAR ESA and USA Message Keys</p>	<p><i>No.</i> 13-07-CJIS</p> <p><i>Date:</i> 11-05-13</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i> California Sex and Arson Registry Help Desk (916) 227-4123 VCIC.CSAR@doj.ca.gov</p>

To: Law Enforcement Partners

This information bulletin serves as notice that effective January 1, 2014, the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (CLETS) Entry (ESA) and Update (USA) message keys will be disabled and no longer available for entering or updating sex or arson registration records into the California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR).

The CSAR is the State's mandated repository for sex and arson registration information and is used by law enforcement to register, manage, and track sex and arson registrants pursuant to California Penal Code (PC) sections 290 and 457.1. On March 6, 2013, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) released the CSAR Web Interface, Entry/Update Functionality for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). This new interface provides law enforcement access to expanded sex and arson registrant information and system functionality not available through the CSAR CLETS or LiveScan interfaces. It also facilitates the legal requirements mandated by PC sections 290 and 457.1, and it ensures data integrity of California's sex and arson registration records. The CSAR Web is available to LEAs via the DOJ's secure network connection.

With the implementation of the CSAR Web, the DOJ is now able to phase-out the CLETS ESA and USA message keys used to enter and update registration information in the CSAR. These message keys no longer meet the legal or technical requirements mandated in California for sex or arson registration. Any use of these message keys after January 1, 2014, will result in the following error message: MESSAGE KEY IS DOWN. The DOJ will continue to support and maintain the CLETS Query (QSA) message key, as well as the CSAR LiveScan interface.

For over a year, the DOJ has been working closely with registering agencies to provide training in preparation of this transition to the CSAR Web. An instructional video on how to use the CSAR Web is available on the California Law Enforcement Web (CLEW) site at <http://clew.doj.ca.gov/>. We have also established a help desk to assist agencies with accessing and connecting to the CSAR Web. For assistance with the CSAR, please contact the CSAR Help Desk at 916-227-4123 or email VCIC.CSAR@doj.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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