Weekly Muster

Week of Muster: May 26, 2008
Topic: Inaccurate License Plate Queries That Result in TECS Hits
Reference: CBP Directive #3340-040A, Section 6.3
Headquarters POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]
Office: Admissibility and Passenger Programs

- When an inaccurate license plate query results in a match to a record contained in TECS, the primary officer will manually correct the vehicle license plate in the available primary system. If the corrected license plate query does not result in a match to a record contained in TECS, and there is no additional basis for referral, the vehicle and occupants may be released without a secondary inspection.

- The following changes will only take effect in the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Vehicle Primary Client (WHTI VPC), and will not be incorporated into TECS 3270 Vehicle Primary. These changes are scheduled to take effect on June 10, 2008.

- When a hit is received from an initial license plate query, the officer will have the ability to manually correct the vehicle license plate prior to completing the package.

- When the corrected license plate query does not result in a match to a record contained in TECS, a secondary referral in the TECS system will not be automatically generated.

- When the corrected license plate query results in a match to a record contained in TECS, or if there is additional basis for referral, the vehicle and occupants will be referred.

- This change will not effect current automatic referrals such as (b) (7)(E) [redacted] (b) (7)(E) [redacted] referrals. If one of these hits is encountered as the result of an inaccurate license plate query, the correct license plate must be queried by the primary CBP officer, and the vehicle must be referred to secondary.

- For locations not using the WHTI VPC, the vehicle may need to be referred to collect the information necessary to update the referral automatically created by TECS.

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