

## Fugitives

Chapter 5

*How many fugitives does the FBI look for at any one time?*

*Approximately 12,000. Through the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution or Confinement statute, the FBI for many years has been responsible for seeking the country's most wanted, violent fugitives.*

*Can the FBI send "wanted posters" on fugitives to private citizens?*

*No. These items only are made available to law enforcement or other government agencies in furtherance of the investigations to locate the fugitives.*

*Is there any way I can see photographs and descriptions of current FBI fugitives?*

*As part of our Fugitive Publicity Program, the FBI places photographs and other information regarding fugitives on this web site. The FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" and other fugitives are included. Additionally, many United States Post Offices display 8" by 8" FBI "wanted posters," officially known as Identification Orders.*

*Should a citizen verify his or her suspicions about criminal activity before reporting them to the FBI?*

*Citizens should never place themselves in harm's way or conduct their own investigations. Instead, any suspicious activity about matters under FBI jurisdiction should be reported to the FBI promptly.*

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## The FBI and Other Government and Law Enforcement Agencies

*How does the FBI differ from the Central Intelligence Agency?*

*The CIA has no law enforcement function. Rather, it collects and analyzes information which is vital to the formation of U.S. policy, particularly in areas that impact the security of the Nation. The CIA collects information only regarding foreign countries and their citizens. It is prohibited from collecting information regarding "U.S. Persons," a term which includes U.S. citizens, resident aliens, legal immigrants, and U.S. corporations, regardless of where they are located.*

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