

**690.2 Fingerprints and palm prints — photographs — duty of sheriff and chief of police.**

1. The sheriff of every county and the chief of police of each city, regardless of the form of government thereof, shall take the fingerprints of all unidentified dead bodies in their respective jurisdictions and of all persons who are taken into custody, or who have been issued a citation in lieu of continued custody, for the commission of a serious misdemeanor, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a felony and shall forward such fingerprint records, on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the commissioner of public safety, to the department of public safety as follows:

a. Within two working days after an unidentified dead body is fingerprinted or a person is taken into custody.

b. Within two working days after the initial court appearance for a person issued a citation in lieu of continued custody.

2. Fingerprints may be taken of a person who has been taken into custody or issued a citation in lieu of continued custody for a simple misdemeanor subject to an enhanced penalty for conviction of a second or subsequent offense. Fingerprints taken pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be forwarded to the department of public safety within the time limits established in [subsection 1](#). In addition to the fingerprints as herein provided, the sheriff or chief of police shall also take the palm prints and may take the photograph of any such person and forward any such palm prints and photographs to the department of public safety within the time limits established in [subsection 1](#).

3. If a defendant is convicted by a court of this state of an offense that is a simple misdemeanor subject to an enhanced penalty for conviction of a second or subsequent offense, a serious misdemeanor, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a felony, the court shall determine whether such defendant has previously been fingerprinted in connection with the criminal proceedings leading to the conviction and, if not, shall order that the defendant be fingerprinted and those prints submitted to the department of public safety.

4. The court shall also order that a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be an offense other than a simple misdemeanor if committed by an adult be fingerprinted and the prints submitted to the department of public safety if the juvenile has not previously been fingerprinted in connection with juvenile proceedings.

[C27, 31, 35, §13417-b1; C39, §13417.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §749.2; C79, 81, §690.2]

[93 Acts, ch 115, §1](#); [96 Acts, ch 1135, §1](#); [99 Acts, ch 37, §2](#); [2011 Acts, ch 95, §5](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1035, §1](#)

Referred to in [§331.322](#), [331.653](#), [690.3](#), [692.15](#), [726.23](#)

Fingerprinting, see also [§232.148](#) and [690.4](#)

Nontestimonial identification, [chapter 810](#)

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