

## AFIS UPDATES

It's two months since the South African Police switched off the Name and ID Criminal Record system, and we now know a lot more about how the AFIS system is panning out. Here's some interesting news:

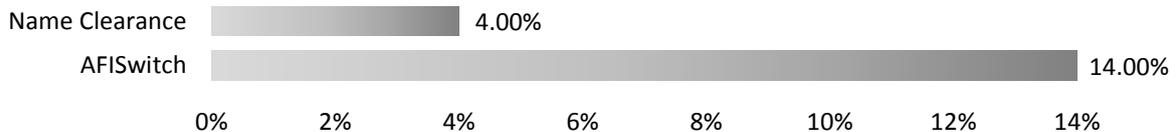
### Are Name and ID criminal checks still available?

It would appear that one or two background screening companies still quite openly offer the old-fashioned "Criminal Name Clearance" service. *This is an illegal service!* Companies claiming otherwise are committing fraud, and organisations making use of this illegal service are in effect purchasing fraudulent information.

The only legitimate way to check the Criminal Record of an individual is via AFISwitch.

### Accuracy

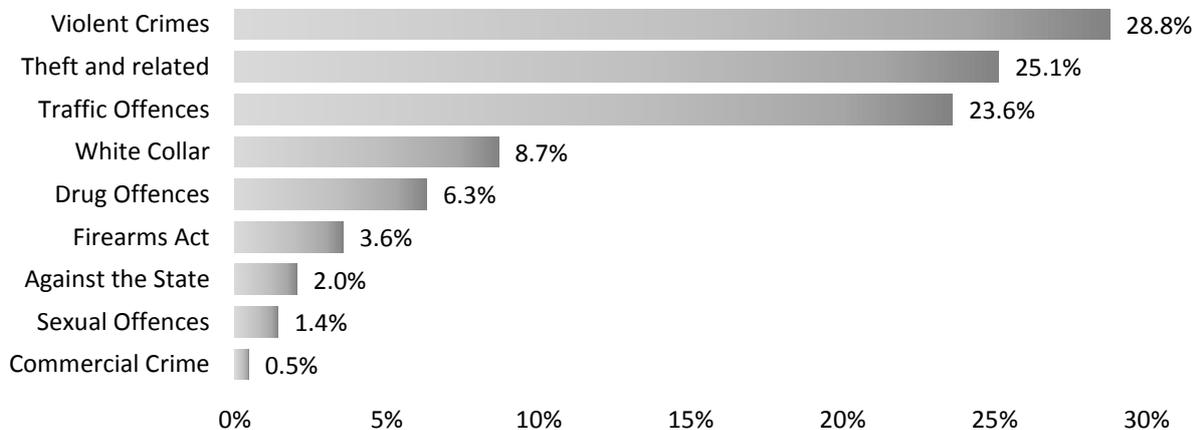
Besides legitimacy, the single most compelling reason to make use of the AFISwitch system is accuracy. MIE's own statistics based on a comparison of 100,000 electronic AFISwitch scans and 2 million Name Clearance Checks show that AFIS returns a *much* higher conviction rate than Name Clearances ever did. The magnitude? Name Clearance: 4 %, AFISwitch: 14 %!



And these figures exclude the number of cases that are pending - information that was officially unavailable via the Name Clearance system.

### Statistics

Hotly contested and often discussed, crime statistics are hard to come by. MIE has compiled a broad list of the crimes most often committed by individuals tested by MIE since the advent of the AFISwitch system. Watch this space as MIE expands its statistical reporting capabilities to include trends, sentence details and geographic spread.



## AFISwitch Enrolment Requirements

After some negotiation, AFISwitch has announced that consumer Credit Record Checks are *no longer a prerequisite* for agents who wish to be trained to capture an individual's fingerprints.

A Criminal Record Check remains a prerequisite, as does formal training by an approved organisation. Criminal Record Checks are submitted on training day, and if "Negative", agents who attended the training course are immediately enrolled. Activation at Ideco then takes place approximately 5 working days from the date of training.

## Don't want to invest in AFIS?

MIE is acutely aware of the costs associated with criminal record testing. In our opinion, these costs are more than mitigated by the exceptional service provided by the SAPS via AFISwitch. In order to assist organisations that do not wish to immediately invest in MorphoSmart MSO 300 fingerprint scanners, MIE has established a Mobile Biometry Unit (MBU). The MBU is able to visit all major metropolitan areas in South Africa and will gladly assist with the capturing of fingerprints.

Contact [fingers@mie.co.za](mailto:fingers@mie.co.za) for more information about scheduling appointments.

## TRAINING

In order to quickly train thousands of potential AFISwitch users on an extremely tight schedule MIE established a formal training division. In the process, MIE purpose-built a dedicated training centre that provides every delegate with real-time hands-on training overseen by experts in their field.

With six dedicated trainers in the field, offering several SmartScreen™ and AFIS courses in every province, MIE has successfully trained 4,200 delegates to date - a monumental effort. Training continues unabated with several hundred seats reserved in advance.



The MIE Training Centre coffee bar

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## FINGERPRINT HOSTING

MIE is proud to announce this free and highly effective service. Capture fingerprints once, and store them on MIE's hosted solution. Include the fingerprints in as many requests as you wish. Make them available to other agents of your organisation. Search for an individual's fingerprints at any time, from anywhere.

The possibilities are endless. Agents submitting hosted fingerprints need not be enrolled AFISwitch users. Fingerprints can be captured by Agents in totally different departments. Recruiters can choose which individuals to test, at their leisure.

In fact, upon agreement, your organisation can capture fingerprints for other organisations to use. MIE does exactly this for several organisations that do not wish to invest in AFISwitch infrastructure.

Contact your account manager or send an e-mail to [fingers@mie.co.za](mailto:fingers@mie.co.za) for further information.

## ADDITIONAL WEB ADDRESS

What with power outages, cable theft and the odd errant trench digger, MIE's data centre in Gauteng faces a constant stream of challenges. Processing several thousand screening requests every day of the year means that downtime must be kept to an absolute minimum.

The data centre is already protected by power generators, redundant Internet lines, virtual servers and backup devices.

In case of emergency, MIE's clients can work Offline with the company's class-leading SmartScreen™ application.

And now, for even more flexibility, MIE provides you with an alternate routing mechanism via an additional services URL located at [www.mie2.co.za](http://www.mie2.co.za)

Type this address into your browser's address bar when [www.mie.co.za](http://www.mie.co.za) is unavailable, or just use [www.mie2.co.za](http://www.mie2.co.za). You'll get to the same place at the same time.

If you are a SmartScreen™ User, select either of the above web addresses when you enter your login details. Note that this new feature is available in SmartScreen™ version 25 and greater. If you are using an older version of SmartScreen™, download the latest version at [www.mie.co.za/smartscreen](http://www.mie.co.za/smartscreen) or [www.mie2.co.za/smartscreen](http://www.mie2.co.za/smartscreen).

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