

# STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATION: EXPANDING ACCESS TO CJLEADS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Deciding on the most appropriate response to a missed court date requires that all relevant actors can access all relevant information.

In North Carolina, the centralized criminal justice database—the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS)—is not available to public defenders or pretrial services, putting them at a disadvantage when trying to gather critical information.

**Stakeholders in the North Carolina Court Appearance Project recommended responsibly expanding access to CJLEADS to allow for more informed decision-making and to reduce unnecessary orders for arrest. Read more about their recommendation [here](#).**