



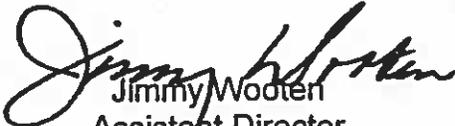
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**OPEN LETTER TO ALL NEW MEXICO FIREARMS LICENSEES  
CORRECTION NOTICE**

On October 23, 1998, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms sent an open letter to all New Mexico Federal firearms licensees advising you of your responsibilities under the permanent provisions of the Brady law. This letter advised you that the New Mexico Department of Public Safety would act as the point of contact for background checks through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for all firearms transactions. Subsequent to that letter, on November 9, 1998, we were advised that the New Mexico Department of Public Safety had changed its position and would no longer participate as a NICS point of contact.

Therefore, in order to initiate a NICS check for any firearm, New Mexico licensees must contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation's NICS Operations Center by dialing 1-877-FBI-NICS (1-877-324-6427). Your call will be answered by an automated menu that allows you to select from several customer services including initiating a NICS background check.

All other information contained in the October 23, 1998, letter is correct. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

  
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