

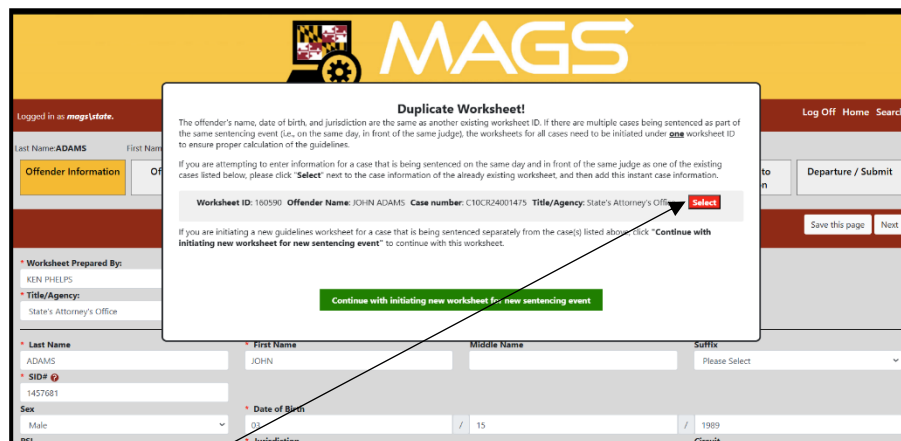
## What's New in MAGS

MAGS 12.1, April 2025

In early April, an updated version of the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS, version 12.1) will be released for immediate use. The following is a summary of the changes to MAGS. In addition, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) suggests that users reference the MAGS User Manual, which has been revised in accordance with the new version of MAGS and is available on the MSCCSP website, [www.msccsp.org](http://www.msccsp.org).

### UPDATE #1: Alert Message Displays on Offender Score Screen When Initiating a Potential Multiple Criminal Event/Single Sentencing Event Scenario

When multiple criminal events (as often indicated by multiple unique case numbers) are sentenced by the same judge, on the same day, they constitute one sentencing event and the guidelines worksheets for all case numbers should be initiated under **one** MAGS record or worksheet ID. To ensure proper calculation of the overall guidelines range in this scenario, if a user attempts to initiate a worksheet with the same offender name, date of birth and jurisdiction as a previously initiated but **unsubmitted** worksheet, MAGS will display the following alert message, prompting the user to combine the worksheets for all case numbers within the same sentencing event under one worksheet ID.



**Duplicate Worksheet!**

The offender's name, date of birth, and jurisdiction are the same as another existing worksheet ID. If there are multiple cases being sentenced as part of the same sentencing event (i.e., on the same day, in front of the same judge), the worksheets for all cases need to be initiated under **one** worksheet ID to ensure proper calculation of the guidelines.

If you are attempting to enter information for a case that is being sentenced on the same day and in front of the same judge as one of the existing cases listed below, please click "Select" next to the case information of the already existing worksheet, and then add this instant case information.

Worksheet ID: 160390 Offender Name: JOHN ADAMS Case number: C10CR24001475 Title/Agency: State's Attorney's Office **Select**

If you are initiating a new guidelines worksheet for a case that is being sentenced separately from the case(s) listed above, click "Continue with initiating new worksheet for new sentencing event" to continue with this worksheet.

**Continue with initiating new worksheet for new sentencing event**

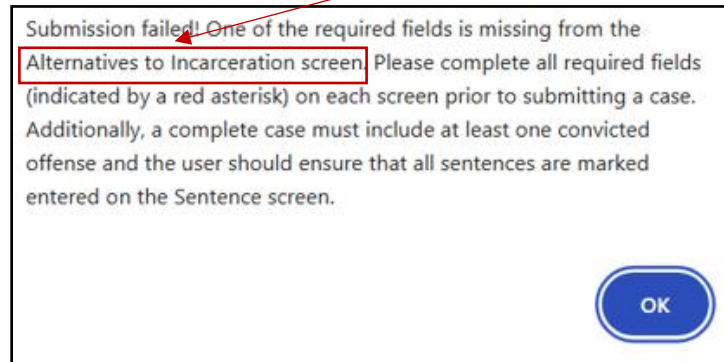
Worksheet Prepared By: KEN PHELPS  
Title/Agency: State's Attorney's Office

Last Name: ADAMS First Name: JOHN Middle Name: Suffix: Please Select  
SID#: 1457681 Sex: Male Date of Birth: 03 / 15 / 1989  
PSI: Jurisdiction: Circuit

If the worksheet preparer is attempting to enter information for a case that is being sentenced on the same day and in front of the same judge as one of the existing cases listed in the alert, click "Select" next to the case information of the already existing worksheet, and then add the instant case information. **It is the worksheet preparer's responsibility to ensure that all cases being sentenced as part of one sentencing event have been combined under one worksheet ID.**

## UPDATE #2: Updated Alert Message Noting When a Required Field is Incomplete

In MAGS, all required fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) must be completed prior to submission. If a user attempts to submit a worksheet without completing all required fields, an error message will be displayed identifying which specific MAGS screen is missing a required field.



To correct the error, simply go to the MAGS screen mentioned in the alert message, fill in the missing field(s) with valid values, and click the *Save this page* button before returning to the *Departure/Submit* screen.