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Text Browse Feature

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USING THE TEXT BROWSE TOOL IN VERSADEX (RMS)

What is Text Browse?

The **Text Browse** tool helps you quickly search for keywords or phrases inside any text report (e.g., narratives, supplements, follow-ups, and CAD calls) stored in RMS. It's useful for looking up past cases, names, topics, or any detail related to ongoing investigations.

Step-by-Step: How to Search Text Documents

- 1. Open the Text Browse tool:
 - o From the **Main tab** on the RMS desktop, click the **Text Browse** button.





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Then click All Text to open the Text Search screen.



2. Enter Your Search:

o In the **Search for** field, type the word or phrase you're looking for (e.g., "domestic", "blue Honda", or "#stolenbike").



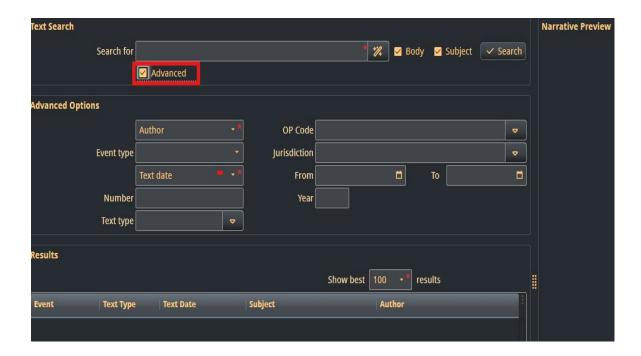
- Names can also be searched, and reports that the individual is associated with will return as well as when that name was searched in the Mobile Data Terminal.
- The "wand" icon next to the search field is also capable of searching for "exact phrase" to narrow down the results.

3. Use Search Filters (optional):

- You can narrow results using filters to search:
 - Author (who wrote it)
 - Event type (e.g., burglary, traffic stop)
 - Date range
 - Jurisdiction
- To access these filters, check the Advanced box.



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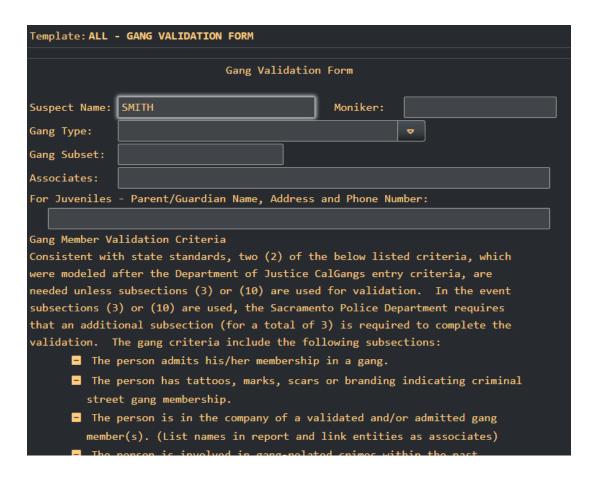
4. Search Templates:



- Choose a "TEMPLATE" to search
 - Fill in the template data to search (i.e., name of: SMITH). When searching for common names (for example, SMITH), best results will come by providing a specific date range.
 - Advanced search options are available for Templates to narrow results.



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5. Search Text by General Criteria:





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6. Customize your search area:

- By default, the system searches both the subject and body of each document.
- You can uncheck if you only want to search one part.
- 7. Click "Search" to run your query.

Viewing the Results

o The system will show a list of the best 100 matches (you can increase to 500 or more if needed).



- When you click on a result, the document opens on the right side.
- Your search word(s) will be highlighted in yellow to help you spot them quickly.
- Double-click a result to open the full text document in detail.



Click the **Preview** button if you need to print it.



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Tips and Tricks

- Ctrl + F: To search within a text document (like in a browser), press Ctrl + F to find specific words fast.
- Search Operators: Use special search tools (like AND, OR, quotation marks) for better accuracy. Click Search Assist for help.
- Hashtags (#): Use hashtags in reports to group related cases (e.g., #narcotics, #surveillance). You can later search for that hashtag.
- At symbol (@): Use @ to tag people or groups (e.g., @CIDteam). This helps teams find relevant text later.

Why It's Useful for You

- Find similar cases or suspects quickly.
- Track patterns like repeat offenders or crime trends.
- o Pull up old narratives without guessing report numbers.
- Tag and organize important case info with # and @.