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Automated victim notifications continue to rise
VINE currently tracks 75 percent of nation's jail system

Louisville, Ky. – Appriss® Inc., a technology provider for hundreds of local, state, and Federal government agencies, experienced unprecedented increases in new clients and usage of services in 2007.

VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the flagship service offered by Appriss, accounted for the most significant growth, with notifications topping the one-million mark for the first time in a single year. Phone, letter, and e-mail notifications totaled 1,171,703 in 2007, a 41 percent increase over the previous year.

VINE allows crime victims to learn the custody or court status of an offender, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by telephone or online. Victims also have the option to register to be notified automatically upon a change in custody or court status.

Appriss provides automated victim notification services to more than 2,200 communities in 43 states and the District of Columbia, covering approximately 75 percent of the nation's county and state correctional facilities.

Since VINE was created in 1994, the system has delivered more than 3.2 million notifications.

Eight new states contracted with Appriss to implement automated victim notification statewide in 2007, the highest number of new states systems launched in a single year. Indiana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Delaware, Colorado, California, Tennessee, and Mississippi joined 25 other states that have launched statewide systems.

These increases are due in part to the availability of Federal funding for states to create and enhance victim notification services. Since 2005, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance has appropriated \$27.4 million for the implementation of Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) systems across the country.

About Appriss

Since 1994, Appriss has provided innovative technology solutions that help hundreds of local, state, and Federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. In addition to VINE, Appriss partners with AT&T Government Solutions Inc. to provide automated notification services to victims of Federal crimes through the U.S. Department of Justice.

Other innovative products offered by Appriss include JusticeXchange®, the nation's leading solution for connecting criminal justice agencies; VINE Protective Order®, which alerts individuals when a protective order has been served; and MethCheck™, an automated tool that allows law enforcement to monitor the purchase of pseudoephedrine — a key ingredient in the production of methamphetamine.

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