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**Appriss enhances online victim notification services**  
*New VINELink® site easier to use, includes new resources*

*Louisville, Ky.* — A new-and-improved online version of VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), is now available to crime victims and concerned citizens throughout the nation.

Online users can log onto [www.VINELink.com](http://www.VINELink.com) to search for information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They can also register to be notified by phone, e-mail, or TTY device about an offender's release, transfer, court appearances, or escape.

Enhancements to VINELink include easier navigation, with consolidated search features for offenders, court cases, and probation/parole information. The new site also allows users to register for notification via multiple methods at the same time.

One significant new feature is offender photos, accessible in VINELink for communities where the local law enforcement agency makes them available. If a victim is unsure of the offender's age, full name, or related information, viewing a photo allows him or her to positively identify an offender. Users must click the "Show Photo" button before an offender's photo is displayed. This feature was added to avoid re-victimizing an individual.

**In addition, petitioners for protective orders can access VINE Protective Order® from the VINELink website. This service, available in**

**participating states, allows victims to register for notifications when a protective order has been served.**

A range of new resources are available at the new-and-improved VINELink site. Links and toll-free numbers for state-level victims' resources are included, as well as a National Victim Resources section that provides white papers, information for resources throughout the nation, and other downloadable materials. A link to the Appriss Cares page provides information about the company's effort to build a culture of support and advocacy for crime victims.

Mike Davis, president of Appriss, said the re-design of VINELink is part of the company's ongoing efforts to provide optimal service for crime victims and victim service professionals.

"As more individuals turn to the Internet for information, it's critical that they have quick, efficient access to data that could help keep them safe," Davis said. "At Appriss, we're always working to improve our services to ensure that victims' core rights to information and notification are being upheld."

## **About Appriss**

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help governments serve and protect their citizens. Other innovative products and services include JusticeXchange®, the leading solution for connecting criminal justice agencies nationwide; and AlertXpress™, a high-speed notification solution for government agencies. The company's newest product, Methcheck™, is an automated tool that allows

law enforcement to monitor purchases for pseudoephedrine, one of the components in the manufacture of methamphetamine, and to “watch” specific individuals who exceed the legal limits imposed by state law.

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