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WASHINGTON SAVIN
STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION

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SAVIN now available for victims, support people, advocates, law enforcement and others for status of offenders in custody at DOC

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NEW SAVIN AGENCY: DEPT OF CORRECTIONS

Washington State is delighted to join 29 other states that provide automated victim information and notification services through SAVIN for offenders in custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC).

SAVIN will allow the DOC Victim Services Unit to expand its capacity to provide information, not only to victims of crime and witnesses, but to others who have a need to know custody status. SAVIN will not replace the existing notification system at DOC, but will be used to provide additional options.

One of the services SAVIN will provide that has not been available is notification to a registered person when an offender is moved from one DOC facility to another.

Steve Eckstrom, Director of DOC Victim Services, and his staff have been working for the past several months to implement these services.

SAVIN: **1-877-846-3492**

1-866-847-1298 TTY

On line:
www.vinelink.com or www.wasavin.org

PROTECTIVE ORDER NOTIFICATION:
1-877-242-4055

PIERCE COUNTY JAIL JOINING SAVIN

Pierce County Sheriff's Office and WASPC are pleased to announce that Pierce County jail will move its VINE program into the statewide SAVIN system. This move will enhance the current services for victims of crime whose offenders are in the custody of Pierce County jail.

By merging into the statewide system, victims and other interested people in Pierce county will have access to additional services including information in Russian and Vietnamese and TTY access. In addition, locating offenders over the internet will be simplified. It is expected that this collaboration will be completed within the next two to three months.

VINE/SAVIN PROGRAM'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

December 6, 1993, Mary Byron turned 21. That evening she was murdered by a former boyfriend who was arrested and jailed on rape and assault charges, but out of custody on bail.

December 6, 1994, VINE, Victim Information and Notification Everyday, was launched. (VINE is called SAVIN in many states, including Washington.)

When the first VINE system was launched in Jefferson County, Kentucky, it ran on a single PC in a closet at the county jail.

This vital victim service is now available in 47 states across the nation and includes information on 85% of the offenders in custody, with over 40,000 notifications going out daily.

Articles about the program and its 15th anniversary were published in many newspapers across the nation, including USA Today.

In Washington State, the SAVIN program was implemented in two counties in 1999 and statewide in October 2006. Since the start of the statewide system, over 25,000 people have registered for notification, 18,500 phone messages and 23,000 e-mail notifications have been sent out.

PROTECTIVE ORDER NOTIFICATION HIGHLIGHTED

Protective Order Notification works when people in need know about it.

What is SAVIN-PO?
SAVIN Protective Order is a free telephone service that notifies petitioners when their protective orders have been served. Petitioners can register by phone any time to receive notification by phone when a protective order has been served and 30-day notice when it is about to expire.

This program received notice and support during the King County Protective Order Summit held last month.

The Summit looked at the system for protective orders and barriers for users of the system. Work groups were formed including the Service Work Group. The SAVIN PO program was one of the "high impact, easy fix" items identified by this group. The need to get the information out and decreasing the time from service to entry into the Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC) data base were listed as important solution elements.

For PO Notification and registration, call: **1-877-242-4055**

SAVIN PROTECTIVE ORDER NOTIFICATION USAGE

Even though SAVIN Protective Order was highlighted at the PO Summit, it is still a very new program just starting to gain attention.

The program, now one year old, started slowly. From January through August, a total of 26 registrations were received. In just two months, September and October, 37 registrations were received. Over this same 10 months, 53 notifications have gone out.

To put this in perspective, from January 1 through October 10, 2009, 9261 Permanent Protection Orders were created, 28,495 Criminal No-contact Orders were served and 1497 Sexual Assault Protective Orders were created.

Whatever you and your agency can do to let those who need this valuable service know about it is vital. For informational brochures, contact Dawn Larsen at dlarsen@waspc.org or 360-486-2419.

OFFENDER WATCH: SUCCESS STORY

The new statewide sex offender website, Offender Watch, allows the public access to information regarding registered sex offenders.

It also has a law enforcement component that can be used for investigative purposes.

Recently in one county, a home burglary also resulted in assault and rape. A description of the perpetrator was sent to law enforcement agencies in the area along with a sketch drawing.

The county RSO coordinator entered the description and a radius into Offender Watch. Twenty-five people were listed. She then matched the photos to the drawing and identified one person.

This information was sent to the detective on the case. The victim was able to identify this person in both a photo and person line up. He was a Level I registered sex offender and was not on the original list of possible suspects.

To access the Offender Watch public site go to: www.icrimewatch.net/Washington.php or the county sheriff's web site.

KING COUNTY JAIL DATA TO BE AVAILABLE ON JBRS

The necessary work for transferring King County jail data into JBRS (Jail Booking and Reporting System) is in process.

For those of you who use JBRS as an investigative tool, this addition is an important one as King County jail houses about 35% of the offenders in the state. It is expected to be in place in the next month.

WASPC has been working with King County jail and IT staff along with the vendor, Appriss, Inc., to ensure a quick and easy transition. Our thanks to all parties for their diligent efforts.

JBRS is part of the national JusticeXchange system which has data from 30 states including over 40 million booking records and 9 million booking photos. The data is historical and remains in the system even after release. It includes the ability to set watches, do photo line-ups and create wanted posters.

To register, go to: www.jbrs.org

JBRS will include 99% of the offenders in custody of county and city jails in this state. It is also the basis of information for SAVIN.

UNKNOWN SUSPECT DNA PROJECT EXPANDS

WASPC'S Unknown Suspect Rapid DNA Response Project is for cases where the victim of sexual assault has not know the offender for more than 24 hours or does not have a first and last name and address.

It is also for sexually motivated homicides, including cold cases and sexually motivated burglaries.

We have now been able to expand the program to include all child cases, ages 12 and under, known or unknown suspect.

For more information about the program go Programs/Projects at www.waspc.org.

All costs, including additional testing as necessary and expenses incurred for the scientists testimony in court are covered.

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*TO STAY UPDATED
*TO SHARE NEW INFORMATION
*TO GET THE WORD OUT
*TO ENCOURAGE USE OF THE PROGRAMS
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NEW WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT WASPC PROGRAMS

SAVIN information and training can now be accessed anytime on-line through Appriss University. Go to https://apprissuniversity.appriss.com/vinetraining/

WCSAP (Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs) sponsored an hour webinar in which over 60 people participated. The training included **SAVIN, SAVIN PO, Offender Watch and the DNA project**.

JBRS, for criminal justice agencies, also has an on-line training through Appriss University and extensive user guides. Go to the links tab to access this information.

At the bottom of each county page, **Offender Watch** has a guide for public use to navigate the website.

Information on the **DNA Project** for unknown suspect sexual assaults can be found under Programs/Projects at www.waspc.org

These other avenues for training and information are in addition to face-to-face trainings. To sponsor a two-hour workshop in your area, please contact Dawn Larsen. All that is required is assistance with meeting space and advertising.

For more information or if your agency would like to host a training, contact:

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