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WASHINGTON STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION

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Now register for protective order notification on-line! www.vineprotect.com or www.vinelink.com

NEW FEATURES FOR SAVIN PROTECTIVE ORDER

Until February 2011, the only way to register for the protective order service notification was by calling a toll free number and talking to an operator.

Now registration for protective order notification is available on-line.

Petitioners can register online at www.registerVPO.com **OR** on www.vinelink.com. Once at Vinelink:
1) select WA on the map
2) select WA Statewide Savin
3) select the "Protective Orders" tab to register.

Either way, all that is needed is the protective order number, the county in which it was issued, a telephone number for notification, and a four-digit PIN.

This program is for all protective orders that are entered into the Washington State Patrol data base called WACIC.

In addition, a notification will go out thirty (30) days in advance when the protective order is about to expire.

Brochures for distribution to petitioners about the program are available at no cost. Contact Dawn Larsen at dlarsen@waspc.org.

SAVIN: 1-877-846-3492

1-866-847-1298 TTY

www.vinelink.com

PROTECTIVE ORDER NOTIFICATION:

1-877-242-4055

www.registervpo.com

www.vinelink.com

SAVINPO INFORMATION IN SPANISH

Thanks to support from the Office of Crime Victim Advocacy, brochures for petitioners of protective orders will be available in Spanish by the end of February.

They are currently being updated to add the new on-line registration information. If you would like an electronic copy of the initial brochure until the new one is available, contact Dawn Larsen.

In addition, the phone notification will also be in Spanish. Unfortunately, we are not yet able to get the website in Spanish.

Registrese para notificación gratis por teléfono.

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WHO'S ON FIRST?

The victim notification program was created in 1993 and named VINE (**V**ictim **I**nformation and **N**otification **E**veryday)**.**

However, programs around the country who received federal funding to implement the program call it SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification).

This dual naming protocol has extended to all Appriss programs and can make things very confusing. Below is a list of the programs by their names, the first is the generic name, the second what the program is called in Washington State.

VINE = SAVIN or WASAVIN

JX (JusticeXchange) = JBRS (Jail Booking & Reporting System)

VPO (VINE Protective Order) = SAVINPO (SAVIN Protective Order).

All of these programs are provided by Appriss, Inc., a private company out of Louisville, Kentucky.

No matter what the program is called, it works the same.

NOW WHAT IS WASAVIN AGAIN?

Some states call their VINE/SAVIN program names that relate. For example, Missouri is MOVAN. Louisiana is LAVNS. At one point, we thought it might be helpful to "brand" a name for Washington's program - WASAVIN (Washington SAVIN). This name was printed on our marketing materials including pens, binders, notepads, etc.

If you go to www.wasavin.org, it takes you directly to the Washington home page. If you go to www.vinelink.com, you first get to a national map, then click on Washington.

Because so much confusion has already been created with the two name issue, I recommend we drop WASAVIN gradually over the next year and use SAVIN and www.vinelink.com as our primary identifiers.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

WHAT'S AN ORI NUMBER? WHY IS IT NEEDED?

VINE/SAVIN is a public website, available to anyone. Therefore, it publishes public information.

JBRS is a closed program that provides detailed information to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. Much of this information is not subject to public disclosure and is protected.

To ensure access to JBRS is only available to qualifying agencies, the ORI number is used. This number is an "originating agency identifier" assigned by the FBI through the Washington State Patrol if an agency meets the statutory definition of a criminal justice agency.

"Those public agencies which perform, as a principal function, activities directly related to the apprehension, prosecution, adjudication or rehabilitation of criminal offenders".

WHAT DO VICTIMS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DNA?

The WASPC Unknown Suspect Sexual Assault DNA Project contracted with the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs to create an informational brochure for victims of sexual assault regarding DNA evidence.

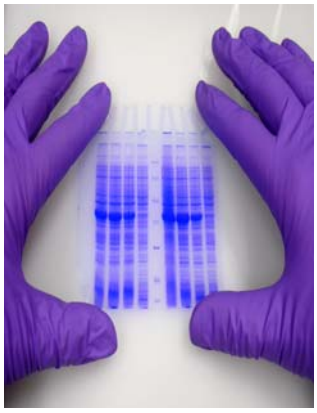
This brochure not only explains the DNA project, it also provides information to crime victims including what DNA is, where forensic DNA is found, and how it is collected and preserved.

The project is resulting in identifying suspects and in connecting unknown suspect cases for future identification.

This program is for sexual assaults when the victim does not have complete identifying information; all child cases age twelve and under; and sexually motivated homicides and burglaries.

Boxes of the new brochures have been sent out to sexual assault programs and agencies across the state.

"As a sexual assault victim, understanding what DNA is helps in knowing options, making decisions, and having realistic expectations."



ARE PRINT MATERIALS AVAILABLE?

Printed materials are available at no cost for the following victim serving programs:

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification
Provides immediate information when there is a change in an offender's custody status. Available in English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese.

Protective Order Notification
Informs petitioners when a protective order has been served and a 30-day notice when it is about to expire. Available in English and Spanish.

Offender Watch Community Flyers
Spread the word in your community about the sex offender public website.

Interested folks can search a radius around an address, register for notification, and gain valuable information for personal safety.

CONTACT: Dawn Larsen at dlarsen@waspc.org

ALL MATERIALS, PROGRAMS, AND TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO YOUR

HOW CAN MY AGENCY HELP?

Victims need to know services are available!

- Add www.vinelink.com to your agency website.
- Attach a SAVIN/VINE brochure or tear sheet to all police reports given to any victim of crime.
- Jails, add the SAVIN/VINE phone number to your telephone tree.
- Distribute printed information at community events
- Post SAVIN/VINE posters in community buildings.
- Prepare an article about the SAVIN/VINE for your paper.
- Add information to your agency Facebook or Twitter page.
- Work with your community networks.

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WHY A NEWSLETTER?

*TO STAY UPDATED

*TO SHARE NEW INFORMATION

*TO GET THE WORD OUT

*TO ENCOURAGE USE OF THE PROGRAMS

HAVE YOU HOSTED A TRAINING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

So much information, so little time!

Spring trainings now being scheduled:

JusticeXchange/JBRS

Victim Notification/SAVIN

Protective Order Notification

Unknown Suspect Sexual Assault DNA Project

Registered Sex Offender Website/Offender Watch

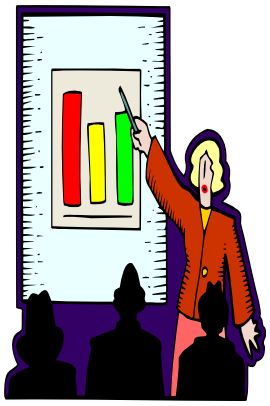
All of the these programs are covered in a two-hour training session open to law enforcement, prosecutor's office staff, victim advocates and others who have contact with victims of crime.

Most are internet-based programs, so the information is presented using the actual program. Participants will be able to immediately implement the programs.

Face-to-face training sessions are often the most effective.

WASPC "has trainer, will travel".

To sponsor a no-cost workshop in your area, please contact Dawn Larsen. All that is required is providing a meeting space with internet access for the training computer and assisting with advertising in your community.



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