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### **WI DOC and Local Law Enforcement Officials Celebrate 100 % Statewide Commitment to Offender Notification Network** *Service provides public with offender status, other information*

**RACINE, Wis.** – Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Gary Hamblin joined Racine County Sheriff Christopher Schmaling and others Wednesday to celebrate 100 percent commitment by Wisconsin counties to using the Wisconsin Victim Information & Notification Everyday (WI-VINE) Service. The officials gathered at a ceremony held at the Law Enforcement Center of the Racine Sheriff's Office.

WI-VINE is an automated service that notifies registered crime victims, law enforcement personnel and concerned citizens and community members when offenders are released from jail and also provides around-the-clock access to offender information either by telephone or use of the Internet. The service has reached 100 percent commitment from Wisconsin county jails 68 of 72 counties in Wisconsin are on the network. The four remaining counties are going through the set up process and likely be operational by the end of June.

“The more work we can do to assist crime victims, the more information we can make available to them, and the more we can partner with other government agencies, the safer our communities will be in the long run,” said DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin. “By working together to develop innovative approaches to enhance public safety, we can continue to make Wisconsin among the safest places in the country to live, work and raise a family.”

Those interested in learning about an offender or receiving notifications of an offender's change in status can call 1-888-944-8463 or log on to [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) and search by an offender's name or booking. Live operator assistance is available 24 hours a day through the toll-free number.

Anyone can register to receive a notification through the WI-VINE service and all registrants remain anonymous. Those who register for notifications will be able to sign-up multiple phones and/or e-mail addresses where they will be automatically notified when the offender is released, transferred, escapes from custody or their status changes.

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