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Automated Victim Notifications Continue to Rise *VINE System currently tracks 70 percent of nation's jail system*

Louisville, Ky. – A review of data from 2006 confirms that more crime victims than ever are using VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) to learn the custody or court status of an offender. The patented service is provided by Appriss® Inc.

Notifications by VINE in 2006 totaled 836,355, an 18 percent increase over the previous year. Other statistics for the year include:

- Incoming VINE calls: 4,379,580
- New VINE registrations: 1,030,164
- Total call volume to and from VINE: 13,486,000

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 the web. Victims also have the option to register to be notified automatically upon a change in custody or court status.

VINE is now available in more than 1,600 communities in 41 states, including 20 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas. Twenty-three states — including Texas, New York, Illinois, and Florida — have implemented statewide programs that make the VINE service available in every county in the state.

All of these communities are connected to the Appriss Data Network™, the nation's largest privately-managed integrated criminal justice information network. This central hub collects data from and manages automated interfaces with more than 70 percent of the nation's county and state correctional facilities, and manages approximately 13 million calls to and from VINE each year. In addition to automated notification, Appriss provides a staff of live operators 24 hours a day to assist victims with use of VINE.

VINE usage has increased in part due to the availability of Federal funding for states to create and enhance victim notification services. In the last two years, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded \$17 million in grants for the implementation of Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) systems across the country. New statewide systems will carry the SAVIN name, but the services are comparable to those offered through VINE. Appriss continues to be the sole provide of both VINE and SAVIN services nationwide.

About Appriss

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help governments serve and protect their citizens. Other innovative products and services include VINE

Protective Order™, which automatically notifies petitioners when protective orders are served on respondents; 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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