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## **Sex Offender data now available through VINE®**

*Users can now register against specific sex offenders*

**Louisville, Ky.** – Citizens interested in keeping track of registered sex offenders in their neighborhood can now turn to VINE® for help. Appriss has expanded its flagship product's offerings to include information about sex offenders.

Since 1994, VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) has allowed victims and their families to search for offenders in custody and register to be notified upon a release or transfer from jail as well as upcoming court appearances. Appriss is incorporating components of its comprehensive sex offender management solution, SONAR, to allow users to search for sex offenders by name or state specific sex offender compliance status, and register for automated notifications against a specific sex offender.

“Passage of the 2006 federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act has provided law enforcement agencies with the directive to launch initiatives to protect victims of sexual assault and abuse as well as raise public awareness and protection efforts,” said Mike Davis, Appriss president. “To that end, we have developed a suite of solutions that address citizen concerns and give them a sense of safety and security.”

SONAR (Sex Offender Notification and Registration) was developed in conjunction with Watch Systems, LLC, a Louisiana-based technology company. Features include Offender Tracking, which provides notification on individual sex offender movement, and Booking Alert, which notifies law enforcement when non-compliant sex offenders enter any jail within the Appriss database.

Users can track sex offenders and register by calling their state's toll-free number or logging onto [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com).

The addition of sex offender data to VINE expands the scope of offender tracking not only for victims of crime, but for law enforcement agencies as well. Participating agencies can also monitor sex offender activity in their communities through VINE's various reporting and monitoring tools.

### **About Appriss**

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help thousands of local, state, and federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. In addition to VINE and SONAR, other Appriss services include VINE Protective Order®, which alerts individuals when a protective order has been served; MethCheck®, which works with

both law enforcement and pharmacies to address the illegal meth lab problem; and AlertXpress®, a high-speed notification service for government agencies.

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