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JusticeXchange[®] / biometrics to become part of Missouri data exchange initiative

Additions will enhance powerful Internet-based search platform

The Missouri Sheriffs' Association is adding JusticeXchange and Iris scan technology to its arsenal of criminal investigative tools. The association today announced the addition as part of its new Jail Data Exchange or JDEX system.

JDEX is a powerful, Internet based service that allows sheriffs to search, link, analyze, and share criminal justice information including incident and case reports, incarceration data, citations, photographs and more.

JusticeXchange, provided by Appriss[®], is a secure, integrated database that includes millions of booking records from across the country. Booking photos, warrants, probation and parole information, and persons of interest information is made available to thousands of participating criminal justice agencies to locate suspects, generate and share information, and solve crimes.

JDEX will also incorporate Iris scanning technology in the jails to enroll, book, and release offenders. The Iris scan takes an image of the eye and uses hundreds of identifiable points of the eye to create a file. Information collected will be stored and made available to investigators.

"Our ability to access the data in JusticeXchange will further enhance our efforts to help sheriffs protect their citizens by tracking wanted individuals who may end up in jail," said Michael Covington, the association's executive director. "The addition of Iris scan technology will give investigators a very detailed profile of offenders, unavailable anywhere else."

Appriss President Paul Colangelo praised today's announcement as a new phase of law enforcement technology.

"Tracking, locating, and prosecuting wanted individuals is a time-consuming task that involves a number of agencies and communities," said Colangelo. "These new additions to JDEX will go a long way to streamline investigation time and provide accurate, invaluable information for prosecutors."

JDEX will also have the capacity to issue federated queries to other criminal justice data sources including MODEX, MULES, OSCA, and other Missouri specific data sources.

Today's announcement took place at the Missouri Sheriffs' Association's annual conference, nicknamed "Phoenix." The conference is being held in Joplin, the site of recent severe tornado damage.

About Missouri Sheriffs' Association

The mission of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association is to further professionalize the Office of Sheriff. Its goals are to upgrade the qualifications of the Office of Sheriff through training programs; to provide technical assistance to sheriffs and their departments; and to provide research for law enforcement legislation. The association's ultimate goal is to help provide better law enforcement services to the citizens of Missouri.

For more information, visit the association Web site at www.mosheriffs.com.

About Appriss

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that keep communities safe and informed. Our services include nationwide programs like VINE®, a comprehensive automated victim notification service, JusticeXchange, the largest real-time data network of incarcerated persons, and NPLEx™ a national electronic tracking system used by tens of thousands of pharmacies and law enforcement investigators, to prevent the illegal sale of over-the-counter cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

Appriss also specializes in solutions that provide government agencies with innovative ways to manage and provide access to public information. These solutions include NE Crash, an electronic platform for managing auto accident information; and NE Web Portal, which makes public documents available online.

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