



Mississippi Crime Victims have New Way to Track Offenders

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The Mississippi Department of Corrections is implementing a [Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification](#) (SAVIN) to give victims and family members up to the minute information on offenders from booking to release.

The program, its testing phase, allows crime victims to sign up anonymously to get Web and phone information on offenders from booking to release. The system updates every fifteen minutes.

"The SAVIN program is going to give victims a peace of mind of knowing where their offender is," said MDOC Division of Victims Services Director Melinda Braxton. "They can get up at 2 o'clock in the morning and call the 1-888-9-MSSAVIN (1-888-967-7284) [or sign up at www.vinelink.com] and find out where their offender is."

MDOC received funding for the system in 2006, and began implementing it in 2007. Sixty-four Mississippi counties use SAVIN. Hinds county has plans to get on board once its booking system is upgraded.

MDOC has nearly 5,000 registered crime victims and more than 21,000 inmates.