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## **North Carolina law enforcement finds success in tracking crime suspects**

*JusticeXchange® pilot credited with surge in locating offenders*

**Durham, NC.** – Nearly 30 North Carolina law enforcement agencies have succeeded in locating offenders and wanted suspects without leaving their desks. The agencies are part of a five-county pilot project utilizing an integrated justice solution called JusticeXchange. The computerized service provides law enforcement with up-to-date access to booking records, warrants, and other data from thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office began using JusticeXchange in 2005 and saw immediate results. The success led Wake, Chatham, Orange, and Granville counties to join the pilot, totaling more than 450 criminal justice users.

Durham Police Sergeant T.J. Johnson spent four months trying to locate a suspect wanted on Federal cocaine trafficking charges. By entering one of the suspect's aliases in the JusticeXchange system, Johnson found the individual in a Wachula, Florida jail on a DWI charge.

"Federal charges were filed against the suspect and he was returned to the Middle District of North Carolina where he entered a guilty plea and is currently awaiting sentencing," said Johnson. "JusticeXchange was a major asset in apprehending this wanted fugitive."

The Greenville Police Department was looking for a felony domestic assault suspect. Officer Johnny Isenberg received word the suspect was working in the Clayton or Raleigh area. A search in JusticeXchange showed he had been arrested in Clayton a year earlier and housed in Johnson County Jail. Isenberg contacted the jail and received information on the suspect's address. Within 24 hours, the individual had been arrested and jailed.

"JusticeXchange is one of the best tools I have found in a long time," said Isenberg. "Having all of that information in one place is priceless."

JusticeXchange is also used to locate missing persons, witnesses, and more.

"The ability to share multi-jurisdictional data with the ease of a few simple clicks has significantly improved our ability to monitor, locate, and apprehend offenders," said Teresa McKinney, division manager of Planning and Development for the Durham County Sheriff's Office. "During the past 10 months alone, we have seen a 56 percent increase in usage as deputies discover new ways to incorporate this technology to more efficiently meet their responsibilities."

JusticeXchange is currently being used by law enforcement agencies in Texas, New York, Florida, Washington, Kentucky, Utah, Arkansas, Indiana, South Dakota, Maryland, and Arizona. More than one million searches have been performed by JusticeXchange in the last six years, locating more than 250,000 wanted individuals.

### **About Appriss**

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