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## **Oklahoma's state corrections offenders now enrolled in VINE**

*Victims can now track status of more than 25,000 DOC inmates*

**Oklahoma City, OK.** – More than 25,000 inmates in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections have been added to the state's VINE system (Victim Information and Notification Everyday.) The addition of DOC offenders now makes it possible for crime victims and their families to track the custody status of all DOC offenders as well as offenders in local jails across 66 counties.

The enrollment of DOC offenders is the result of a partnership between corrections officials and the state attorney general's office. Both agencies see this as further commitment to keep crime victims safe.

"We are pleased that VINE is now operational through the Department of Corrections," said Attorney General Drew Edmondson. "Through DOC's diligent work, Oklahomans will now have 24-hour access to information they could previously obtain from a live person only, during business hours."

"We are excited to provide crime victims the opportunity to be notified automatically of status changes involving DOC inmates," said Robbie Fullerton, DOC Victim Liaison. "We are currently notifying persons already registered to receive notification through DOC, to let them know they should now register with VINE."

Oklahoma became the 20<sup>th</sup> state to launch VINE in May 2006. VINE should be fully operational through out the rest of the state by the end of August. Citizens interested in receiving updates on upcoming parole proceedings will still have to call the Pardon and Parole Board.

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