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**Florida launches enhanced sex offender alert system**  
*Appriss/Watch Systems partnership helps citizens track sex offenders*

**Louisville, Ky.** –The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and its partners have unveiled an innovative feature on its sex offender registry website that is helping residents keep a closer tab on sex offenders. The new feature allows Floridians to register for e-mail notifications when a sex offender moves into their neighborhood, re-registers or absconds.

Since the feature was added in late March, more than 28,000 have accessed the registry, and in many cases, registered to be notified.

“I can’t offer our citizens a better example of state and local law enforcement technology,” said FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey. “While we are not able to knock on everyone’s front door, we can deliver information to everyone’s desktop.”

FDLE developed the service as part of the state’s compliance with the Federal Adam Walsh Act. Residents can select an unlimited number of addresses and/or offenders and predators to track, and can update their selections at any time, free of charge. E-mail notifications are sent within 24 to 48 hours of an address change to the state’s registry.

“I am proud that Floridians have access to one of the most comprehensive sexual offender and predator registration systems in the nation,” said Governor Charlie Crist. “This new sophisticated tracking tool will actively notify citizens of updates of most interest to them and their families.”

The customized alert notification feature is the first statewide solution offered by Appriss and Watch Systems, two of the nation’s leading government technology solution providers. The partnership has resulted in the creation of SONAR (Sex Offender Notification and Registration,) a suite of solutions aimed at keeping the public informed on the whereabouts of sex offenders in their communities as well as provide law enforcement an application to support compliance with state and federal law regarding management of sex offenders.

**About Appriss**

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help thousands of local, state, and Federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. Its flagship product, VINE®, keeps crime victims informed on the custody or court status of their

offender in more than 2,000 communities across the country. Other innovative services include VINE Protective Order® which alerts individuals when a protective order has been served; JusticeXchange™, the leading solution for connecting criminal justice agencies nationwide; and AlertXpress®, a high-speed notification service for government agencies.

### **About Watch Systems**

Watch Systems is a privately held software development firm based in the New Orleans, LA area specializing in sex offender registration and community notification software and services at the state and local level. In the last six years, Watch has refined a software solution as well as supporting services that are used by more than 300 law enforcement and state agencies across the country. Success is based on the ability to link the technical service and support with the community's demand for relevant and timely information concerning sex offenders, in a form that they can use.

For more information on Watch Systems, visit [www.watchsystems.com](http://www.watchsystems.com) or contact Mike Cormaci at [mcormaci@watchsystems.com](mailto:mcormaci@watchsystems.com).

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