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PRESS RELEASE

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New Mobile App Provides State and County Offender Custody Information to Washington Crime Victims. Washington crime victims can now receive alerts and check on the real-time status of offenders through a new free mobile app.

VINEMobile enables victims of crime and the public to use smartphones or tablets to anonymously monitor the location and custody status of offenders in Washington correctional facilities and participating county and city jails. Users can also register for around the clock phone, email, or TTY device notifications when an offender's custody status changes. Those changes include an offender's, transfer, release, or death. VINEMobile is a mobile app version of WASAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification), an automated victim notification service which can be accessed at www.vineline.com or 1-877-846-3492.

“We’re very pleased this app has been made available on smartphones and tablets, so victims of crime have another option to register for important notifications about offenders in custody,” Sheriff Nelson said. “It’s another way technology is helping improve how we go about the business of keeping our citizens informed and safe.” Nelson said.

“This new mobile app is hands-on and immediate,” Mitch Barker, Executive Director, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, said. “Victims, advocates, law enforcement, and the public can use the app to quickly and easily register for instant offender movement notifications. It’s another piece of a community’s safety plan.” WASAVIN has provided information and notifications about offenders in custody since 2007.

How to download the VINEMobile App: The app, developed by Appriss Inc., is available for both Android and Apple devices. For Android devices, users can search in Google Play using the search term “VINEMobile.” For Apple devices, users can search in the Apple App Store using the search term “VINEMobile” under “iPhone Apps” (the VINEMobile app currently appears in the Apple App Store only as an iPhone app, but will run on an iPad).

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