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NEVADA EXPANDS AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION SYSTEM TO CARSON CITY

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto and Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong today announced Carson City is joining the state's free and anonymous automated victim information and notification system.

Crime victims and other concerned citizens from Carson City will have around-the-clock access to custody information about offenders held in jails throughout the state. The system allows victims to be immediately informed in the event an offender is transferred, released or escapes imprisonment.

"Protection of our citizens does not end with prosecuting the offenders," said Masto. "We must continue to protect the victims of crime by keeping them informed on the custody status of their offenders."

"Public protection is my first priority," said Furlong. "By automating these services we can better protect victims in the aftermath of a crime and keep our citizens safe."

Users can contact Nevada VINE at 1-888-2NV-VINE (888-268-8463) or www.vinelink.com to track the custody status of an offender or register to be notified by phone or e-mail in the event of a transfer, release, escape, or death. Live operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist victims who need help obtaining offender information or registering for notification.

The Nevada VINE service is provided by the Nevada Office of the Attorney General and local law enforcement agencies. Now in addition to Carson City, the Nevada VINE service is currently online in the following counties: Churchill, Esmeralda, Eureka, Douglas, Lyon, Lander, Humboldt, Elko, Storey, Lincoln, White Pine, and Washoe.

Altogether, more than three and a half million phone calls (in and outbound) have been made and nearly 300,000 searches have been conducted on line.

More information about VINE, including brochures in English and Spanish, can be found here: http://bit.ly/NVVINE.

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