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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CONDUCTS VICTIM NOTIFICATION TRAININGS IN NEVADA

Las Vegas, NV – The Office of the Nevada Attorney General conducted 11 trainings in Washoe, Churchill, Storey, Carson, Lincoln, White Pine, and Eureka counties, with over 130 total attendees, who learned about the Nevada Victim Information Notification Service (VINE). VINE is an automated service which allows crime victims to anonymously obtain information about the custody status of offenders in county jails.

Police officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, judges, and community members came together and attended trainings from Tuesday, Jan. 31 running through Thursday, Feb. 9 that helped them become familiar with using the statewide automated victim notification service currently available in 13 of Nevada's 17 counties.

Training attendees learned how to use the <u>VINE website</u>, and phone number (888-2NV-VINE) to search for offenders in county jails and register to receive notifications on custody status changes.

"It is essential we conduct trainings to ensure victims and victim service providers know not only the benefits of using VINE to keep themselves safe and informed but how to use the system," said Masto.

"Crime victims have the right to be kept informed," said Churchill County Sheriff Benjamin Trotter. "These trainings gave our officers valuable information on how to help victims use VINE to obtain the information they need."

Several trainings offered information specific to sheriff's offices on the internal workings of the VINE service.

"Carson City Sheriff's Office is committed to victim safety, and we are pleased to be a part of these trainings," said Carson City Sheriff Kenneth Furlong, who most recently work with the attorney general's office to launch VINE in Carson City.

The Nevada VINE service and the VINE trainings were sponsored by the Nevada Office of the Attorney General and local law enforcement agencies.

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



The Office of the Nevada Attorney General conducted a training in Fallon on Feb. 1 to teach people about the Nevada Victim Information Notification Service (VINE). Karen Adams leads the discussion on the importance of victim notification.



Washoe County Undersheriff Todd Vinger delivers welcome remarks at the training in Reno on Jan. 31 about the Nevada Victim Information Notification Service (VINE).