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NEVADA EXPANDS AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION SYSTEM TO MESQUITE

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto and Mesquite Police Chief Troy Tanner today announced that Mesquite has joined the state's free and anonymous automated victim information and notification system.

"Protecting our citizens does not end with prosecuting offenders," said Masto. "We must continue to protect victims of crime and their families by keeping them informed of the custody status of their offenders. This is a free resource to help them achieve that."

"VINE will be a great benefit to the victims in our community," said Tanner. "By automating victim notification, we can help keep victims safe in the aftermath of a crime."

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

Users can track the custody status of an offender or register to be notified by phone (1-888-2NV-VINE or 888-268-8463) or e-mail (www.vinelink.com) 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.

In addition to the Department of Corrections and Mesquite Police Department, the Nevada VINE service is currently available in the following counties: Carson, Churchill, Esmeralda, Eureka, Douglas, Lyon, Lander, Humboldt, Elko, Storey, Lincoln, Nye, White Pine, and Washoe.

In the past twelve months in Nevada, nearly 350,000 phone calls (in and outbound) have been made and over 300,000 searches have been conducted on line.

The Nevada VINE service is provided 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: <http://bit.ly/NVVINE>.

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