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## OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CONDUCTS TRAININGS FOR VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE DURING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN CLARK COUNTY

**Las Vegas, NV** – In observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), the Office of the Nevada Attorney General conducted two trainings for community members with over 70 total attendees who learned about the Nevada Victim Information Notification Service (VINE).

VINE is a free automated service, which allows crime victims to anonymously obtain information about the custody status of offenders in county jails via phone or email.

Attendees, who participated in trainings on Tuesday, April 24 at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters and Thursday, April 26 at Henderson Police Department (North Station), learned how to register for VINE notifications and the importance of doing so.

"This victim centric solution can help protect and empower victims and their families," said Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. "We will continue to promote awareness of victims' rights and needs even after National Crime Victims' Rights Week is over."

"I was pleased to host community trainings about VINE during National Crime Victims' Rights Week," said Clark County Sheriff Douglas Gillespie. "We will continue to serve and protect."

"Nevada VINE is a powerful tool helping victims and other concerned citizens," said Henderson Interim Police Chief James White. "I look forward to the system's eventual debut in Henderson."

In addition to calling the aforementioned number, people can register on the <u>VINE</u> website.

Additional trainings, closed to the public, specific to law enforcement officials demonstrated the internal workings of the VINE service.

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: http://bit.ly/NVVINE.

NCVRW, which is observed April 22–28, 2012, honors crime victims and the first responders, advocates, counselors, and others who assist them in their time of need, and the law enforcement personnel who work to bring offenders to justice.



Henderson Interim Police Chief James White welcomes attendees to the VINE training held at Henderson Police Department (North Station) on April 26.



Community members learn about the VINE system at a training held at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters on April 24.

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