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NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL UNVEILS NEW PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Crime Victims Have 24/7 Access to Offender Status

Carson City, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto unveiled six new radio and four television public service announcements (PSA) to help promote the state's VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) program. To download the PSAs, visit: <http://bit.ly/NVVINEPSA>.

"Nevada VINE restores peace of mind to survivors and gives crime victims a voice in the criminal justice system," said Masto. "I hope Nevadans will review the informative PSAs taped by local law enforcement leaders and share it with their networks."

The 30-second announcements will be distributed to radio and television stations throughout the state in an effort to raise awareness among crime victims and other interested parties about VINE, which allows crime victims to check on the custody status of their offender anytime day or night, and to register to be notified whenever the offender's custody status changes.

Those featured in the PSA's include: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Sheriff Doug Gillespie, City of Las Vegas Enforcement and Detention Chief Michelle Freeman, Nevada Department of Corrections Director Greg Cox, Washoe County Undersheriff Todd Vinger, White Pine County Sheriff Dan Watts, Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Member Anya Arechiga, and Victim Advocate Suzanne Ramos.

NV Vine is currently not live in Clark, Mineral, and Pershing counties. The following is a list of counties/agencies who currently have NV VINE and when the service was implemented:

Name:	Implemented:
Carson City	12/2011

Churchill County	01/2012
Douglas County	01/2011
Elko County	03/2011
Esmeralda County	09/2010
Eureka County	11/2011
Humboldt County	02/2011
Lander County	02/2011
Lincoln County	09/2011
Lyon County	02/2011
Mesquite Police Department	02/2012
Nevada Department of Corrections	02/2012
Nye County	02/2012
Storey County	10/2011
Washoe County	10/2011
White Pine County	10/2011

To check on the status of an offender or to register, victims can call toll-free 888-2-NV-VINE or visit www.vinelink.com. The service, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is funded in Nevada through June 2013 by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification program.

More information about VINE can be found here: <http://bit.ly/NVVINE>.

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