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WELD SHERIFF ENHANCES WEB SITE TO EMPOWER VICTIMS

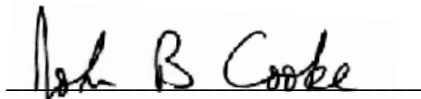
Greeley, Colo. – In an effort to increase public awareness and facilitate crime victims' access to critical offender information, the Weld County Sheriff's Office has installed an enhancement to Colorado VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).

The enhancement provides a web link from the Weld County Sheriff's Office web site to the online version of COVINE. The web interface allows users to access the same information they would receive via the VINE toll-free number and register for phone and e-mail notifications. Adding the link reduces the time a victim spends searching for offender information. This will allow the Weld County Sheriff's Office to direct victims and other concerned citizens to COVINE, a free, anonymous phone and web system that allows users to track the custody status of offenders in jail and register to be notified when an offender's custody status changes.

To access COVINE go to www.weldsheriff.com and click on the "Daily Arrest Report" button on the left side of the page. A new link below the date of birth field of each arrestee says "custody status". Clicking this link will take you to COVINE where you can register for notification by phone, or email when an inmate's custody status changes.

The web link seamlessly connects users to the service, reducing the time a victim spends searching for offender information. "This empowers anyone who has been a victim, whether it is the actual victim or the family," Sheriff Cooke said. "The Weld County Sheriff's Office tries to stay on the cutting edge of technology to provide citizens with the safety and security they need."

VINE is a service of Appriss Inc., a Louisville, Kentucky-based provider of technology services that help hundreds of local, state, and Federal criminal justice agencies to serve and protect their citizens. The Colorado Statewide VINE service is provided by the County Sheriffs of Colorado.



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