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JusticeXchange(R) Used to Support the Work of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 31 /PRNewswire/ -- A partnership between the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and Appriss is paying off in the search for suspected abductors and registered sex offenders. NCMEC uses the company's JusticeXchange service to seek updated information on inmates held in jails and prisons across the country.

JusticeXchange is an integrated justice solution that provides instant, up-to-date access to booking records, incident reports, and other data from thousands of law enforcement agencies. Users can also set up watches and register to be notified when someone matching a description shows up in custody in any of the jails covered by the system.

Appriss began providing the service to NCMEC on a pro bono basis in 2004 to assist case analysts in their efforts to monitor suspected abductors or missing children who may have been arrested as adults and jailed in other states. Since that time, analysts have made JusticeXchange an integral part of their daily routine.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) recently asked NCMEC to locate a non-compliant sex offender who had failed to register as required by law. Analysts conducted person searches for the offender and added him to the JusticeXchange Watch List.

"We received an automatic e-mail weeks later locating the offender in a Missouri county jail. We were also able to obtain his current address and

employer," said Staca Urie, program manager with NCMEC's Special Analysis Unit. "With JusticeXchange, we were able to provide law enforcement agencies with important information to get the offender extradited to Kansas and back in court."

Birmingham, Alabama authorities contacted NCMEC to assist in locating a missing 17 year old with a history of drug and alcohol abuse. After six months, NCMEC located the teen by finding, through JusticeXchange, that he had been arrested and was in custody in another community. Law enforcement was able to confirm the teen's identity and his safe recovery.

"JusticeXchange is an important resource used to assist law enforcement in missing child investigations and often contains vital information," said Urie. "In this particular investigation, JusticeXchange played a key role in reuniting an endangered runaway with his family."

JusticeXchange is currently used by law enforcement professionals in Texas, New York, Florida, Washington, Kentucky, Maryland, Utah, Arkansas, and North Carolina; by agencies in Indiana, Illinois, South Dakota, and Arizona. JusticeXchange has performed more than one million searches in the last six years and located more than 250,000 wanted individuals.

About Appriss

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help thousands of local, state, and Federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. Its flagship product, VINE(R), keeps crime victims informed on the custody or court status of their offender in more than 2,000 communities across the country. Other innovative services include VINE Protective Order(R), which alerts individuals when a protective order has been served; MethCheck(R), which works with both law enforcement and pharmacies to address the illegal meth lab problem; and AlertXpress(R), a high-speed notification service for government agencies.

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