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Booking Alert tracks sex offenders who become incarcerated

Appriss and Watch Systems offer feature as part of OffenderWatch sex offender management tool

Louisville, Ky. — A new feature of a suite of innovative sex offender management tools will allow law enforcement agencies to locate sex offenders in jails and prisons across the country.

Booking Alert enables designated users to be automatically notified if a registered sex offender is booked into jail virtually anywhere in the country. Booking Alert is a feature of OffenderWatch® — the industry standard sex offender registration, verification, and community notification tool. Appriss Inc. and Watch Systems partner to offer a comprehensive suite of sex offender solutions that includes OffenderWatch.

Booking Alert automatically tracks registered sex offenders against one of the largest near real-time databases of jail information in the nation on a daily basis. Once a “hit” is detected, a message including the offender’s information and the jail information where the hit was detected is returned to a designated source for integration with OffenderWatch. E-mail alerts are sent to the subscriber when an offender is booked into jail or prison, and again when the offender is released.

For communities using OffenderWatch, the Booking Alert feature eliminates the need for law enforcement staff to perform a search when a sex offender is incarcerated and becomes non-compliant. In addition, Booking Alert allows for the integration of jail and sex offender data, which helps states to achieve justice information sharing in a fast, efficient manner. The tool can also help agencies save time and resources because receiving jail data in near real-time decreases unnecessary warrants.

“Booking Alert is a versatile feature for states that need help with the daunting task of monitoring sex offenders,” said Lisa Dohoney, director of Sex Offender Solutions with Appriss. “Now, agencies can collaborate to ensure the accuracy of justice information while also reducing their non-compliant rate. No other sex offender solution can do this.”

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The suite of sex offender tools offered by Appriss and Watch Systems help law enforcement professionals to better monitor sex offenders and achieve compliance with federal statutes while also allowing residents to track registered sex offenders in their area.

Currently, more than 10 states — including Florida, Utah, and Washington — and hundreds of local agencies across multiple states are relying on Appriss, Watch Systems, and the OffenderWatch application for their sex offender management needs.

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®, keeps crime victims informed on the custody or court status of their offender in more than 2,300 communities in 46 states. Other innovative services include VINE Protective Order® which alerts individuals when a protective order has been served; JusticeXchange®, the leading solution for connecting criminal justice agencies nationwide; and MethCheck®, which works with both law enforcement and pharmacies to address the illegal meth lab problem.

About Watch Systems, LLC

Watch Systems is a leading provider of mapping software and geographic information systems (GIS) for state, county, and city law enforcement agencies in 37 states. Watch Systems offers automated processes with secure access that allow agencies to manage and share data with online communities. The company's core product, OffenderWatch®, has become the industry standard sex offender registration, management, and community notification solution serving more than 600 agencies at both the state and local level.

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