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## **JusticeXchange and OffenderNet help locate sex offenders, child abductors and missing children**

*Five-year partnership between Appriss, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reaps benefits*

**Louisville, Ky.** – A five-year collaboration between Appriss Inc. and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has generated leads that helped to locate non-compliant sex offenders, child abductors, and missing children who have reached the age of 18. Since 2004, Appriss has provided NCMEC unlimited access to JusticeXchange and OffenderNet, its technology solutions that are designed to help criminal justice agencies locate suspects, generate and share information, and solve crimes.

OffenderNet is a secure, integrated justice database, that manages nearly 40 million booking records including photos, warrants, probation and parole records, and data on persons of interest. JusticeXchange is the portal NCMEC uses to access the information.

“Since the inception of our Sex Offender Tracking Team, JusticeXchange and OffenderNet have helped our analysts locate more than 50 non-compliant sex offenders in correctional facilities across the country,” said Ernie Allen, president and CEO of NCMEC. “This valuable information enabled us to provide law enforcement with critical information that saved investigators valuable time and resources.”

The Case Analysis Unit at NCMEC relies on booking information from JusticeXchange and OffenderNet to help locate individuals involved in missing child cases. Each week, the unit compares records on approximately 1,800 individuals to the booking information in JusticeXchange through a unique batching process. This helped lead to the successful recovery of several children over the last five years.

In one case, a Lansing, Michigan child was abducted by her non-custodial mother at the age of two. Six months later, an analyst at the National Center discovered the mother had been arrested by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s office. Using the information from JusticeXchange, the abductor and child were located unharmed.

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JusticeXchange and OffenderNet have also helped NCMEC locate runaways, including a Tulsa, Oklahoma boy who left home at the age of 17. A year later, a case analyst used JusticeXchange to generate booking information and learned the young man had been arrested for robbery and was incarcerated by the Texas Department of Corrections. This information provided a concerned family with information on their son after a year of uncertainty and continuous searches.

NCMEC's Attempted Abduction Analysts confirm the status of suspects arrested for attempting to abduct children. If a child goes missing, the team uses the information to help law enforcement confirm or rule out an individual as a potential suspect in the disappearance of a child. JusticeXchange's Watch feature provides analysts with real-time notifications that an abductor, missing child, or non-complaint sex offender has been booked into a correctional facility.

"As a company, we are gratified to see such positive results from the tools we provide the National Center," said Brian Oldham, executive vice president of Appriss's Information Services Group. "We recognize that in the abduction of a child, time is critical for a safe return. We will continue providing these services in the hopes of solving cases and giving families peace of mind."

## **About Appriss**

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help thousands of local, state, and federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. Other innovative services include VINE→ (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), an automated service that notifies crime victims and other concerned citizens when an offender is released from custody or scheduled to appear in court; VINE Protective Order®, which automatically notifies petitioners when protective orders are served on respondents; and Sex Offender Solutions, which keep communities informed on the whereabouts of registered sex offenders. Appriss is also a member of the IJIS Institute, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation, that represents the industry's leading companies that collaborate with local, state, tribal, and federal agencies to provide technical assistance, training, and support services for information exchange and technology initiatives.

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### **About the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Since it was established by Congress in 1984, the organization has operated a toll-free 24-hour national missing children's hotline which has handled nearly 2.4 million calls. It has assisted law enforcement in the recovery of more than 142,100 children. The organization's CyberTipline has handled more than 721,330 reports of child sexual exploitation and its Child Victim Identification Program has reviewed and analyzed more than 25 million child pornography images and videos. The organization works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

To learn more about NCMEC, call its toll-free, 24-hour hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST or visit [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

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