



## **Automated crime victim notification service online**

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COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - The S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC) has announced that the Statewide Victim Information and Notification service (SAVIN) is now up and running in 23 of the state's detention centers and prison work camps.

"This system will assist in providing victims of crime more control over how and when they receive vital information regarding their offender's custody status," said Stephanie Cassavaugh, the program manager for the SAVIN Program, in a written news release. "Knowing that they will receive a call automatically when an offender is being released from jail or prison can help a crime victim feel more in control and plan for their own safety."

SAVIN allows users to confirm that an offender is in jail or prison and provides important custody status information.

The service also allows crime victims to register to receive notifications automatically by phone and email when there are specified changes in the custody status of an offender.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in both English and Spanish. The toll-free number is 1.866.SC SAVIN.

The SAVIN service is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2009 and will also include county facilities and the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

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