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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Sheriff Renner brings WI-VINE service to Adams County**

### **Service notifies crime victims when offenders are released from jail**

Adams County residents will now have quick access to custody information on offenders in the County Jail. Today, Sheriff Darrell Renner launched the WI-VINE service, an automated service that notifies registered crime victims and other concerned citizens when offenders are released from jail, and also provides around-the-clock access to offender information either by telephone or use of the Internet. In addition to crime victims, the VINE system can be used by family members, neighbors, business owners, law enforcement officers, criminal justice professionals – anyone impacted by crime – who is interested in knowing the location and custody status of criminal defendants and offenders housed in the County jail.

“Protecting the citizens of Adams County is always our highest priority,” said Sheriff Renner. “The WI-VINE service provides an added level of protection because it gives everyone access to timely and accurate information on offenders in our county and other counties throughout the state that offer the VINE service. Our Department is appreciative of the support we received from the County Public Safety and Judiciary Committee to participate in this grant and make this important service available to the public.”

Individuals throughout the county who are interested in inquiring about an offender or receiving automated notification of an offender’s change in

status can call 1-888-944-8463 or log on to [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) and search by an offender's name or Booking Number to obtain custody information. The toll free telephone number and link to the VINE System can also be found on the Sheriffs Department page on the Adams County Web Site <http://co.adams.wi.gov> Those choosing to register for automated notification will be able to register multiple phones and/or e-mail addresses where they will be automatically notified when the offender is released, transferred, escapes from custody or their status changes.

In addition, live operator assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for callers who have questions or require additional help.

“The WI-VINE service has been in operation in various areas throughout the United States for the past fifteen years and the service is certainly designed with the victim in mind. It is very user-friendly,” Sheriff Renner said. “What makes it special is the automatic notification feature – as long as you’ve got a telephone or a computer, you can receive an automated alert anytime of the day or night. This level of protection and notification are critically important to anyone who’s concerned about the whereabouts of an offender.”

The WI-VINE service is funded by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice. Since 2005, the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) grant program administered by the BJA has nearly doubled the number of states providing automated victim notification. The goal of the SAVIN program is to increase public safety and improve vital criminal justice decisions by ensuring that victims are given timely and accurate information that enhances their ability to protect themselves. Adams County is proud to join Marinette, Shawano, Douglas, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Eau Claire, Trempealeau, Waushara, Sawyer, Door, Winnebago, Marquette, Clark, LaCrosse, Monroe, Rock, Waushara, Oconto, Kewaunee, Vilas, Waupaca, Richland, Florence, Pierce, Outagamie and Dane counties in making the WI-VINE service available to the citizens of Wisconsin.

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