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***Connecticut to launch interactive sex offender
registry and notification tool***
Appriss and Watch Systems chosen for implementation

Louisville, Ky. — An enhanced sex offender registry and notification system will help Connecticut's law enforcement professionals to better monitor the state's sex offender population and allow residents to track registered sex offenders in their area.

The Connecticut Department of Public Safety has chosen Appriss Inc. and Watch Systems to implement an interactive Sex Offender Registry System. The two companies have partnered to offer a comprehensive suite of sex offender solutions that includes OffenderWatch®, the industry standard sex offender management and notification tool.

Federal statutes require states to maintain a central registry of sex offenders and to facilitate public access to the registry. The OffenderWatch tool will help Connecticut's law enforcement agencies to stay in compliance with these laws while also streamlining their sex offender program.

The OffenderWatch application will be available to all agencies responsible for the registration of sex offenders. By using one application across the state to track sex offenders, there will be little to no delay in new or updated information for both the public and applicable agencies responsible for registration.

For public access to the system, users will be able to log on to a community Web portal to search for specific offenders, register to be notified by e-mail when an offender moves into the area, and use a mapping tool to view offenders residing within a specified radius of a given address.

Users can enter addresses for specific locations – such as a home, school, child care center, or park – to search for offenders living nearby and receive notifications when a sex offender moves into the area. The registry's mapping feature will provide a geographic risk assessment, which gives a visual representation of an offender's location on a map.

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Notifications will be sent within 24 hours of an address change to the state's registry. Use of the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry System is free and confidential.

"Our technology and our services are designed to help states effectively monitor their sex offender population," said Lisa Dohoney, director of Sex Offender Solutions with Appriss. "We believe Connecticut chose us because we have proven success in this area. The collaborative effort among the Department of Public Safety, Appriss, and Watch Systems will help provide Connecticut citizens with a valuable safety tool."

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 program solutions.

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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