

VINE

OHIO

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**Victims Have the
Right to Know.**

Call VINE[®]

Victim
Information and
Notification
Everyday



**JIM PETRO
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

STATE OF OHIO



Dear Ohioan,

Crime victims have the right to be informed. Through VINE, the largest and most comprehensive automated victim notification system in the country, victims can get information and notifications regarding their offenders free and anonymously.

VINE links county sheriffs and statewide correctional facilities to make the status of offenders available 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year. Anyone may call the toll-free VINE hotline to access custody information, which is made available in English and Spanish. Callers may also register directly with VINE to receive telephone notification of changes in custody. A live operator is available 24-hours-a-day to assist callers in accessing information or registering for notification.

Every day on average more than 50 inmates are released by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction alone. Many of these inmates have committed violent crimes. VINE will let those victims that have registered for notifications know almost immediately if a perpetrator is scheduled for release, parole, or a hearing.

We hope this technology will afford victims some peace of mind while at the same time empower them with information. As always, the Office of the Attorney General seeks to serve the crime victims of Ohio.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jim Petro". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Jim Petro
Ohio Attorney General

What is VINE?

Victim Information and Notification Everyday

VINE is a free, anonymous, computer-based service that provides victims of crime two important services:

- ❖ **Information.**
- ❖ **Notification.**

Information

For defendant custody information, call 1-800-770-0192 and follow the prompts. Callers use basic information to search the VINE database. VINE will quickly provide the caller with offender status information.

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Notification

Callers may choose to register for automated telephone notification when an offender has a change in custody status. In some cases, letters may be sent.

How Do I Participate in the VINE Program?

To locate an offender in a county jail, state prison or state juvenile facility, or to

register for notification, call the VINE hotline directly from a touch-tone phone. Once connected, follow the computer prompts given by the VINE service. During registration you will be asked to provide a telephone number and select a four-digit PIN code. The Ohio VINE service is available in English and Spanish.

Offenders housed in a municipal jail facility are not included in the VINE database.

What Is A PIN?

The PIN (Personal Identification Number) is a four-digit number chosen by you. Your PIN is used to confirm receipt of notification calls from VINE. Choose a number that is easy for you to remember and write it down.

What If I'm Not at Home or My Phone Is Busy When VINE Calls?

The VINE service is designed to allow every opportunity for you to be notified. If there is no answer or the line is busy, VINE will continue to call for a minimum of 24 hours. VINE will leave a message on an answering machine, but will continue to call for 24 hours or until the PIN is entered.

Can I Register More Than One Telephone Number with VINE?

Yes, but each registration must be done separately and requires a PIN. You may use the same PIN for several registrations.

Does VINE Ensure My Safety?

The VINE program is designed to provide you with quick and easy access to offender information and to assist you in preparing for an offender's release. Do not depend solely on VINE or any other program for your safety.

Who Sponsors VINE?

VINE is provided by Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. It is funded by a Victims Of Crime Act grant.

Additional Ohio Victim Services

Action Ohio Coalition for Battered Women

P.O. Box 15673
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 221-1255

FBI Victim Specialist

500 S. Front St., Ste. 1050
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 744-2123

**Office of the Attorney General —
Consumer Protection Section**

30 E. Broad St., 14th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215
1 (800) 282-0515
(For TTY users, call 1 (888) 567-6881)
www.ag.state.oh.us

**Office of the Attorney General —
Crime Victims Services Section**

150 E. Gay St., 25th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215
1 (800) 582-2877, or (614) 466-5610
Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program
1 (877) 5VICTIM — (877-584-2846)
www.ag.state.oh.us

**Office of Criminal Justice Services —
Family Violence Prevention and Service Fund**

140 E. Town St., 14th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-7782

Ohio CASA/GAL Association

261B E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43215
1 (800) 891-6446 or (614) 224-2272

Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault

933 N. High St., Ste. 120B, Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 781-1902 or 1 (888) 336-2672

Ohio Crisis Response Team

c/o Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification &
Investigation, P.O. Box 365
London, OH 43140
(740) 845-2641 or (937) 647-6892

**Ohio Department of Health Rape
Prevention Project**

246 N. High St., 8th Fl., Columbus, OH 43266
(614) 466-5332

**Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and
Correction — Office of Victim Services**

1050 Freeway Dr., North
Columbus, OH 43229
1 (888) 842-8464 or (614) 728-1976

**Ohio Department of Youth Services —
Office of Victim Services**

51 N. High St., Ste. 601, Columbus, OH 43215
1 (800) 872-3132 or (614) 644-6416

Ohio Domestic Violence Network

4807 Evanswood Dr., Ste. 201
Columbus, OH 43229
1 (800) 934-9840 or (614) 781-9651

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

5900 Roche Dr., Ste. 250, Columbus, OH 43229
1 (800) 552-8641 or (614) 885-6233

Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

196 E. State St., Ste. 200, Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 221-1266

Ohio Victim Witness Association

c/o Victim Witness Division
61 Greene St., Xenia, OH 45385
(937) 562-5087

**Parents of Murdered Children —
National Chapter**

100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
1 (888) 818-7662

**SW Ohio Critical Incident Stress
Management Team**

P.O. Box 62445, Cincinnati, OH 45262-0445
1 (800) 212-1322, on-call pager (513) 563-2172

U.S. Attorney's Office (Northern Region)

801 W. Superior Ave., Ste. 400
Cleveland, OH 44113
(216) 622-3600

U.S. Attorney's Office (Southern Region)

303 Marconi Blvd., Ste. 200
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 469-5715

Kentucky Statewide VINE

1 (800) 511-1670

VINE Registration Information

Please record the following information
before calling the VINE hotline:

Offender Name

Inmate Number (for county inmates)

Institution Number
(for DRC/DYS offenders)

PIN Code
(Your four-digit Personal Identification
Number)

The VINE service is provided
to assist you in getting information.
Do not depend solely on VINE or any
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