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OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER EXPANDS CJLEADS TO BUNCOMBE, HAYWOOD, MADISON, MITCHELL, YANCEY AND MCDOWELL COUNTIES

Database That Helps Track and Catch Criminals Continues Rolling Out Statewide

State Controller David McCoy today began the expansion of CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) to criminal justice professionals in Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey and McDowell counties. At the events today were area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties.

CJLEADS integrates data found within the state's various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an "offender watch" capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status.

At the kick-off meetings, OSC provided a demonstration of CJLEADS and coordinated training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS after completing the training classes.

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. OSC began the statewide Phase I deployment in December 2010 to the Upper and Lower Piedmont. (These Phase I counties included: Durham, Orange, Person, Caswell, Chatham, Guilford, Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rockingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Rowan, Randolph, Alamance, Lee, Scotland, Anson and Union.)

The May 17 and 18 kickoff meetings begin the Phase II rollout to the lower western and lower eastern regions of the state. Phase III will begin December, 2011 to the upper western and upper eastern part of the state. The deployment will provide all federal, state and local criminal justice organizations with operational presence in the State of North Carolina the opportunity to complete on-boarding activities and begin training personnel for access to CJLEADS. To minimize deployment costs, OSC is working closely with state and local organizations to leverage available training facilities, implement Train the Trainer programs, and minimize travel through the use of web-based training classes and up to date electronic documentation.

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Several agencies that are part of the Wake County and Phase I rollout have shared results of having access to CJLEADS, for example:

Officer J.L. McMillan of the Holly Springs Police Department said that on Sunday May 1, 2011, he had a report for a larceny of two firearms. The victim's daughter was able to give the officer five possible suspects. For two of the suspects, she was only able to provide him with a first name, that they were brothers, and a possible location of Raleigh. She showed the officer a photograph from a Facebook profile picture for one suspect; however, the Facebook profile only provided the spelling of the suspect's first name and no other identifying information.

Although he felt like he was "looking for a needle in a haystack," the officer entered the first name of one of the suspects, location Raleigh, male and age range + or - 5 yrs and 18 years old in CJLEADS. The officer began going through the photographs and looking at the pictures to see if anyone looked similar to the Facebook profile. The officer found one suspect who looked very similar to the Facebook profile picture. The officer then ran the first name of the other suspect and found that there was a person by that name who was about one year younger than the other suspect and that they lived at the same address. The officer printed out their arrest photos and had one of his detectives take them to the victim's daughter, who identified them as the two suspects that were at her house the night the firearms were stolen. "I wanted to pass this information on because without CJLEADS, these suspects might never have been identified," said Officer McMillan. "I used every other means available to me, but could not find any information on the suspects. CJLEADS was the tool that broke this case open and helped me find the needle in the haystack."

This, as well as other testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS, can be found on our website http://www.cjleads.nc.gov. For an online demonstration of CJLEADS please go to: http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf.

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