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### \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

#### STATE CONTROLLER DAVID MCCOY TO EXPAND THE CJLEADS CRIMINAL-TRACKING DATABASE TO COLUMBUS, ROBESON, BLADEN, NEW HANOVER, BRUNSWICK AND PENDER COUNTIES

State Controller David McCoy will expand the CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) criminal-tracking database to Columbus, Robeson, Bladen, New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties with regional kick-off meetings June 21, June 22 and June 23 at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 22 – Southeastern Community College, Health and Human Services Building, Room 139, 4564 Chadbourn Highway (US 74/76 and NC 130), Whiteville.** (NOTE: This kick-off meeting includes Columbus, Robeson and Bladen counties.) **Media availability will be at 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on June 21; and 9:45 on June 22.**
- **Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23 – Cape Fear Community College, North Campus, McKeithan Center, First Floor Auditorium, 4500 Blue Clay Road, Castle Hayne.** (NOTE: This kick-off meeting includes New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties.) **Media availability will be 2:15 p.m. on June 22; and 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on June 23.**

*(During the media availability, media will have the opportunity to interview Controller McCoy and/or local criminal justice professionals in attendance about the program. Please note that because of security requirements, only criminal justice professionals can view the live data contained in CJLEADS. However, media can get a separate demonstration of CJLEADS that contains “test” data at the kickoff meeting or by going to [http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads\\_Demo\\_rev02.swf](http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf).)*

Joining Controller McCoy at the regional kick-off meetings are area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties. At each of these meetings OSC will provide a demonstration of CJLEADS that will show the potential and benefits of this important new tool. In addition, OSC will coordinate training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS after completing the training class.

## **Phase II Begins**

After the Wake County pilot was completed, OSC began rolling out CJLEADS statewide in three phases. Phase I rollout to the Upper and Lower Piedmont was conducted in Winter 2010/2011. Phase II began May 17 with kickoff meetings scheduled in the lower western and lower eastern regions of the state.

Additional upcoming Phase II kickoff meetings include:

- June 28, 2011 – Onslow and Carteret counties – Coastal Community College, Jacksonville, NC
- June 29, 2011 – Craven, Pamlico, Lenoir, Jones counties – Craven County Sheriff's Office, New Bern, NC

## **Background**

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. As of today, over 9,000 users, comprising criminal justice organizations with an operational presence in Wake County as well as counties located in the Phase I rollout, are established in CJLEADS and are training or currently using the application. (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 program is integrating data found within the state's various criminal justice applications (including warrants, jail records, court records, prison records, probation and parole status, the Sex Offender Registry and DMV information) and is providing 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. CJLEADS replaces the manual process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems, reduces the risk of overlooking critical data and improves the information needs of law enforcement agencies.

Several agencies that are part of the Wake County pilot or Phase I rollout have shared results of having access to CJLEADS.

### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department – W.T. Brandon**

"This is the best program the State has developed in years. This gives police a tool to use and obtain information that usually would require hours to get. It's great to be connected to other agencies and departments throughout the state."

### **UNC Greensboro Police Department – J. McCormack**

"As a telecommunicator, CJLEADS has considerably cut my time in providing information to my officers which contributes greatly to officer safety especially on vehicle stops. It offers "one stop shopping" as you may say."

### **Fuquay Varina Police Department – T. Smith**

"CJLEADS has helped me with countless cases and in identifying individuals. The system is brilliant, and I truly would be lost if I did not have it."

### **Department of Homeland Security – D. Roman**

"Shortly after taking the CJLEADS course on 5/31/11, we were looking for a gang member's address in the Asheville, NC, area. I researched several databases (CLEAR, etc.) to no avail. I then researched CJLEADS and found an address he had provided to the court system on a previous date which ended up being the address we were seeking."

These testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS can be found on our website <http://www.cjleads.nc.gov>.

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