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STATE CONTROLLER DAVID MCCOY TO DEPLOY THE CJLEADS CRIMINAL-TRACKING DATABASE TO PITT, GREENE, MARTIN, BEAUFORT, WASHINGTON, TYRRELL AND HYDE COUNTIES SEPT. 13 AND 14

Database Helps Catch Criminals and Keeps Communities Safer

RALEIGH -- State Controller David McCoy continues the final phase of the statewide roll-out of the CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) criminal-tracking database with events September 13th and 14th for Pitt, Greene, Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. The kick-off events will be held:

- **Tuesday, September 13th – Pitt Community College, McThrift Building, Room 301, 3107 S. Memorial Drive, Greenville.** (NOTE: This kick-off meeting includes Pitt, Greene and Martin counties.) **Media availability will be at 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 14th – Beaufort County Community College, Building 10-Room 32, 5337 US 264 East, Washington.** (NOTE: This kick-off meeting includes Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties.) **Media availability will be at 9:45 a.m.**

(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.)

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 their agencies are on-boarded and end user training is completed.

Background

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. After the Wake County pilot was completed, OSC began rolling out CJLEADS statewide in three phases. Phase I roll-out to the Upper and Lower Piedmont was conducted in Winter 2010/2011. Phase II began May 17, 2011 with kickoff meetings in the Lower Western and Lower Eastern regions of the state. Phase III began with the August 23rd and 24th meetings to the Upper Eastern and Western regions of the state.

As of today, over 10,000 users, comprising criminal justice organizations with an operational presence in Wake County as well as counties located in the Phase I and II roll-outs, are established in CJLEADS and are training or currently using the application.

The program is integrating data found within the state's various criminal justice databases (including warrants, jail records, court records, prison records, probation and parole status, the sex offender registration 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. For example, CJLEADS will help officers on the street know immediately what the offender looks like; if they need to approach the suspect with caution; and, if there are orders for arrest or warrants out on the suspect. Judges and other court officials will instantly know if the defendant sitting in court already has a lengthy criminal history.

Several agencies have shared how CJLEADS is helping them catch criminals and keep communities safer:

Durham County Sheriff's Office – B.W. Kirby

With the program, I found out a subject I was looking for was on probation and was able to get the Probation Officer's name and number. She called the subject into her office, and we were able to make the arrest. Without the program I would have never known he was on probation and probably would still be looking for him.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – J. Cody

I have been using CJLEADS in the car. The DMV function is great. I pulled over a car the other day and ran a tag. It popped up that the registered owner had been recently released from prison for second degree murder and that he had previous drug charges. Needless to say I approached the vehicle with a little more caution.

Mint Hill Police Department – T.A. Lezette

Since we have implemented this system, I have personally been able to locate suspects and addresses for several cases. I have used the system to find warrants that are active on subjects, as well as certain aliases used in the past and court dispositions on certain crimes and trends related to cases to which I have been assigned.

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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