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## Press Release

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### **Veteran Probation Officer to head Victim Services Unit**

JUNEAU – Probation Officer Jimmie Wallace has been named coordinator of the Department of Corrections Victim Services/VPSO Coordination Unit.

The unit, located in Anchorage, provides support for crime victims by providing information on offenders, working with crime victim organizations, and support to individual victims of crime. A major task of the unit is to provide VINELink, a Kentucky-based interactive database which tracks the location of offenders in real time.

Wallace began his career with the department in 1990, working as a student intern at Fairbanks Correctional Center while he completed his degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Wallace was raised in Fairbanks.

After working for two years as a Field Probation Officer in Fairbanks, Wallace transferred to Anchorage, eventually promoting to PO III in 2001. Wallace was in charge of the pre-sentence investigation unit, and then became a supervisor in the Anchorage Probation Office.

Wallace is also department liaison with the state's Village Public Safety Officers, who sometimes keep in contact with probationers or parolees living in rural communities.

In 2007, 3,069 Alaskans registered with VINELink. Alaska crime victims can register with VINE free of charge and sign up for instant notification of the movement or change in status of any offender. The notification can come by telephone or email and is available in a number of languages.

VINELink services are located at [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) or by calling, toll free, (800) 247 9763.

