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KEY UPGRADES TO STATE’S CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO BE ANNOUNCED AT FEB. 15 PRESS CONFERENCE

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska Department of Corrections will conduct a press conference at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the department’s Anchorage Central Office, 4500 Diplomacy Drive, Suite 109.

The purpose of the event is to provide detailed information on significant upgrades to the state’s crime victim information system (VINE). Public service announcements, featuring America’s Most Wanted host John Walsh will be previewed and distributed.

The following individuals will speak briefly and be available for questions: Commissioner Mark Antrim; Rick Jones, Marketing Manager for Appriss, Inc., the Kentucky-based company which developed and maintains the VINE system; Charlotte Phelps, a crime victim and VINE user; and members of the Department’s Office of Victim Services.

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