

VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY **(VINE)**

On November 4, 2008, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law. This measure amended the California Constitution to provide certain rights to crime victims. The rights described in Marsy's Law involve many different entities within the criminal justice system.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is able to help meet these rights as they relate to defendants in Sheriff's custody by participating in the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) program. The VINE is an anonymous service provided at no cost to the public for the purpose of providing notification when certain changes occur to an inmate's custody status.

Victims of crime can register an e-mail address and/or telephone number(s) in order to be notified when an inmate is released, pending release (for sentenced inmates with scheduled release dates), or when transferred to state prison or a facility in another county. To register for VINE services the victim registering must have the offender's name and booking number. Once registered, VINE will automatically provide notification when custody status changes and will continue to call for up to 48hrs until the confidential PIN code is entered. Offenders will not know who is registered with VINE.

In order to ensure accurate monitoring of offender custody status, it is essential that established procedures are adhered to when entering release information into the Jail Information Management System (JIMS).

All inmates being released to other agencies are tracked using the type of release and agency released to information entered. When closing out inmate records at final release, the technician must ensure the correct disposition is entered to reflect the type of release accurately and that the appropriate agency released to disposition is selected. Once entered, this will be recorded as the most current custodial information and notification will be made to registered victims. The agency released to selections in the JIMS include all 50 states in the United States and all 58 counties in the state of California.