

Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS) provides offender release information and aids in public safety for area law enforcement agencies

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Indianapolis, IN - (November 19, 2007) - The goal to improve public safety through information sharing was the idea behind a newly developed Law Enforcement Notification System called Project LENS. LENS, which came online this November, 2007, is a data base which is made available to law enforcement agencies interested in participating. The free to use program was developed in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Correction and the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center for the sole purpose of providing area law enforcement agencies with information about offenders being released into their county in the next 30 days. The data base includes such information as probable address, physical description of the offender and past behavioral traits.

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To participate, agencies must go online to register using the L.E.N.S. link on the Indiana Department of Correction Website at <http://idoc.in.gov>. The IFC will first verify that the registrant is in fact

representing a law enforcement agency. Once verification has been made the agency information will be entered in to the LENS system. Offender release information will then be sent out to all registered agencies via email each night at midnight.

"It is our goal to keep law enforcement agencies informed about who is living in their neighborhoods. Participation in this program will help local agencies on a multitude of levels and will provide a leg up on public safety planning. Residents living in communities whose law enforcement agencies are registered with LENS can sleep better at night knowing someone is looking out for their safety and well being, said Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue."

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.