

VINE Facts:

The offender will not know you are registered with the New Jersey VINE Service.

If you are not at home, the New Jersey VINE Service will leave a message on an answering machine. If there is no answer, VINE will keep calling back until you enter your PIN code or until 24 hours have passed.

Since the New Jersey VINE Service calls automatically when an offender's custody status changes, you may get a notification call in the middle of the night.

Do not leave a phone number with the New Jersey VINE Service that rings to a switchboard.

If you have caller ID, calls from VINE will display a 502 area code. If you have any other call blocking/interception device, please be aware that calls will not get through.

You can register more than one phone number with the New Jersey VINE Service.

The New Jersey VINE Service monitors offenders in New Jersey's county jails, state correctional facilities and most juvenile facilities.

Do not depend solely on the New Jersey VINE Service or any other single program, for your protection. Make the New Jersey VINE Service part of your safety.

The New Jersey VINE Service will not automatically register victims with the New Jersey State Parole Board. Any victim who wishes to be an active participant in the parole process must register directly with the State Parole Board.

Note to victims of juvenile offenders: Juvenile offender information is not accessible through **1-877-VINE-4-NJ**. The VINE system will automatically call REGISTERED victims of juvenile offenders upon their release.

What will VINE do for me?

The New Jersey VINE Service will tell you if an offender is in custody in the State of New Jersey and will give you other important information. VINE will also let you register telephone numbers where you can be notified if an offender is released or transferred.



VINE

Providing crime victims **peace-of-mind** by knowing when their offenders are released from custody.

What do I need to do?



1 Register with VINE – toll-free at **1-877-846-3465** from a touch-tone phone or at www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine. **You need one of the following to register:**

Offender Name _____ Date of Birth _____

SBI (State Bureau of Identification) Number _____

2 Leave your number. If the offender is in custody, you can leave a phone number to be notified if there is a change in the offender's status. Do not leave a phone number that is answered by a switchboard. **Enter the area code, phone number followed by the pound (#) key.**

3 Create a PIN. When the VINE Service asks, make up and enter a four-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will be easy for you to remember. **Write your PIN below for future reference.** The New Jersey VINE service will ask for the PIN code when it calls you.

My PIN is

Date I Registered _____



A Message From The New Jersey Office of The Attorney General

The Office of The Attorney General is pleased to provide the citizens of New Jersey with this brochure describing VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), New Jersey's statewide crime victim assistance and notification system.

For many crime victims, the ordeal of victimization continues long after the initial incident. Even when a crime results in an arrest, conviction and subsequent jail or prison sentence, many victims continue to live in fear that the perpetrator may one day return to harm them in some way.

For such individuals, it is important to know if and when the offender who victimized them is released from a correctional facility.

Through VINE, an individual can immediately learn – with one toll-free telephone call – the custody status of an offender housed in any of New Jersey's county jails or other county or state correctional facilities.

In addition to providing custody status information, VINE also has an automatic notification feature. Any crime victim may register with VINE to be automatically notified if the status of an offender who victimized him or her should change. This capability of the VINE system eliminates the need for victims to constantly telephone a prosecutor's office to determine an offender's status.

The Office of Attorney General joins with the State Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy, the Department of Corrections, the county prosecutors' offices, the State Police, the Parole Board and the Juvenile Justice Commission in making VINE available to crime victims throughout New Jersey.

Protecting and assisting crime victims is one of our most significant responsibilities. The VINE system enables us fulfill the mission more efficiently, and effectively.



1-877-VINE-4-NJ

(1-877-846-3465)

Call today for peace of mind

VINE provides Statewide Victim Assistance and Notification 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Victim Assistance Services in New Jersey

- V.I.N.E. Web site – NJ Office of the Attorney General www.victimwitness.nj.gov/vine
- Division of Criminal Justice www.njdcj.org
- New Jersey State Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy
1-609-896-8855
- New Jersey State Victim of Crime Compensation Board
1-877-658-2221 • www.nj.gov/victims
- New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women
1-609-584-8107
- New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
1-800-601-7200
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
1-800-448-6233
- New Jersey State Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-572-7233
- New Jersey State Elder Abuse Hotline
1-800-792-8820
- New Jersey State Parole Victim Unit
1-609-633-0595
- New Jersey Sex Offender Registry
www.nj.gov/oag/njsp
- Rape Crisis Services
1-888-601-7200

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This important information is only a phone call away.

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