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# Iowa's Victim Information and Notification Everyday System

## Background

Iowa's Victim Information and Notification Everyday (IowaVINE) system was established by Iowa Code section [915.10A](#) (2005 Iowa Acts, chapter [158](#) — 2005 Sex Offender Act). The Victim Assistance Section implemented the IowaVINE system in December 2006. The system was deployed across Iowa, starting with county jails in December 2006 and the [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC) in January 2008.

The IowaVINE system allows crime victims to seek information and receive notification of a change in custody status of an offender. Victims and any interested party may register directly with the IowaVINE system and may access the information either by a toll-free number (1.888.742.8463) or through the [website](#). IowaVINE is offered free of charge to registrants and is confidential.

Individuals may be notified by telephone, by email, by text, or in-app when an offender is moved between facilities, is released to the community, escapes from custody, or dies while incarcerated. Notifications can be delivered in English, Spanish, Somali, and Bosnian. Information is updated in the system regularly. The county jail booking system computer databases transfer data every 15 minutes or less and the Iowa Department of Corrections transfers data every 60 minutes to secure servers in Louisville, Kentucky. If there is a change in data for an offender from the previous data scan, the victim receives immediate notification of the change.

The automated victim notification system is maintained by the [Victim Assistance Section](#) (formerly known as the Crime Victim Assistance Division or CVAD) of the [Office of the Attorney General](#). See the **Budget Unit Brief** titled [Office of the Attorney General](#) or the **Fiscal Topic** titled [Victim Assistance Section](#) for more information.

## Current Situation

Among Iowa's 99 counties, there are 96 jails, and all 96 jails are connected to the IowaVINE system. Since IowaVINE was introduced in December 2006, there has been a steady increase in usage, culminating in 444,159 notifications to victims and interested persons in FY 2025.

## Funding

The Victim Assistance Section was awarded \$1.3 million in federal funds in FY 2007 to implement the IowaVINE system. Annual operating costs of \$515,000 are funded through the Victim Compensation Fund and the federal Victims of Crime Act.

## Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [915.10A](#)

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## More Information

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