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IACP and BofA Launch ID Crime Toolkits

The **IACP** and the **Bank of America** have developed and made available on the web three publications to assist in preventing and recovering from identity theft crimes. Two of the publications are designed for distribution to the public: the ID Crime Prevention Toolkit, and the ID Crime Recovery Toolkit. A third publication, Police Chief's Identity Crime Toolkit, is designed for use by local law enforcement agencies to assess, organize and build departmental capacity and effectiveness in addressing identity crime, including suggested resources. All are available at www.IDSafety.org.

In the Spotlight: Hinds County Sheriff Malcolm McMillin Named Jackson, MS Police Chief

This month, Sheriff Malcolm McMillin, Sheriff of Hinds County, MS, was named Chief of the Jackson, MS Police Department, a 409 member urban police force, subject to confirmation by the City Council. McMillin, a retired Jackson police officer, was re-elected Sheriff for a fifth term earlier this year with more than 60 percent of the vote. Sheriff McMillin grew up in Natchez, Mississippi, but has lived in Jackson for over 40 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi College in Administration of Justice and History with a minor in Political Science. He has spent all of his adult life in some form of law enforcement, including as a US Air Force Military Policeman, serving three tours of duty in Viet Nam.

CDC Urges Common Sense to Fight Community-Associated MRSA Plaguing Jails

Correctional personnel have long been focused on fighting the threat of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), as jails and prisons offer a friendly physical environment for MRSA outbreaks. In testimony before the **House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform**, **Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC Director**, responded to Congressional concerns about MRSA infections among persons not exposed in healthcare settings, triggered by recent deaths of school children. In response to questions from **Chairman Henry Waxman (CA)** and **Ranking Member Tom Davis (VA)**, Dr. Gerberding noted that in 2000, CDC began investigating outbreaks of staphylococcal infections among inmates at correctional facilities in Mississippi, Georgia, and Texas. She stated that MRSA skin infections are known to spread in crowded settings; in situations where there is close skin-to-skin contact; during participation in activities that result in abraded or compromised skin surfaces; when potentially contaminated personal items such as towels, sporting equipment, and razors are shared; when the ability

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to maintain personal hygiene is compromised; and when access to healthcare is limited. Emphasizing that individuals must remain alert for signs of potentially serious infections and know the importance of promptly seeking medical care if these signs occur, Dr. Gerberding stated that basic hygiene including **hand washing and wound covering can efficiently prevent the spread of these infections in community settings, such as jails**. Additional information is available at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_ca.html.

SafeCity and BancorpSouth Provide Community Support for Law Enforcement Info Exchange

SafeCity, a community-based crime fighting group and a Pegasus Program strategic partner, and **BancorpSouth** have teamed up to support law enforcement info exchange in the Metro Jackson, MS area. Together, the two organizations have raised \$200,000 to expand info sharing efforts in the Metro Jackson area, providing legacy data adapters and fingerprint access authentication devices to police cars in three counties. "If you look around the metro area, we have three counties and about 17 cities," SafeCity Board President Mark McCreery said. "The law enforcement agencies don't have an easy way to share their information." This civic effort reflects the community's commitment to making Metro Jackson a safer place to live and work. Info about SafeCity may be found at www.thesafecity.com.

CT Exploring Statewide Offender History & Tracking Database

Responding to recent crimes committed by paroled offenders, the Connecticut General Assembly is considering providing \$10Million in funding for SHIELD, a centralized database providing biographical information, vital statistics and tracking information for offenders. SHIELD would provide a common repository for police reports, presentence investigations, psychological and medical reports, criminal records, incarceration and parole records, and court records and transcripts for state and municipal police, prosecutors, courts, the Departments of Correction and Public Safety, and the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The proposed database would be indexed and cross-referenced by the offender's name, residence, criminal offense and other information, and would incorporate analytical tools. **Pegasus Users interested in exploring similar functionality in the Pegasus System are encouraged to contact the Pegasus Support Center.**

Reminder: Update Agency Directory Info

The Pegasus Agency Directory is a listing of contact information for 25,000+ law enforcement and emergency responder agencies across the Nation. In addition to agency contact information, the Agency Directory contains more detailed information about every Pegasus Authorized User, showing the permissions assigned to every Authorized User. **Please review your Agency Directory listing to assure that its information is current, and notify the Pegasus Support Center of any information that is incorrect.**

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