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As previously reported, **Jefferson County, AL Sheriff Mike Hale** has moved forward with the Pegasus Program to implement a program to notify DHS ICE personnel of illegal aliens encountered in Jefferson County during normal law enforcement operations. On the cutting edge of a nationwide trend reflected in proposals currently before numerous state legislatures, Sheriff Hale's efforts were the subject of a [Lou Dobbs Tonight](#) segment that aired on CNN on January 5, 2006.

Noting that Sheriff Hale's efforts are not without controversy, Mr. Dobbs said, "a new program to compile information on illegal aliens in the state of Alabama has sparked a storm of protests from groups that say it's OK to break U.S. law. ... In Alabama, a sheriff there has a new plan to fight our border crisis. He is now keeping track of the explosion of illegal aliens in his community who, until now, were living in his county anonymously. But a lot of people don't like what the sheriff is doing. ... It's incredible, this country is in a heck of a mess. I mean, it's mind-boggling."

The full [CNN/Lou Dobbs Tonight](http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/060105/ldt.01.html) transcript is available at <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/060105/ldt.01.html>.

Pegasus Advisory Board Meeting Set for NSA Annual Meeting

Sheriff Ted Kamatchus, Sheriff of Marshall County, IA and NSA President-elect, will host the next meeting of the Pegasus Advisory Board during the National Sheriffs' Association Annual Meeting. The NSA Annual Meeting will be held June 16-21, 2005 in Orlando, FL. Pegasus Participating Agencies and Authorized Users are encouraged to contact Pegasus Advisory Board members, the Pegasus Research Foundation, at 501-975-9111, or the Pegasus Support Center, with any suggestions or comments for the Pegasus Advisory Board.

Pegasus OK'd for MS Homeland Security Grants; Other States in Works

The US Department of Homeland Security has distributed funds for Homeland Security State & Local Grants to State homeland security agencies for years through 2005. These funds have been made available to local law enforcement and other agencies for qualifying homeland security purposes. Now, the **MS Office of Homeland Security** has recently reviewed the Pegasus System equipment and ongoing maintenance charges and has agreed that they clearly fall under the grant guidelines. For MS agencies already on Pegasus waiting on GJXML adapters to contribute records to Pegasus, these adapters can be covered under these programs. For those agencies not on the Pegasus Program yet, all connection and equipment are also within the guidelines for these funds. The same coverage will apply for 2006, based on the DHS 2006

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Approved Equipment List.

Local agencies in MS wishing to use Pegasus for the first time, or wishing to expand and contribute data to Pegasus should contact the Pegasus Support Center—800.392.4312—for more information. Agencies outside MS will need to check with their State's Homeland Security Office to work through the process for using Homeland Security grants to obtain Pegasus technologies—please call the Pegasus Support Center if you would like additional information or assistance.

Notice to Border State Sheriffs & Chiefs re DHS Operation Stonegarden Operational Plans

DHS recently announced that FY06 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grants for Border States will allot DHS funding on the basis of an approved operational plan developed jointly between local, tribal and state law enforcement officials and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Through these operational plans, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in Border States will have a significant say in what border protection operations will be conducted in their State, and how they will be conducted, and a significant opportunity to advance local and tribal law enforcement technology interests as part of LETPP operational plans and grants. Interested Border State Sheriffs and Chiefs should contact Dennis Kelly, PTC Project Executive—504.324.1884—for more information.

Pegasus Expands MS, AL and VA Data & SSN Searches

Pegasus is responding to law enforcement data owners that want their law enforcement information sharing “partners” to be able to search their data using more powerful search tools than previously available. In order to be responsive to local agency policymakers, Pegasus has implemented new law enforcement data search features for MS, AL and VA agencies.

For example, Pegasus Users have frequently requested the ability to conduct searches based on Social Security Numbers (SSNs); Pegasus has responded by implementing new search features for MS, AL and VA agencies which enable SSN searches. Pegasus works with all data providers to provide data and search functions most useful for Pegasus Authorized Users, and expects to continually upgrade its data search functionality. Interested Authorized Users should contact the Pegasus Support Center—800.392.4312—for more information.

Proposed Pegasus Regional Fingerprint Exchange Service

Under the leadership of **Sheriff Eric Klang, Crow Wing County, MN Sheriff's Office**, and **Lt. Earl Littlefield, Mountain Brook, AL, Police Department**, and in cooperation with **BIO-Key International, Inc.** and **The Corban Group**, Pegasus is exploring local agencies' need for regional fingerprint exchange capabilities. The project explores local agencies' needs to match latent prints against known offenders, identify booked persons with certainty, and integrate fingerprints into agency business processes. Pegasus agencies would be able to purchase and manage the necessary hardware and software, or subscribe to a secure Internet-based service through Pegasus. Interested agencies should call the Pegasus Support Center for additional information.

