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### **INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FORMED TO HELP WITH SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF STATEWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA**

*Meets Friday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m.*

**RALEIGH** -- State Controller David McCoy announced today the formation of an Interagency Leadership Council to help with the successful integration of the state's criminal justice data. *The group's first meeting will be Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Office of the State Controller in the Administrative conference room (3512 Bush Street, Raleigh, N.C.).*

Session Law 2008-107, H.B. 2436 recognized the need for state-of-the-art integrated criminal justice information and directed the Office of the State Controller and the State Chief Information Officer, among others, to develop and implement a statewide criminal justice data integration pilot program for Wake County by May 1, 2009.

"Everyone who has agreed to join this Council is committed to resolving the complicated issues involved in gathering data from various departments and agencies," said McCoy. "These members also know full well how important it is to come up with solutions that will make sure the state's criminal justice data integration efforts are successful not just for Wake County but for the entire state as well."

Members of the Council include Alvin Keller, Secretary of Correction; Linda Hayes, Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Reuben Young, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; Judge John W. Smith, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts; Robin Pendergraft, Director, NC State Bureau of Investigation; Joseph R. John, Sr., Acting Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles; John Hodges, President of the North Carolina Chiefs of Police; and Eddie Caldwell, Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association.

The Criminal Justice Wake County Pilot Program is integrating data found within the state's siloed criminal justice applications and will provide up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. Project team members from eight state agencies have been engaged for months in project development activities with SAS Institute, Inc., the vendor selected to design, build and implement the pilot application.

The pilot application has two primary objectives; to provide a comprehensive criminal history for an offender through a single application; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status within the criminal justice system.

The Pilot will be available on May 1, 2009, in a controlled environment for system testing and data validation. The Pilot will establish the framework for the statewide integration of criminal justice data.

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