



***If the offender is required to register as a sex offender, you may request status notifications through VINELink.com**



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VIRGINIA JAIL VINE AND VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS VINE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are the Virginia Jail VINE and VADOC VINE systems the same?

The Virginia Jail VINE and VADOC VINE systems both use the same phone number and website (www.vinelink.com) to search for offenders, but provide different information and notifications. Virginia Jail VINE is only for offenders housed in local and regional jails, while VADOC VINE is only for offenders under the care of the Department of Corrections. Anyone may register for notifications in Virginia Jail VINE, but VADOC provides notifications only to victims of crime.

The offender was sentenced to serve a total of less than 12 months. How do I register?

You can register to be notified by the Virginia Jail VINE system at www.vinelink.com, or by calling 1-800-467-4943. Notifications include release, escape/recapture, transfer and death. Other notifications may include work release or home electronic monitoring.

The offender was sentenced to serve a total of 12 months or more. How do I register?

If you are a victim, you can register to be notified by the VADOC VINE system by calling 1-804-674-3243. This notification will include release date, name change, parole events, death, work release, escape/recapture, and transfer. If you are not a victim, you can view offender information at www.vinelink.com and the VADOC Offender Locator at www.vadoc.virginia.gov but you cannot receive notifications.

The offender was sentenced to serve more than 12 months but is still at a jail. What should I do?

If you are a victim, and the offender has been sentenced to serve 12 months or more, you must complete a VADOC Notification Form (the green form). We also suggest you also register with the Virginia Jail VINE system whenever the offender is located in a jail. This will ensure you receive the most accurate, timely information about the offender. Many offenders who will serve less than two years will remain at the local or regional jail but will have their release date calculated by the VADOC.

The Virginia Jail VINE system notified me that the offender was released or transferred, but I thought they had more time to serve. What happened?

Contact your victim-witness program to determine whether this is an actual release or transfer to another jail or VADOC. Sentencing information can be confusing, and it is critical that you contact your local advocates to get clarification on what is happening in your case. It is possible that the Virginia Jail VINE system is trying to notify you that the offender is now in the custody of the VADOC and, if you are a victim, you need to re-register with the VADOC VINE system.

Are there other VINE systems in Virginia?

Yes, there is also a Virginia Sex Offender Registry VINE system that you can use to determine current compliance status or addresses of registered sex offenders in Virginia. Registration with the VINE Sex Offender Registry does not carry over into the jails, or VADOC, so if a registered sex offender is incarcerated, you will also need to register with Virginia Jail or VADOC VINE.

Who should I contact if I have a question about any of the VINE systems?

You may call the 1-800-467-4943 number 24 hours a day with questions about Virginia Jail VINE or the Virginia Sex Offender Registry. For questions about VADOC VINE registration, victims can call the Victim Services Unit at 1-804-674-3243.



Virginia VINE, VADOC VINE, and VINE Sex Offender Registry each require a separate registration to receive notifications.

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