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## THREE HOOSIER COMPANIES COMPLETE A SUCCESSFUL TEST OF CRIMINAL E-FILING IN WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Private and public sector cooperation reduces the workload for Indiana Courts.

July 23, 2008, Richmond, IN -- Doxpop LLC, CSI, and Proslink Inc. in cooperation with Judge Robert Mrzlack, Clerk Bruce Lambert and Prosecutor Robert Guy of White County, Indiana have successfully tested the first phase of a criminal electronic filing (e-filing) system that eliminates hours of redundant data entry and speeds processing of cases.

### **Statewide in Scope**

The CSI Judicial Case Management System is used by more than half of the counties in Indiana. The Proslink Prosecutor's Management system is used by 86 of the 92 Indiana counties. With the addition of the Doxpop e-filing Manager, these systems provide Indiana with a criminal e-filing system available across the State of Indiana.

### **A Phased Approach**

The e-filing System is being phased in with extensive testing at each level. Defendant information, including name, address and other identifying information; the initial CCS entry/order identifying the charges, probable cause finding and bond amount or court appearance date; and the Prosecutor's Appearance are all transferred automatically, while the formal "filing" of the case is still done in parallel on paper. The following features are planned for subsequent releases:

- e-filing will become the primary method of filing. Paper filing will be eliminated.
- Defense attorneys and other parties will be able to receive filed documents electronically.
- The Court and Attorneys on both sides of the case will file documents subsequent to the initial filing (such as motions and orders) electronically.
- In the final phase, e-filing will be expanded to Civil actions.

### **The Next Step is Approval from the State Court**

On July 18th, the White County Superior Court formally submitted a request to Pilot an e-filing System in White County. Ray Ontko, President of Doxpop said "This administrative step will allow White County to move from the testing phase to a formal pilot project with oversight from the Division of State Court Administration. Since Lake County, Indiana has already broken ground with a previous request for civil e-filing, we expected that processing of Judge Mrzlack's request will proceed swiftly."

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The context and consequences of this development are wide-ranging. The following pages provide further detail and resources.

# Why e-filing Matters

## **Connecting the Dots**

It is difficult to connect repeat offenders to all of their previous crimes because the information to positively identify a person is rarely disseminated throughout judicial and enforcement systems. However, the Proslink system automatically imports fingerprint information from the "LiveScan" booking system used in more than 57 Indiana Counties. The addition of e-filing ensures that the unique fingerprint identifier created by LiveScan for each Defendant is propagated from initial book-in through the entire judicial system. If the Defendant is convicted, this information comes full circle back to the State Police IDACS system, where it is sent to the National Crime Information Center database.

## **Supporting National Standards and the Homeland Security Presidential Directive**

The Doxpop e-filing Manager is compliant with the "ECF" LegalXML specification. ECF has been approved as a proposed standard by the Joint Technology Committee of the Conference of State Court Administrators and the National Association for Court Management. The next revision of ECF will comply with the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) specification sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice. (<http://www.niem.gov/whatIsNiem.php>)

## **A Boost to the E-Citation and Warning System**

Earlier this year, the Indiana State Court Judicial Technology and Automation Committee announced the \$2.4 million roll-out of the Electronic Citation and Warning System in Indiana. Currently, this system can E-File cases in a single county. The Judicial Technology and Automation Committee has contracted with Proslink Inc. to create an interface that allows the 86 counties Proslink serves to accept electronic citations into their prosecutor's systems. With the addition of the criminal e-filing system currently being tested in White County, ECWS citations can be electronically filed with any court using CSI's case management software, thus expanding the capability of receiving ECWS filings to 47 counties.

## **A Boon to Judicial Efficiency and Effectiveness Across Indiana**

In his 2008 State of the Judiciary address, Indiana Chief Justice Randall Shepard lauded Lake County's efforts to implement e-filing in one of Indiana's largest counties. Following in the footsteps of its larger neighbor to the North, White County's pioneering effort now provides Court systems across Indiana the resources to process cases quickly, effectively, and with consistent precision.

# Resources and Contact Information

Doxpop, LLC, <http://www.doxpop.com> provides web-based access to local government information. Doxpop was founded in 2002 and is based in Richmond, Indiana. Contact Nick Fankhauser, VP Product Development or Ray Ontko, President at 866-369-7671 or E-mail [nickf@doxpop.com](mailto:nickf@doxpop.com) or [rayo@doxpop.com](mailto:rayo@doxpop.com)

Computer Systems Inc., (CSI) <http://www.computer-systems.com/> is a leading provider of computer solutions serving Judicial and County Recorders' Offices. CSI is based in Fishers, Indiana and was founded in 1986. Contact Kevin Cook, President at 866-913-4160 or E-mail [kcook@computer-systems.com](mailto:kcook@computer-systems.com).

Proslink, Inc., <http://www.proslink.com/> is a technology services firm located in Bloomington, Indiana. Founded in 1987, Proslink cooperated with the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council to create the Prosecutor's Case Management System that links prosecutors in 86 Indiana Counties, allowing instant

sharing of information among prosecutors across Indiana. Contact Don Hickman, President at 800-844-0750 or email [donh@proslink.com](mailto:donh@proslink.com).

For details on the status of Lake County's e-filing project, see page 8 at this link: <http://www.lakecountybar.com/2007.december.eminutesheet.pdf>

Details on the rules governing e-filing in Indiana Courts may be found at: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/admin/index.html#r16>

White County Superior Court:  
[http://www.in-map.net/counties/WHITE/government/superior\\_court.htm](http://www.in-map.net/counties/WHITE/government/superior_court.htm)

White County Government Center:  
<http://www.wcgconline.net/>

## The Back Story

A long history of building electronic bridges in Indiana.

In 2002, CSI cooperated With Judge Dean Colvin of Marshall County Superior Court Two to build the first electronic interface in Indiana for automated filing of traffic convictions to the Indiana BMV. In 2005 the State Court recognized that swift BMV filing is so important that it launched an effort to help all courts in Indiana implement automated filing. Speaking of automated BMV filing in his 2008 State of the Judiciary Address, Chief Justice Randall Shepard noted “There can be no doubt that people who would otherwise have been victims of drunk drivers are alive today because of this reform in the court information system.”

In 2002 CSI worked with The Indiana Department of Revenue to create a system for automatically transmitting State Tax Warrants to County Clerks. This system has been so successful that it has now been emulated by the Indiana State Court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee.

In 2002, Doxpop created the first public web access system in Indiana to provide access to multiple counties in a single database. Since 2002, the Doxpop Court Public Access System has grown to serve 135 courts in 45 counties and 5 municipalities. Notably, Doxpop provides its service to over 3100 government users at no cost. The 3000 private sector users fund the system, thus allowing Doxpop to provide its service without any funding from Indiana Courts.

In 1987 Proslink created a system to allow instant sharing of conviction information among prosecutors statewide.

In 2002 Proslink began transmitting conviction information to the State Police IDACS system and built an interface to transmit information from the “LiveScan” fingerprinting system directly to the prosecutor to aid in identifying Defendants with previous criminal records.

**Building on this foundation, these three Indiana companies have now joined together** to cooperate in the e-filing bridge that completes the electronic transmission of information from the the moment of jail book-in or traffic citation to the Prosecutor, to the Court, to the BMV, to Probation and Community Corrections and finally through the Indiana State Police to National crime databases.