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Victim information available in Spanish

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New York state will be the first state to offer information in Spanish to victims looking to track their offenders through the criminal justice system.

The state Department of Corrections announced Monday that victims using the Victim Information and Notification Everyday system can use Spanish beginning on Dec. 8.



The system allows victims to track their offender's location while they are incarcerated in jail or prison. The system also notifies victims through a phone call or e-mail if their offender is being released from custody or if their offender is sent back to prison or jail.

A \$30,000 federal grant was used to fund the addition of Spanish language services.

"Crime victims come from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures," said Crime Victims Board Chairwoman Tina Stanford in a press release. "Victims shouldn't be disadvantaged to learning information that can be essential to their safety and peace of mind because English isn't their first language."

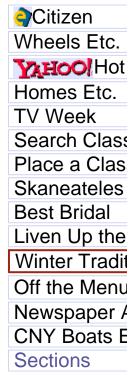
For more information about VINE or to register for its services, victims can call (888) 846-3469 or go to www.vinelink.com.

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former resident of auburn wrote on Dec 5, 2009 8:57 PM:

" I always thought that this is the United States of America, and people can speak, read and write in their own native language. There are many people that live in New

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York City that have just moved here and this info in their native language would be helpful to them.

And Since When did the US get an 'official' English language that everyone MUST learn right away? Or is it that people don't like money being spent to help others? "

gmb013 wrote on Dec 5, 2009 1:46 PM:

" How many other contries would offer the same, go to Mexico and try to find an English speaking program.

We speak ENGLISH here, if Spanish is so important to you, GO HOME!!! "

one opinion wrote on Dec 5, 2009 11:26 AM:

" Well put South End. Learn the language or go home. "

South end of the county wrote on Dec 5, 2009 6:11 AM:

"#30,000 for notification in Spanish? I would think NYS could find something better to use the money on, like, teaching them English or deport them until they learn it. This is AMERICA and the language is English!"

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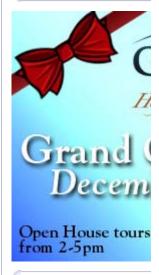
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