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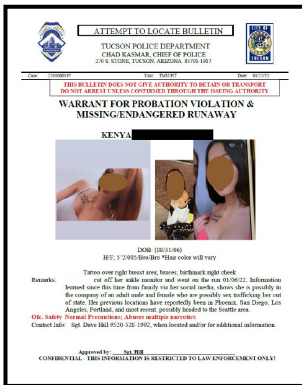
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Bulletin Distribution Service

Thousands of law enforcement officers have been reached through the bulletin distribution service provided by the Western States Information Network (WSIN). Bulletins are distributed via email blast and by posting on our website at no cost to law enforcement agencies and vetted WSIN Access Officers. Bulletins that are distributed generally comprise officer safety, wanted, attempt to identify/locate, and missing person bulletins.

Bulletins are disseminated to the entire WSIN five-state region or can be directed to a particular state(s) within the region. All bulletins distributed have a connection within the WSIN region (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington) and can be disseminated to other regions through our partner Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) centers throughout the U.S.

The following is one example of how this process can assist in the information sharing process and resolution of cases:



Working in conjunction with the Tucson, Arizona, Police Department, the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Tucson, Arizona, began investigating reports of a runaway juvenile who was potentially the victim of sex trafficking. Tucson HSI special agents received information the juvenile victim was possibly in San Francisco, California, in the company of an unidentified male and adult female. However, within a day, Tucson HSI agents identified a new location of the victim as likely in the Portland, Oregon, area. Agents contacted WSIN and requested a bulletin distribution through the WSIN Publications Unit including photos of the juvenile victim and possible location information. A day after the bulletin dissemination, the Portland, Oregon, Human Trafficking Task Force contacted Tucson HSI agents and members of the Tucson Police Department to advise that the victim was believed to be in the Portland, Oregon, area. With all agencies working together and coordinating information, the Portland Human Trafficking Task Force personnel were able to safely recover the juvenile victim on the same date. The quick dissemination of the bulletin by WSIN to partner agencies in the Portland area was integral to the rapid recovery of the victim, who was provided with the necessary support services.

"I believe the distribution of the bulletin was invaluable to our investigation."

*-Detective Tim Renihan
Homicide and Assault Unit
Seattle Police Department
(WA)*

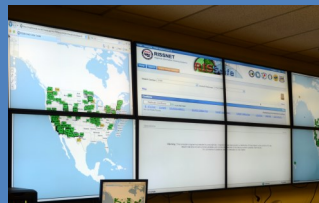
"I am so very thankful for WSIN, the bulletin sharing, and communication it fosters between agencies. Really helps us do our jobs better. You guys are super awesome, and I love receiving the bulletins and being in the 'know' as much as I can. Thank you again. I love WSIN!"

*-Detective Michelle Hahn
City of Hillsboro, Oregon,
Police Department (OR)*

"We really appreciate what you all do."

*-Special Agent Ryan Garvey,
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, Tucson (AZ)*

To request dissemination of your crime-related bulletin, please email publications@wsin.riss.net.



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What to Provide WSIN

Email a fully-prepared bulletin (in Word or PDF format) with agency identification in the header to publications@wsin.riss.net. Your bulletin should include:

- Agency name (with the state identified)
- Type of bulletin (e.g., officer safety, BOLO, attempt to identify, attempt to locate, missing person, etc.)
- Date of bulletin
- Crime(s) the subject is suspected of committing (please specify in words, as we cover multiple states with different penal codes)
- Agency contact name(s) and information (e.g., cell phone and email address)
- Any pertinent information if another agency should come into contact with the subject(s) referenced
- Bulletin dissemination level, e.g., Law Enforcement Sensitive, For Official Use Only (which could include other first responders upon request), etc.

Please include in your email the region you would like your bulletin distributed, e.g., the entire WSIN five-state region or a particular state(s) within the region. If your bulletin includes information of relevance to a region outside of the WSIN area, let us know and we will forward your information to the appropriate partner RISS center(s) to request further distribution.

Your bulletin will be forwarded to WSIN Access Officers as a link included in an email. The link will be active and the bulletin will be posted on the WSIN website for 30 days from the date of the email. Please note that the narrative of the email blast will not contain the name of the subject(s) referred to in your bulletin, only a referral to the linked bulletin for details.

Please Keep Us Updated

Please notify us when your bulletin is no longer necessary (e.g., the subject has been apprehended, identified, located, etc.), and provide an updated "located" or "in custody" bulletin, if possible. If the WSIN bulletin distribution led to a successful outcome, we encourage you to let us know.

WSIN RISSIntel Database Query & Storage

Information contained within your bulletin will be searched in the RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel) to identify any additional intelligence. All 28 CFR, Part 23-compliant information searched in RISSIntel will be stored on behalf of you and/or your agency if a criminal predicate is stated in the bulletin. Victims and missing persons will be searched in RISSIntel, but cannot be stored. If your agency does not want the information searched and/or stored in RISSIntel, please request to opt out in your initial distribution request sent to publications@wsin.riss.net.

Training Announcements

If you have a training announcement you would like us to post, please send to publications@wsin.riss.net and we will post to the Training Calendar on the WSIN website and include in the monthly Training Bulletin. Please submit by the 20th of the month for the following month's bulletin.