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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## Oregon Offender Search

### Overview

The Oregon Offender Search (OOS) is a public Web site that provides access to information on offenders in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). OOS supports the Department of Correction's mission which is to promote public safety.

The Web site will only display data deemed public in nature and thereby safeguard the more sensitive offender data controlled by the State.

Prior to OOS, DOC staff spent many hours responding to questions about offenders. OOS will provide easier access to information requested by the public. It also allows DOC staff to redirect their efforts to other projects and duties.

### What information will be available?

- Offender name and aliases
- Crimes and custody cycles
- Correctional counselor name
- State Identification Number (SID)
- Current institution with location
- Earliest projected release date
- Admission date
- Photo
- Birth month and year
- Gender
- Race
- Height
- Weight
- Eye color
- Hair color

### What is the difference between OOS and VINE?

VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) is a free service available to crime victims and other concerned citizens. After registering for a specific inmate, the person is

automatically notified by phone when that inmate is released, transferred, has died or escaped. For more information about VINE, go to <http://egov.oregon.gov/DOC/PUBAFF/vine.shtml>.

OOS is a free web-based service available to the public without registration. OOS displays additional public information and may be consulted for any inmate currently incarcerated by Oregon DOC.

### Cost of the Project

The project was accomplished using existing DOC resources.

### Web Location

<http://docpub.state.or.us/OOS>.

**The mission of the  
Oregon Department of Corrections  
is to promote public safety by  
holding offenders accountable for their  
actions and reducing the risk of  
future criminal behavior.**



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