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Siegelman Announces Debut of Law Enforcement Tactical System Program Will Promote Data-Sharing Among State Law Enforcement Agencies

Montgomery – Gov. Don Siegelman today announced the debut of the Law Enforcement Tactical System (LETS) program. LETS will promote data-sharing among Alabama law enforcement agencies by enabling state law enforcement officers to access critical information, including photographs, personal characteristics and drivers license information, on a real-time basis.

“As a former Attorney General, I know how valuable the LETS program will be for the law enforcement community as our dedicated officers work to keep Alabama families safe and to bring violent criminals to justice,” Siegelman said. “Alabama is one of the first states to make this type of information available through web-based technology.”

State law enforcement and criminal justice officials today attended a preliminary demonstration of the LETS program at the quarterly meeting of the Office of Law Enforcement Systems Integration and Standards (LESIS) Board of Directors in Montgomery. LETS will be available at no cost to all law enforcement agencies in Alabama by the end of the summer.

LETS will provide law enforcement agencies with four different search criteria that can help them obtain data about individuals and vehicles. The information will be accessible on a real-time basis through the Internet and will be immediately available to all law enforcement agencies, as well as officers in the field, through mobile data terminals used in patrol cars. Prior to the development of LETS, law enforcement agencies in Alabama were unable to exchange information quickly and efficiently using advanced technology.

The name/number search option can be used when an individual’s name, Social Security number, drivers license number and/or license tag number are known. A personal characteristics search option is available when authorities have partial or full information about an individual’s name, region and personal characteristics, like hair and eye color, height and weight. A tag search option is used when an individual’s license tag number is known and a vehicle characteristic search option can be used when a partial license tag number and/or some vehicle characteristics are known.

Partners in the effort include the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety division, the Alabama Department of Public Safety, the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts, LESIS, the Southwest Alabama Integrated Criminal Justice System and the University of Alabama’s computer science department. Siegelman established LESIS by Executive Order Number 21 in Mar. 2000 to improve collaboration and enhance communications and data-sharing activities among law enforcement entities in Alabama through the use of advanced technology initiatives.