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Aberdeen Area Law Enforcement Becomes First in South Dakota to launch On-line Crime Alerting and Mapping with CrimeReports.com *Citizens empowered with near real-time neighborhood crime information available 24/7/365.*

Aberdeen, SD March 20, 2009 – Brown County Communications – Public Engines today announced that the Aberdeen Police Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office and the Groton Police Department became the first law enforcement agencies in the state of South Dakota to sign a partnership with CrimeReports.com to share neighborhood crime incident information with community members via the Internet.

Under the terms of the partnership, CrimeReports.com allows the Brown County Law Enforcement to publish local crime incident information to the Internet in near real-time, making raw crime data easily accessible and user-friendly for community members. By using CrimeReports.com, members of the public can easily view crime information from multiple jurisdictions where they both live and work in one convenient, easy-to-use location. The published information is presented through a Google Maps interface where residents can review up-to-date crime activity for any location within each agency's jurisdiction.

The basic information that CrimeReports.com provides is:

- Type of incident (preliminary)
- Date of incident
- Block address of incident
- Other pertinent information as deemed necessary by the reporting law enforcement agency

The Aberdeen Police Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office and the Groton Police Department are leading the way in South Dakota by using CrimeReports.com to get the community involved and solve crime," said Greg Whisenant, CEO Public Engines. "We look forward to a lasting partnership with Brown County, Groton and Aberdeen. The citizens are going to benefit from accessing local crime data that previously wasn't publicly available."

CrimeReports.com is free to members of the public, and allows users to receive alerts automatically via email if a crime occurs in their immediate neighborhood. It also allows people to view reported crime activity on an easy-to-use map for any location within each agency's boundaries.

Soon all the agencies involved will have links placed on their own websites to access CrimeReports.com.