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Sheriff Clarke Implements Innovative, First-of-its-Kind in WI Iris Biometric Technology in Jail to Identify Offenders

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office recently became the first law enforcement agency in Wisconsin to implement the most accurate and innovative biometric technology in the nation for identifying offenders and inmates – I.R.I.S.TM.

The Inmate Recognition and Identification System (I.R.I.S.TM) enhances the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office capabilities by enabling authorized staff to positively identify a previously enrolled inmate or offender – using iris biometric technology - in seconds – regardless of where they were originally arrested or enrolled.

Sheriff Clarke said, "Criminals, including illegal aliens and convicted sex offenders, can make Milwaukee County – and communities across America, a dangerous place to live, work and play. Criminals often try to change their identities to avoid accurate identification and prosecution for crimes they have committed. This cutting-edge biometric technology further enhances our capabilities to protect our citizens."

"Accurate and timely identification of offenders is a fundamental and critical responsibility of every law enforcement officer in the nation. This system is based on the most accurate biometric technology available – the human iris – and will enable our staff to positively identify a previously enrolled individual in less than 20 seconds, regardless of when and where they were originally arrested and enrolled in the national I.R.I.S.TM repository."

Sheriff Clarke cites a specific example to highlight the capabilities and benefit of the new iris biometric technology: "Shortly after we implemented the technology, we booked a person who lied to us about their name and date of birth. With this new technology, we were able to positively identify the person based on an original record from Atlanta, Georgia in seconds.

"This is a true breakthrough when compared to the time it often takes to positively identify an offender using fingerprint technology. I am very proud and pleased that the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office is the first law enforcement agency in Wisconsin to implement and use this technology."

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