Spillman Software Assists in Kidnapping Arrest

Tuscaloosa Police Use Search Technology to Find Suspect

Logan, UT (PRWEB) January 16, 2004 --When Tuscaloosa, Alabama Police Officer Darren Beams received a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) from the Mobile Police Department for an attempted kidnapping suspect last month, he had a partial license plate number, and the color and make of the suspectÂ□s vehicle. Not much to go on, but within minutes he narrowed down the list of potential suspects from various possibilities to one name using Spillman TechnologiesÂ□ sophisticated software searching capabilities.

Spillman software allows law enforcement to perform database searches using wild card and sounds-like characters to pull out information on people, vehicles, and property.

Â□I contacted investigative officers in Mobile and provided them the information that I discovered,Â□ said Beams.

In a subsequent conversation, Mobile investigators mentioned a witness said the suspect was wearing a specific hat worn by employees of a certain company. Â□Using the information provided by the investigator, I began searching the Spillman database and was able to match the hat to the company that employed the suspect,Â□ Beams said.

After only a few days, warrants were issued and an arrest was made.

The Tuscaloosa Police Department has been protecting their community using Spillman software for 10 years. According to Wanda Powell, System Administrator, the department has collected information on more than 193,000 names that can be searched and linked to numerous records, creating single-query access to all related information.

Â□I live by it,Â□ said Beams, who added that he made 183 arrests last year by gathering information out of the Spillman database. Â□I have all the information I need at my disposal.Â□

Spillman Technologies provides a full range of software solutions for public safety agencies, including Computer-Aided Dispatch, Records Management, Mobile Communications, Jail Management, Fire/EMS Management, and Resource Management solutions. The software is installed at more than 500 agencies nationwide.

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