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E-Notify offers court-date alerts statewide

A new project, known as e-Notify, now allows any individual who registers to receive alerts of upcoming criminal court events via text or email.

Users can sign up for alerts at enotify.flcourts.org. E-Notify, as originally designed, can alert defendants about upcoming court dates in criminal cases. The system, however, is not limited to defendants and offers a valuable resource to others who want notification of case events.

Initially, the pilot project provided alerts on cases filed in Orange, Okaloosa, and Nassau counties. It has since been expanded to statewide. The Florida's Clerks of Court and the Office of the State Courts Administrator collaborated to develop this system.

Similar programs elsewhere have shown the notification system is effective.

Studies in jurisdictions where electronic alerts have been implemented show significant reductions in failures to appear, instances of defendants missing their court events.

Failure to appear for a court event can result in a warrant issued for the arrest of a defendant. Fewer defendants with missed court dates will reduce negative consequences for the individuals and associated costs to the justice system.

Users who sign up for the service choose how they will get alerts – by email, text, or both – and timing of the reminders, choosing any combination of 14-day, 7-day, or day-ahead notifications. There is no limit to the number of cases that users can get notifications. E-Notify allows users to manage their alert subscriptions and make changes to cases and frequency.

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