



**Frontenac Police Department Purchases Primary Marking System's eTWIST®
Evidence Tracking System**
Mobile Device Helps Police Log Crime Scene Data in Real Time

St. Louis, Missouri (October 30, 2012) -- Frontenac Police Department in St. Louis County has just taken significant steps to enhance its evidence collection methods, by adopting a new high tech mobile tracking system called eTWIST®. The mobile tracking system, invented by St. Louis based Primary Marking Systems Inc., a local company with significant expertise in bar coding, uses the simplicity of bar coding to help officers collect, track and store evidence efficiently and accurately.

“The benefits of eTWIST impact the local community immediately,” says Tim McIntyre, vice president of sales and marketing at Primary Marking. “Our studies indicate law enforcement agencies using eTWIST® can save 50 man-hours each week, the equivalent to one full time police officer per year. That’s good news for anyone concerned about public safety.”

Using eTWIST®, law enforcement is able to electronically track the chain of custody for evidence and chronological documentation of a paper trail to show the seizure, custody, control, transfer, analysis, and disposition of evidence. “Proper evidence management is one of most important things law enforcement does to convict criminals,” notes the Frontenac Police Department Detectives. “But it is time consuming and can be tedious. Using technology like eTWIST®, we can speed up the process and help reduce the chances for human error.”

Frontenac joins law enforcement agencies around the country and locally, the Maplewood and Creve Coeur Police Departments in St. Louis County that have purchased the eTWIST® Evidence Tracking System, which allows police officers to collect, enter, scan and scan evidence at the crime scene as well as in the police station.

The patented, easy to use eTWIST® technology utilizes Windows Mobile and/or HTML-based software which can be integrated with a Motorola mobile handheld computing device. Using this system, law enforcement officers can quickly record evidence at the crime scene and generate bar code labels (or RFID) to identify and code the evidence including the time/date, compass heading, temperature and geo-location of where the evidence was collected. Everything is stored on the handheld device, and the data can be imported into a computer or database in a matter of seconds.

“With eTWIST®, law enforcement officers can collect all of the information about a case, such as: names of the suspects and victims; evidence and remarks; witness testimony; photographs; as well as producing and scanning the associated bar codes all while at the crime scene,” says PJ McIntyre, eTWIST® Product Manager for Primary Marking Systems, Inc. “This technology helps reduce a city’s expenses when it comes to tracking evidence and securing a chain of custody record with greatly increased detail and accuracy.”

The eTWIST® technology also allows a law enforcement officer to identify multiple victims, suspects, witnesses, evidence and remarks with a photo and GPS location stamp. The information, including the case number, time, date and the officer’s department service number, is uploaded to a database. The barbell-shaped bar code labels can be affixed to the piece of evidence or the evidence container. The labels and text are

extremely durable, and completely weather proof. They can also be pre-printed with a precinct or crime unit name, so that the evidence source can be seen at a glance.

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