

Tracking convicted felons made easier

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BATON ROUGE, LA - Tracking some of the state's most dangerous criminals just got a little easier, with the help of a new phone system that began operating for the first time Friday.

It's as easy as pushing a few buttons and the results can give you very important information.

"It actually reduces the staff workload," said Department of Corrections Operations Chief Jeff Travis. "It also provides a sense to the public that is much better than what we could provide before."

Before the launch of the new system, the public could access DOC felon information by using the internet. Now, it's even easier with the addition of the phone option.

Travis says the program is available to anyone. You don't need to register. Just call and know the DOC identification number or the felon's name and birth date.

If you want to find someone in the system, call 225-383-4580. It's available 24 hours a day.

[Visit the website's "Public Information" section and select "Press Releases" for more details on the new Offender Locator system.](#)