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NEW AFFORDABLE VIDEO VISITATION OPTION TO BE OFFERED AT THE MENDOCINO COUNTY JAIL

Ukiah, CA, October 26, 2015 - Detainees at the Mendocino County Jail will soon have another convenient way to stay connected with loved ones on the outside. In addition to traditional phone calls and onsite visitation, starting on December 15, 2015 they will have the ability to enjoy online video chats with their family.

“We are really looking forward to seeing the effect video visitation will have on the inmate population and jail operations. It is our hope that it will benefit the inmates and make the operation of the jail more efficient” said, Captain Tim Pearce from the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office.

It is a well known fact that detainees will rely a lot on their families after they are released. If they’ve been able to have face-to-face contact with them through video chats on a regular basis during their incarceration, they will have a much stronger support system once they are released. Plus, there is something about seeing their spouses and kids and parents with their own eyes in their own home that really motivates them to get out—and stay out—of jail.

In addition to regular face-to-face visits, the launch of online video visitation will allow the Jail to offer an increase in visitation access. On-site visits are limited to one visit per week prior to video visitation. Now detainees have the ability to visit with their loved ones multiple times throughout the week without adding to the workload of the Jail’s staff.

Mendocino County approved a contract with Legacy Inmate Communications, a national provider of communication and investigative technology services for the corrections industry, in October 2015. Under the agreement Legacy will continue to provide the Jail with inmate telephone service, as well as a myriad of investigative utilities, and add video visitation service all at no cost.

President and CEO of Legacy, Curtis Brown, says, “We’re confident that video visitation and similar services are the future of inmate communications, and we understand how important it is to keep them affordable. We’re proud to be at the forefront of the industry in our technology

development—not only providing new ways for incarcerated individuals to stay connected with their support system on the outside, but also providing increased security and investigative capabilities for law enforcement to apply to those communications. We are looking forward to working with Mendocino County to bring video visitation service to the Jail for the benefit of everyone involved.”

About Legacy Inmate Communications

Legacy is a nationwide provider and has been a leader in the inmate communications industry for nearly two decades, with headquarters in Cypress, California. The company has developed a number of state-of-the-art inmate communications platforms, such as iCON, WatchWord+, and iCON Tracker. Legacy is unique in that it is a single-source provider, researching, developing, building integration, and implementing every aspect of its inmate telephone and video visitation systems. For more information, please visit www.legacyinmate.com.