The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

TRACKER© Integration

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TRACKER©
Prosecutor Case Management System

- A centralized system (operated by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council) used to enter new cases and to monitor the flow of cases from arrest to final disposition.

- Customized for each office to provide a greater efficiency in the preparation and disposition of felony and misdemeanor criminal cases in Georgia.

- Its flexible but creates consistency between offices, eliminating the different definitions of what constitutes "a case" and allows the elected prosecutor to more effectively manage case assignment within the office.

Where is TRACKER© and Who is Using it?

- Currently used in 44 of the 49 judicial circuits - not being utilized in Atlanta, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Piedmont and Bell-Forsyth. That is all but 7 of the 159 counties in Georgia.

- Accessed by 2100+ users including attorneys, legal secretaries, administrative staff, investigators and victim-witness staff.

- 12,866 indictments/accusations and 61,924 case-related documents were generated during July 2014.

TRACKER©
Who does it belong to?
How have we paid for it?

- Tracker is a customized solution to meet the specific needs of Georgia prosecutor offices designed and developed in-house by contract resources from a Georgia-based company Riverside Consulting Group, LLC.

- System is owned by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council who for the past 8 years has tapped into its annual budget appropriated from the General Assembly to fund the project.

TRACKER$_©$ Plays Well with Others

- TRACKER$_©$ has the capability to communicate with other systems on a statewide or local level.

- Current Data Exchanges:
  - GBI/GCIC
  - Georgia State Patrol
  - Pardons and Parole
  - Middleware (with the help of FivePoint Solutions)
  - ICON and Clerks of Court

- Future Data Exchange Projects.

GCIC
Arrest Data

- TRACKER$_©$ currently receives statewide arrest data from GCIC on a nightly basis for prosecutor offices to import and start cases thus reducing data entry time and eliminating keystroke errors.

- 10,503 cases were started in TRACKER$_©$ in July 2014 from the arrest data imported from GCIC.

- This project was accomplished with federal funding from a National Criminal History Improvement Project (NCHIP) grant administered by the GBI.

Georgia State Patrol
Traffic Citations

- The AOC currently receives all citations electronically from GSP and makes them available to local courts.

- TRACKER$_©$ receives these same GSP citations electronically from the AOC and make them available in TRACKER$_©$ for prosecutor offices to import and start cases.

Practically - What does this Mean?

- Significant benefit to prosecutors – eliminates 100% of the human data entry and saves time, money, and keystroke errors plus processing of citations and arrest data increases dramatically.

- Establishes a successful partnership between state agencies. These independent data management systems are exchanging data without either party having to change systems.

Pardons and Parole
Electronic Parole Notifications

- Prior to data exchange, the parole notifications have always been printed and mailed to prosecutor offices by Pardons & Paroles.

- The notices are now electronically transmitted to PAC where they are emailed to the appropriate prosecutor office as a PDF and they are attached to TRACKER$_©$.

- Eliminates postage costs for PAP and enables prosecutor offices to receive the notices in a more timely manner and communicate any concerns or disapprovals in a timely manner.

- 7,373 parole notifications have been emailed YTD through July 2014.

TRACKER© Data Exchange Using Middleware

- TRACKER© is involved in numerous local projects that involve most of the criminal justice agencies at a circuit or county level.

- Most of these projects utilize Middleware from provider FivePoint Solutions that acts as a traffic cop directing exchanges.

- Most common data exchanges involve Traffic Citations, Booking Reports, Served Warrants, Bond Releases, Orders for Dismissal, Notice of Appointments, Court Number Received and Indictments/Accusations.

- Circuits who are using some aspect of data exchange in conjunction with TRACKER© include Cherokee, Cordele, Coweta, Flint and Western.

- For control purposes TRACKER© is designed so that an end-user must select the data that is sent and an end-user must import the data that is received.

TRACKER© Data Exchange with ICON System

- The District Attorney's office in Paulding County currently transmits accusation and indictment data from Tracker to the Clerk's office who uses the ICON System.

- This is a direct data exchange (no middleware) between the Tracker and ICON systems and is completed in batch mode for multiple cases at one time for efficiency purposes.

- The plan is to rollout this specific data exchange in the numerous other counties where the DA office uses Tracker and the Clerk's office uses ICON.

Future Data Exchange Projects

- Integration with the *Sex Offender Registration Review Board*, since many of the prosecutor offices have information that would possibly assist with the appropriate classification and removal determinations for sexual offenders. Allowing the State to better supervise these offenders as they return to society.

- A data sharing agreement between the *Department of Corrections* and PAC has been signed for a data exchange project on a statewide level. The DOC wants to receive accusation/indictment information from PAC, and PAC wants to receive sentencing information from DOC that can be attached to TRACKER© cases.

Future Data Exchange Projects

- Prosecutor offices currently have to login to a website hosted by the GBI to view *Crime Lab Reports*, but in the future the reports will be transmitted and attached to the associated case in TRACKER©.

- Reporting of *prosecutorial dispositions to GCIC to automatically update criminal histories*. The challenge with reporting updates to GCIC is the matching of charges as listed on indictments and accusations with arrest charges as listed in GCIC as they are very often not the same.

Future Data Exchange Projects

- A Document Image data exchange that sends all of the State and Superior Court documents so they can be attached to TRACKER© cases.

- The Document Image design is flexible so that the image can be transmitted to the prosecutor office via middleware from FivePoint Solutions or directly via court software from ICON Systems.

- This exchange was successfully implemented on October 2, 2014 in Coweta County.

What is Needed?

- Data exchanges cost money.

- Eliminate the requirement that GCIC arrest data has to line up with final disposition (and we have a plan and a working group).

- Assistance managing the costs of prosecuting criminal cases by developing a statewide system where defense attorneys can pay a fee to access discoverable materials in an electronic format like is presently setup in Colorado.

- Funding to develop an external statewide system designed for making limited and controlled information in Tracker available to other criminal justice entities and perhaps even the general public.

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