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NATION’S FIRST GOVERNMENT “eCHARGING SERVICE” TO EXPAND ACROSS COUNTY, STATE IN COMING WEEKS

System Saves Time, Money for Law Enforcement, Courts

WHAT: State, county and local public safety and court administration leaders formally announce the results of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension’s eCharging Service. The pilot program was launched in Virginia, Minn. on March 19. eCharging is believed to be the first such service in the country to be implemented by government agencies to allow for the real-time electronic filing of criminal documents.

In addition, officials will announce the eCharging roll-out schedule to the remainder of St. Louis County and select counties across Minnesota.

There will be a live demonstration of the system for the media.

WHEN: 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 12

WHERE: St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia Courtroom 2

WHO: Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion
St. Louis County Chief Judge James B. Florey
St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman
St. Louis County Attorney’s Office representative

WHY: eCharging is improving public safety by saving time and resources for law enforcement agencies and courts. The initial results of the pilot program show a significant savings for participating agencies.

The process allows a criminal complaint to be processed in as little as 30 minutes without any parties leaving their desks. Previously, it could take up to a full day, especially if law enforcement agencies had to travel long distances to the appropriate county courthouse.

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