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## E-Notify offers court-date text and email alerts

**Nassau County, Fla.**—Never miss a hearing with E-Notify, a statewide program that notifies registered users about court events!

Whether you are an attorney, a defendant, a bail bondsman, or a citizen with an interest in a criminal court case, E-Notify is available statewide to send text or email reminders of hearings for the cases that you designate, at no cost to you.

Similar programs elsewhere have shown the notification system is effective. Studies in jurisdictions where electronic alerts have been implemented show significant reductions in "failures to appear," or instances in which defendants miss their court events.

Failure to appear for a court event can result in a warrant being issued for the arrest of a defendant. Fewer defendants with missed court dates will reduce negative consequences both for the individuals and associated costs to the justice system.

E-Notify was designed specifically to fulfill the legislature's direction to provide alerts to defendants in criminal cases. The system, however, is not limited to defendants and offers a valuable resource to others who may wish to be notified of case events.

Users who sign up for the service choose how they will get alerts – by email, text, or both. Users are able sign up to get notifications on multiple cases. E-notify allows users to manage their alert subscriptions and make changes to which cases they follow or the frequency of alerts.

Users can go to enotify.flcourts.org to sign up for alerts. The program was developed collaboratively by the state's clerks of court and the state courts system.

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