

VINELink Instructions

Website: <https://www.vinelink.com/#/home>

What is it?: A crime victim notification network that allows a victim, or the public, to:

- Find where an offender is incarcerated by their name or offender ID #;
- Find an offender's court case by their name or case #;
- Find if an offender has been released to probation or parole by their name or their probationer or parolee ID #; and
- The status of any protective order (note: to access protective orders, you will need the court case number, the county the protective order was filed in, and the respondent's first and last name).

Why is it important?: VINELink offers victims the option to be notified of:

- Any status changes in the offender's criminal case;
- Where the offender is incarcerated, and if that location changes;
- The status of the offender's probation, and any change thereof;
- If the Defendant has been released on parole and any changes of the conditions of their parole; and
- The change of status of any protective order.

An important note about the VINELink for Protective Orders:

- The Maryland VINELink Protective Order tab includes a "quick escape button" to include additional safety precautions for those in violent relationships or who may be in danger.
- It is located in the top right hand corner labeled "Quick Escape," which will take the viewer to a blank Google page.

Instructions:

1. Go to <https://www.vinelink.com/#/home>
2. Select "Maryland" for your state of interest
3. Follow the prompts for what you are looking for
4. To "Find a Protective Order," the prompt will lead you to another website linked to VINELink called "RegisterVPO.com." You will need the case number, the county where the protective order was heard, and the respondent's first and last name to access the order.