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To: California Law Enforcement Agencies

RE: Establishing the Statewide Electronic System for Reporting of Tangible Personal Property

Background

As you may know, Section 21628 of the Business & Professions Code, Assembly Bill (AB) 391, as signed by Governor Brown on August 17, 2012, mandates that the California Department of Justice develop, implement, operate and maintain a single, statewide, uniform electronic reporting system. This database will be used by secondhand dealers and pawnbrokers to report all tangible personal property transactions required by current law. Below is information based on commonly asked questions relative to the implementation of the new statewide electronic reporting system:

- The statewide electronic reporting system, also known as the California Pawn & Secondhand Dealer System (CAPSS), will be administered by the California Department of Justice. Who must report and what items must be reported remains unchanged from current law.
- The CAPSS is funded entirely by users (licensed secondhand dealers and pawnbrokers) of the system as described in Section 21642 of the Business and Professions Code. The use of the system by qualified law enforcement agencies is supplied free of charge.
- The CAPSS is expected to be fully operational by early next year. Per current law, all required reporting of tangible personal property should continue on the traditional paper JUS 123 forms until the system has been deemed operational by the California Department of Justice. For a period of 30 days after the new system is deemed operational, licensees will be required to report both electronically to the CAPSS as well as submit paper JUS 123 reports to avoid any missed reports during transition.

Please direct any additional questions to the California Department of Justice via email at CAPSS@doj.ca.gov.