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## BPP unveils new Offender Search Website.

Austin, TX (August 4, 2014) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) announced today the launch of the agency's new offender search website today. The new site will provide current information regarding an offender's parole review status, to include: whether or not an offender is in the review process; the last parole decision and date; and an offender's next scheduled review.

BPP is responsible for answering parole review inquiries about incarcerated Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) offenders, including: parole status information for offenders, offender families, attorneys, TDCJ Victim Services, state senator and state representative offices, trial officials and law enforcement offices throughout Texas and the nation, among others. BPP is also responsible for the operations of the Parole Status Line, this telephone system receives approximately 300,000 telephone calls per year and provides limited parole status information to callers.

The website will streamline the current business process alleviating the need to address the most commonly asked parole status questions allowing BPP to respond to more complex requests, in a timely manner — allowing the agency to be more responsive to public inquiries, provide better information access and achieve a higher volume of work.

Additionally, the general public will now have access to this information, not only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST), but after hours, as well as weekends by simply accessing the BPP website.

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Please visit the site at: <http://offender.tdcj.state.tx.us/OffenderSearch/index.jsp>

The Board of Pardons and Paroles, established by the Texas Constitution, decides which eligible offenders to release on parole, the conditions for parole, and whether to revoke parole if conditions are not met. The Board also recommends clemency matters, including pardons, to the Governor.

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