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CHILD Project Using Iris Recognition to Identify Missing Kids

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The Children's Identification and Location Database (CHILD) Project now being introduced in communities across the country is using Iridian Technologies' ProofPositive iris recognition technology to help identify missing children.

The CHILD Project is a secure nationwide network and registry that enables law enforcement and social service agencies to locate and positively identify missing children and adults with iris biometric recognition. Part of the project is a database of iris patterns belonging to children and adults enrolled in the program. Through this network, the CHILD Project will compare the unique features contained in the iris of an abductee or runaway against a national database of children and adults enrolled under the program. The program is patterned on other voluntary community-based fingerprint and photo ID card programs around the country.

Also today, Kane County, Il., sheriff, Kenneth R. Ramsey, announced the suburban Chicago county would participate in the CHILD project.

"Iris recognition has proven to be the most accurate and fastest biometric technology for identity management," said Sean Mullin, President of the CHILD Project. "We are pleased to have selected Iridian, along with their camera partner Panasonic Security Systems, as our strategic partners to help reunite missing children with their families."

The CHILD Project database is hosted by the Nation's Missing Children Organization (NMCO) and National Center for Missing Adults, a nonprofit agency providing nationwide assistance to law enforcement and families of missing persons. The agency, headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., was founded in 1994 and provides a variety of services including advocacy, search assistance, national distribution of information related to missing persons and various programs addressing child safety.

The CHILD Project relies on Panasonic Security Systems' ProofPositive-certified BM-ET330 Iris Readers, which feature advanced user guidance technology along with the latest developments in iris recognition technology to deliver fast and accurate system enrollment and authentication.

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