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Gilpin County Sheriff's Department

Most government organizations are required by law to maintain ongoing documentation of the legal process. Gilpin County Sheriff's office is no different. The legal requirements to book and process inmates must be completed in an accurate and timely manner. Case numbers, photographs, crime evidence, court date, name, and birth date of inmates are only a few of the records recorded and tracked before trial. This problem was addressed and solved with SQL database server.

Customer Profile

Gilpin County Colorado Sheriff's Office is located in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. The focus of the Sheriff's office is to protect public safety and ensure all legal documentation is stored and available for the court system and the community.

Business Situation

The Sheriff's office is often the first point of contact for inmates with the legal system. Patrol and jail staff must document a multitude of required legal data for the judicial process. Inmates are checked against state criminal databases, photos taken, biography and special medical and dietary needs are tracked. This generates additional paperwork that must be stored in duplicate. Any updates to data as the case matures require additional paperwork.

Solution

Microsoft Windows SQL server provided a robust database which allows officers to enter data that is available in real time. Photos taken at time of booking appear next to personal data, case #, court date, bail amount, etc. The time savings for the department was enormous.

Benefits

- Booking time reduced by half.
- All information available to all staff. For example if a detective discovers important developments from crime data this information is available to the courts and staff in report form. This can be life saving if staff learns an inmate has a violent history and may be threat to himself or others.
- New staff can quickly and easily know the correct protocol and requirements for any inmate without long educational sessions since all inmate data is online.
- Invoicing improvement: medicines are available to inmate at a cost. If an inmate is released and medications are not documented at that time, the county is unable to bill the inmate for the medical treatment.