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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office's Sex Offender Registry recently upgraded to the use of signature tablets to save time for employees and money for taxpayers.

Instead of handing offenders paper copies of forms that need to be signed by the offender, the forms will be electronically uploaded onto the new signature tablets. Then, once all documents have been signed, the forms will kick back into the CCSO system to be processed.

The goal of the change is to allow the CCSO employees who work in the Sex Offender Registry to work more efficiently, while also cutting down on the cost of supplies used.

The tablets were made possible through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and a grant that provided each agency across the state with one tablet at no cost. It was then up to the individual agency if they wanted to purchase additional signature tablets. CCSO purchased four tablets for a total of \$2,000.56.

The tablets utilize Topaz Systems Incorporated for the electronic signature process.

Keeping track of all sex offenders within Charleston County limits is one of the many jobs that fall under the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The sex offender registry is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The office is also open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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