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# ARPIN GROUP IMPLEMENTS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL AGENTS

*New policy intended as a precautionary measure*

**EAST GREENWICH, R.I. (May 2, 2006)** – Arpin Group, Inc., the R.I.-based global relocation company, hired General Information Services last month to perform criminal background checks on all personnel who handle household goods shipments for the group.

This background check policy is being instituted as a precautionary measure for the continued safety of Arpin Group customers. Arpin Group has been conducting criminal background checks on its own employees since 2001 and is expanding this policy to agents. A tentative deadline of June 1 has been set for all agents to comply with this new policy.

“Customer safety is our foremost concern,” said Tom Magee, Vice President of Business Development at Arpin Van Lines. “We have earned praise for our anti-terrorism measures from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the industry trade associations. These background checks add another layer of security and peace-of-mind for our customers.”

General Information Services, one of the two original providers of nationwide background investigations, is currently performing the following checks:

**KwikSearch** – Searches the National Criminal Database containing 223 million files from all 50 states. This process also checks the Sex Offender Registry as well as the Office of Foreign Assets & Control database for terrorism activities.

**County criminal searches** – Search covers seven years of residential history under the primary name. This includes felony and misdemeanor convictions as well as pending cases, open warrant cases, dismissed and “not guilty” outcomes.

**Trace report with SSN validation** – The result of this search is a Name and Address History Report which details all available names and addresses associated with the Social Security number. This information is then used to develop possible names and addresses not provided on the application for which additional criminal history searches can be conducted. Using information provided by the Social Security Administration, GIS instantly searches an applicant's Social Security number to determine its validity, the year and state of issuance, and check it against the SSA's Death Master Index to ensure it is not registered to a person listed as deceased.

Agents are required to act immediately to integrate this process within their own policies and procedures. Background checks must be completed on current employees and prospective employees in addition to any labor (casual or other) used on shipments moving under Arpin operating authority – except drivers who already have been checked by Arpin.

The American Moving and Storage Association now recommends all carriers implement criminal background checks on their agents.

### **About Arpin Group, Inc:**

Arpin Group, Inc. is the holding company for Arpin Van Lines, Arpin International Group, Arpin Moving Systems (Canada), Star Moving Network, and Intermodal Credit Corp. Headquartered in East Greenwich, R.I., Arpin Group is an industry leader in household goods moving, corporate, government and military relocation, and specialized transportation services. With over 100 years of experience and a reputation for excellent service, Arpin Group is the only family owned and operated company that has remained dominant and successful for more than a century. Arpin is the official mover of the PGA, a member of the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, the American Moving and Storage Association and is fully accredited by the International Federation of International Furniture Removers (FIDI). Arpin is the proud recipient of the 2005 Logistics Management Quest for Quality Pennant. For more information, please visit [www.arpin.com](http://www.arpin.com).