Automated Kiosk Reporting For Offenders
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Automated Kiosk Reporting (AKR) for offenders, essentially are a type of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) that probationers utilize to report, submit monetary obligations, answer a series of questions related to their conditions of supervision and more importantly, have their identifications confirmed without actually talking to a probation officer. This idea has proved to provide numerous benefits for officers supervising low risk offenders who are required to report and pay fees, a description that fits many offenders under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections. In order for this system to be effective, there must be a screening process in place that would identify appropriate offenders based on a risk assessment system. This process must further have a system evaluation in place that would validate the effectiveness of the risk assessment instrument. The criminal justice agencies currently using AKR for offender reporting have realized numerous benefits including freeing officers from time consuming in-office interviews and paperwork which provides more time to focus on the duties relating to critical and high risk offenders. Information was gathered to determine the viability of this technology in Florida.