

## GTL Extends Data Encryption to Further Protect Customer Information

Encrypting data at rest adds another security layer to guard against data breaches

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**Reston, Virginia – February 8, 2017 –** <u>GTL</u>, the leading provider of correctional technology solutions and an innovator in payment services solutions for government, today announced that by early 2017, all customer data residing in company databases will be encrypted while at rest, adding another layer to GTL's already substantial security toolkit. This follows a prior announcement of an enhancement of GTL's storage capabilities with a significant investment in an <u>All Flash</u> storage infrastructure.

"This expansion of data encryption is yet another example of GTL leading the industry – here in the area of information security." said Garth Johnson, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Privacy Officer at GTL. "Data breaches are on the rise, and the corrections industry has not been spared. In fact, a breach impacting one inmate telephone vendor is among the biggest of recent times. Database encryption is the next logical step for staying ahead of potential security threats. Our team understands what is at stake and settles for nothing less than the most robust security measures. It is hard to conceive how customers could feel comfortable without database encryption," added Garth Johnson, Senior Vice President of Operations at GTL.

"It's not a matter of if, but a matter of when an organization will experience some sort of cyberattack," added Jason Marass, Information Security Director and Deputy Chief Privacy Officer at GTL. "Therefore, it is imperative to have multiple layers of security and data classification standards in order to properly protect our customers' most sensitive data. With the implementation of database encryption, GTL has added yet another layer to our already robust security infrastructure."

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## **About GTL**

GTL leads in the fields of correctional technology and government payment services with visionary solutions and customized products that integrate seamlessly to deliver security, financial value, and ease of operation for our customers. As a trusted industry leader, GTL provides service to 85 percent of inmates nationwide, including service to 32 state departments of corrections, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and 73 of the 100 largest city/county facilities, including 39 of the top 50. GTL is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, and maintains several regional offices across the country. To learn more about GTL, please visit <u>www.gtl.net</u> or our social media sites on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.