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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs, House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs, Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
FROM: Todd E. Ishee, Secretary
RE: Report on GPS Monitoring for Sex Offenders
DATE: May 10, 2023

§ 143B-1481. Report on probation and parole caseloads.

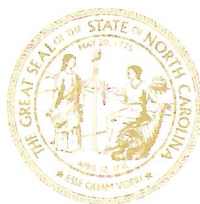
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON
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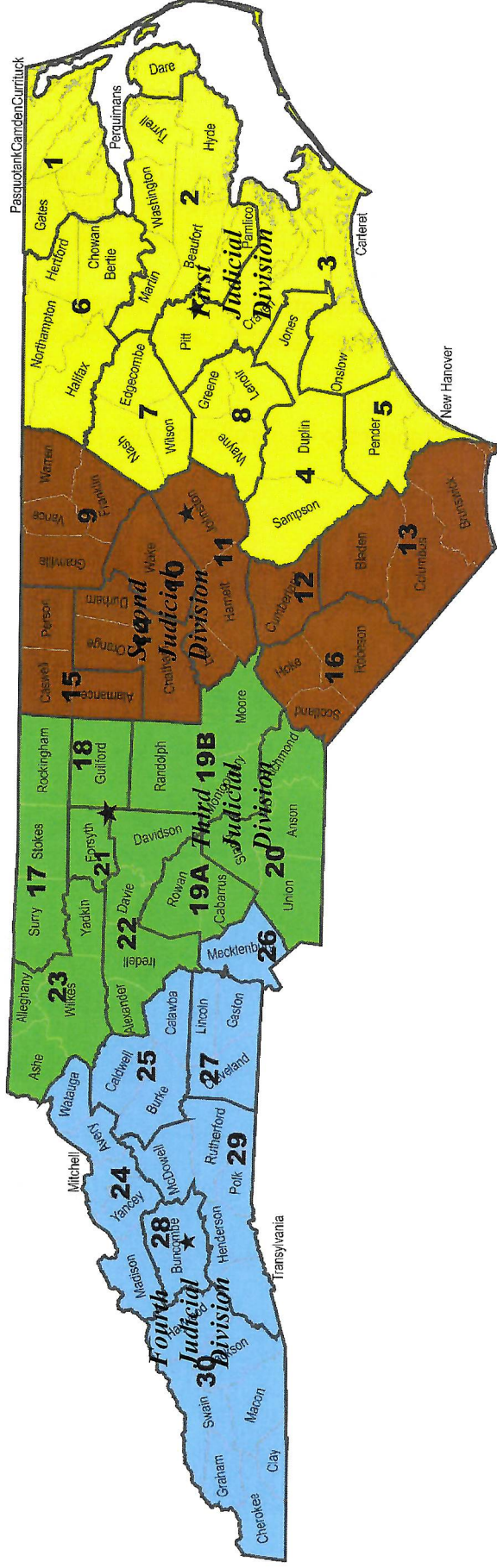
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Overview of Satellite Monitoring Program

G.S. 14-208.40 requires the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Adult Correction to establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based monitoring system and to create guidelines to govern the program. Offenders subject to monitoring include those under probation, parole, or post-release supervision and certain offenders who have completed their periods of supervision or incarceration but are subject to continued GPS tracking pursuant to statute.

Number of Sex Offenders Enrolled

During FY 2021-22, fourteen (14) sex offenders were enrolled in the electronic monitoring program. All fourteen (14) were monitored via active GPS.

Caseloads of Probation Officers Assigned to Sex Offenders under GPS Monitoring

Due to the relatively small number of offenders under GPS supervision, Community Supervision utilizes existing resources to aid in the supervision of GPS sex offender cases. Probation officers specializing in the supervision of sex offenders monitor this population, which includes convicted sex offenders who do not have GPS requirements. Factors such as geography, offender needs, admission rates, and officer resources impact decisions concerning local case management practices.

Two (2) probation officers work in the Sex Offender Management administrative office within Community Supervision Administration. These 2 probation officers oversee GPS monitoring for certain sex offenders who are no longer actively supervised by Community Supervision but continue to be subject to GPS monitoring. As of June 30, 2022, the administrative office was monitoring 407 sex offenders who met that criteria. In addition to the 407 offenders monitored by the GPS administrative office, there are 166 offenders under active supervision for another offense that are monitored/supervised by field probation officers. During FY 2021-22, 573 sex offenders were on active GPS monitoring. Community Supervision did not have any sex offenders on passive GPS monitoring during FY 2021-22.

Number of Violations and Absconders

During FY 2021-22, enrollees in the electronic monitoring program were cited for 2,216 violations. Of the 573 offenders enrolled in the program during the fiscal year, 332 offenders were cited for at least one violation. Thirteen (13) offenders were cited for absconding.

Exits from GPS during fiscal year 2021-2022

Seventeen (17) enrollees exited GPS monitoring during the fiscal year. Of the 17 enrollees, 15 successfully completed the program, 1 moved out of state and 1 enrollee died.

Population Projections

As of June 30, 2022, there were 573 offenders enrolled in the electronic monitoring program. All offenders enrolled at the end of the fiscal year were monitored via active GPS.

It should be noted there continues to be a decrease in the overall number of sex offenders assigned to GPS monitoring during FY 2021-22. This decrease can be attributed primarily to the ruling in *State v. Grady*, 372 N.C. 509, 831 S.E.2d 542 (2019).

The table below shows year-end population projections for the GPS program for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

Projected Population for GPS Supervision

	Projected Population
FY 2022-23	551
FY 2023-24	531

The projections are based on the laws in effect as of June 30, 2022, and do not take into consideration any future legislation affecting GPS supervision.