

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: November 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) alcohol monitoring anklet devices

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the use of SCRAM and SCRAMx.

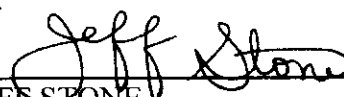
The SCRAM program is primarily funded by the offenders themselves. However, in 2009 each Supervisor contributed \$10,000 from their Community Improvement Designation to assist indigent offenders in obtaining devices as part of their sentence. The Department of Mental Health administers this fund and the balance is now below \$2200. I encourage my colleagues to allocate funds for use in their respective districts.

BACKGROUND: SCRAM is a tool that assists the Court and other public agencies when continuous monitoring of an alcohol defendant's behavior is required. SCRAM is one of many options that a judicial officer may elect to use in connection with the sentencing and/or probation of defendants convicted of an alcohol related offense. The Superior Court in the County of Riverside referred 374 offenders to SCRAM in 2011, and projects an increase of 15% (430 referrals) for this calendar year.

Riverside County's detention centers are extremely overcrowded and with AB 109 realignment the need for additional jail beds or alternative confinement options is evident. Both SCRAM and SCRAMx (home detention program) offer an alternative to incarcerating DUI and other alcohol related offenders who can affordably and effectively use this alcohol monitoring device to pay their debt to society and potentially rehabilitate themselves.

In 2011 a study was conducted by Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc., of clients from 2009 who were released from the SCRAM program from Riverside County. This report indicated that over a 22-month period, an average of 93.5% of the SCRAM clients did NOT have any further DUIs.

In its short term existence in Riverside County, the SCRAM program has already proven to be very successful in decreasing recidivism for repeat DUI offenders, changing drinking and driving behavior, enhancing public safety, and providing significant cost savings when SCRAM is used in lieu of incarceration.



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