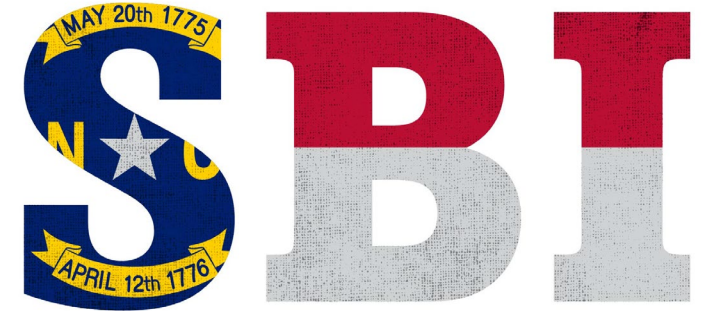




SBI Update on North Carolina Victim's Program

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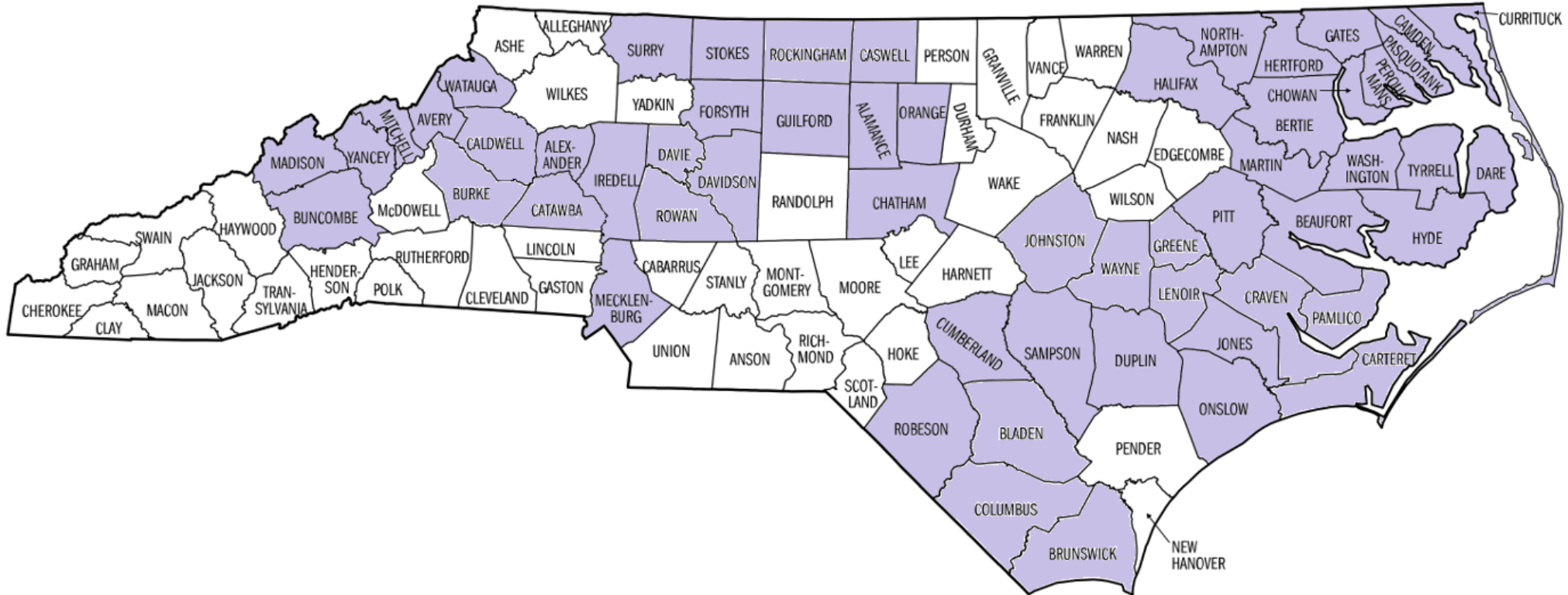


Goal of the Program

- To protect victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking during the pre-trial period
- Program success



The Electronic Monitoring Program is currently available in 57 counties throughout North Carolina



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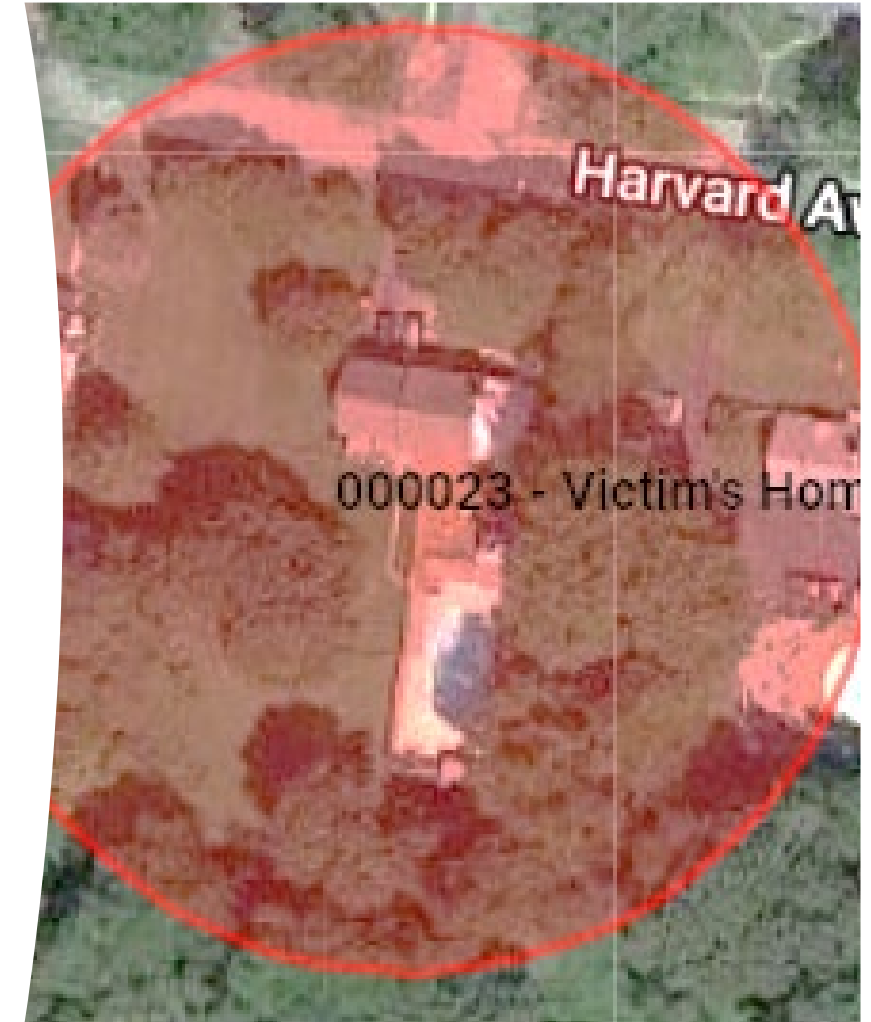
Snapshot of How the Program Works

- Defendants are assigned electronic ankle device by a judge
- An exclusion zone is placed around an area where the defendant must stay away
- If the defendant breaches an exclusion zone, the defendant's device sends an alert to a 24/7 call center
- The call center reaches out to the defendant to alert him/her to leave the area immediately
- If the defendant fails to leave the area or the call center cannot contact him/her, law enforcement is immediately notified



Fixed Exclusion Zones

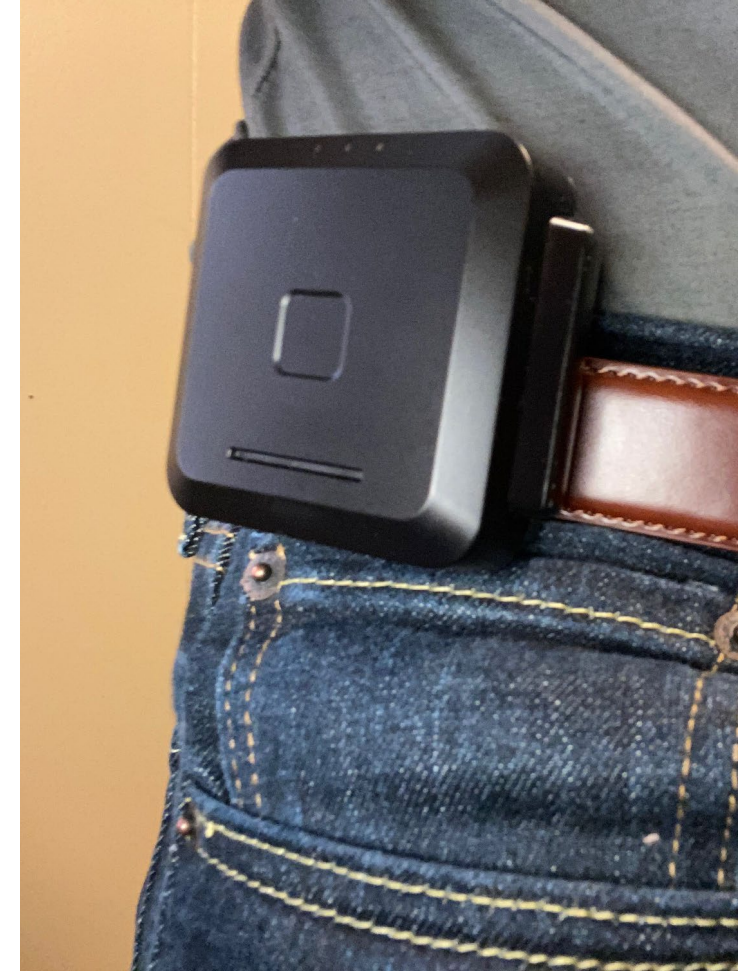
- An exclusion zone is placed where an enrollee must stay away
- Can be made confidential
 - Different set of protocols are followed
- Known by the defendant
 - Victim home, work, schools, or any locations of interest
 - Fixed exclusion zones can be tailored for each individual case



Stalker Alert

Victim Notification Unit

- Mobile exclusion zone that surrounds the victim at all times
- Discreet unit that can be worn on a belt or placed in a purse
- Paired with defendant ankle monitor
- Sends text message to victim's phone when violation occurs



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Victim Mobile Exclusion Zone

Fixed Ranges: When breached, the call frequency of both devices increases, thus resulting in faster comparison of proximity (but no alarms)

7 miles apart:
Every *3 minutes*

4 miles apart:
Once *every minute*

Mobile Zones: Fully customizable and used for triggering alerts

Distance: **3 miles***
Alarm: **Caution**

Distance: **2 miles***
Alarm: **Warning**

Distance: **1 mile***
Alarm: **Danger**

Distance: **Up to 300 feet, open-field****
Alarm: **Critical**

*All custom ranges noted are the defaults, but fully customizable.

**Environmental and structural elements will often impact and/or decrease the range.



Case Management Center



Duties

- Monitor & report violations
- Assist victims, defendants, providers, etc.
- Works in conjunction with law enforcement as needed to ensure victim safety



Wilmington

- **24/7 Call Center**



Secondary Location

- Fortified building
- Back-up generator
- Capable of sustaining operations indefinitely

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Program Staff

Case Management Center Staff

- 24/7 support for victims and enrollees
- 25 employees
 - Represents 250 years of law enforcement and/or 911 telecommunications experience
- 98,081 calls in 2025
- Averaging 275-300 calls per day

Providers

- 57 counties / 25 judicial districts
- 25 field staff: 19 Providers / 6 Court Liaisons
- Average of 1,300-1,400 units in use at any given time
- 42% victim participation rate

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Real World Exclusion Zone Event

- Defendant entered into the exclusion zone at **2:22:28 PM**
- Call center agent called defendant at **2:24:31 PM**
- 2nd call center agent called victim at **2:25:02 PM**
- LEO called at **2:27:36 PM**



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Benefits of the Program

Victim

- Peace of mind
 - Sense of knowing
- Housing
 - Victim does not need to leave the residence; the defendant does
- Defendant participation is mandatory
 - Victims are often forced to act against their best interests

Defendant

- Accountability during pre-trial release
- Keeps him/her away from the victim
 - One defendant advised the program helped him break the habit of contacting the victim
- Provides proof the defendant is abiding by the court order
- No restrictions outside of known victim locations/residences



Implementation Process

Requirements

➤ Paperwork

- AOC-630
- Victim information sheet

➤ Key stakeholders meet to discuss workflow

- Judges, DA, jail administrator, provider, clerk/pre-trial (if participating)
 - Order → Clerk → Jail → Provider → Victim Outreach → Release of Defendant

➤ New MOUs are forthcoming

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		File No.
County		In The General Court Of Justice ☐ District ☐ Superior Court Division
STATE VERSUS	CONDITIONS OF RELEASE FOR PERSON CHARGED WITH A CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	
Name Of Defendant	#	
NOTE: Use this form in conjunction with form AOC-CR-200, Conditions Of Release And Release Order.		
FINDINGS		
The undersigned judicial official finds that the defendant named above is charged with assault on, stalking, communicating a threat to, or committing a felony provided in former Article 7A or Articles 7B, 8, 10, or 15 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes upon a spouse or former spouse, a person with whom the defendant lives or has lived as if married, or (for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2015, only) a person with whom the defendant is or has been in a dating relationship as defined in G.S. 50B-1(b)(6), with domestic criminal trespass, or with violation of an order entered pursuant to Chapter 50B, Domestic Violence, of the General Statutes.		
The undersigned judicial official ☐ has considered the defendant's criminal history as shown on a criminal history report provided by a law enforcement officer or a district attorney. ☐ has not considered the defendant's criminal history as shown on a criminal history report because no report could be obtained within a reasonable time.		
ORDER		
Based upon the foregoing findings, the undersigned judicial official ORDERS the following conditions of release IN ADDITION TO the conditions of release set out on the attached form AOC-CR-200:		
☐ 1. The defendant shall stay away from the home, school, business or place of employment of the alleged victim.		
☐ 2. The defendant shall refrain from assaulting, beating, molesting, or wounding the alleged victim.		
☐ 3. The defendant shall refrain from removing, damaging or injuring the property listed below:		

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Coordination with Local Stakeholders

The program brings additional value outside of protecting victims

- Training on software
- Court admissible evidence
 - Defendant location/movements at a given date & time, etc.
- Pursuit mode
 - Live tracking



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Contact Information

- Please contact Chief of Staff Brent Culbertson with questions.
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- We are in the process of hiring a new Director to implement this program. We anticipate someone will be in place the first of the year.



Questions?

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