



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Sheriff Calls Electronic Monitoring Audit Flawed and Soft on Crime**

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. called the Sentinel Journal story (*Electronic monitoring of inmates could save millions, audit says, October 2, 2013*) supporting the use of allowing dangerous criminals back on the street with an ankle bracelet, as indicative of the revolving door nature of Milwaukee County's Criminal Justice System. Clarke issued the following statement:

Sure it saves money. So does not arresting people who violate the law, but it is not in the best interest of protecting neighborhoods or law-abiding people. This propaganda-filled social engineering experiment audit is heartless and discriminates against low-income, mainly black and Hispanic people who because of economics have to live in crime-ridden Milwaukee neighborhoods.

When the experiment goes awry it is not the auditor's family or friends that are on the receiving end of being shot, robbed or sexually assaulted, it is someone else's family. They just say, 'oops,' and move on with no accountability. These bean counters could not care less about the welfare of the community, figuring that is my problem, and they are right. I balance protecting the community with cost-effectiveness. When money and safety collide, safety will always win out as long as I am sheriff.

I'm not in the sentencing business. I'm not in the criminal judging business. I'm not in the criminal charging business. I was not elected to make those decisions. I was elected to, among other things, run a jail. If someone is sent to jail that is where they will stay until otherwise released by the court or until their sentence is served. That's my job. That's what I was elected to do.

Judges were elected to decide who should and should not be in jail. If they do not want criminals to serve a sentence in jail then they should have the courage to accept the responsibility and put them on probation. When the perpetrator re-offends while out on electronic monitoring they should have the moral courage to step forward and explain to the family and community as to why the person wasn't locked up. They are afraid of accepting that responsibility, and I don't blame them, but don't then ask me to do their dirty work.

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**I can show proof of the flawed policy of a liberal use of electronic monitoring to save money. This gut-wrenching story illustrates why I am against letting criminals out on electronic monitoring:**

**[http://www.cnn.com/2013/03/16/us/new-york-murder-arrest/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2013/03/16/us/new-york-murder-arrest/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)**

*Excerpt from: Police: Suspect removed tracking anklet, attacked mother and child  
By Brittany Brady, CNN, Sat. March 16, 2013*

*(CNN) -- A man accused of killing a school district librarian and raping her 10-year-old daughter in upstate New York had removed an electronic tracking anklet before carrying out the attack, police said.*

*David J. Renz, 29, of Cicero, is accused of abducting the 47-year-old mother and her daughter shortly before 9 p.m. on Thursday as they left a gymnastics class, state police said. He tied up the mother and raped her daughter in their vehicle, state police said.*

*He then drove the car a short distance down the road, police said, where the librarian was fatally stabbed. The girl managed to escape the vehicle and flag down a passing motorist for help.*

*Renz had been ordered to wear the electronic tracking device on his ankle while awaiting trial on child pornography charges. He was also told he had to be home between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.*

*Authorities believe Renz was able to remove the strap to the tracking device and reconnect it quickly enough that the probation office was not alerted, Brown said.*

**Convicted criminals are not trustworthy. Recently, much ado has been made by Milwaukee Circuit Court Chief Judge Jeff Kremers, a criminal advocate, who complains that I won't put more convicted criminals back into the community on electronic monitoring to serve their sentences. The electronic monitoring issue is at the heart of the management change at the correctional facility in Franklin.**

**In a local case, my detectives arrested five criminals for an armed robbery in McGovern Park. One of the creeps was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet and was being "monitored" by the State Department of Corrections. He had been convicted of Carrying a Concealed Weapon and had a felony Violation of Probation warrant at the time of his arrest for the armed robbery.**

**(Copy of July 25, 2013 release follows).**

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MCSO news release, July 25, 2013:

**Convicted Felon Wearing GPS Bracelet Commits Armed Robbery  
Sheriff's Detectives Apprehend Subjects Involved in McGovern Park Incident**



Cashmeir Williams

Randall Lee

Quinten Webb

Lasherriana Neal

Iessha Watson

**Milwaukee, WI – Five subjects took part in an armed robbery of two victims in McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, on Thursday, July 18, at about 6:30 p.m. The sheriff's detectives' investigation led them to a Milwaukee home where they apprehended the five suspects, who were in the process of dividing up the cash from the robbery.**

**The criminal complaint indicates that two women went to McGovern Park to meet a recent boyfriend of one of the women, Randall Lee, age 19, who had invited them to a cookout. He was accompanied by four others, Cashmeir Williams, age 19, Quinten Webb, age 21, Lasherriana Neal, age 19, and Iessha Watson, age 18.**

**When the victims returned to their car, Williams approached one of them and put a gun to her neck and demanded her purse. When she resisted, Williams began pistol-whipping the top of her head multiple times, and the gun went off, not striking anyone. The suspects fled, taking the purse, and Neal and Watson took the victims' cell phones as one tried to call 911.**

**Williams, who has a prior felony conviction for Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW), was wearing a Department of Corrections GPS ankle bracelet at the time of the robbery, and had an active violation of parole felony warrant.**

**Sheriff Clarke said, "The GPS bracelet only serves to allow a criminal to escape accountability for their behavior. A GPS might tell you where a person is, but it can't tell you what they're doing."**

**The victim suffered cuts and bleeding from the back of her head. She picked all five suspects out of line-ups. The subjects face up to 80 years in prison on the armed robbery charges. Williams, who has an extensive criminal history, faces an additional 10 years on the Felon in Possession of Firearm charge, and Webb faces an additional 9 months for the misdemeanor CCW charge.**

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