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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: February 26, 2024

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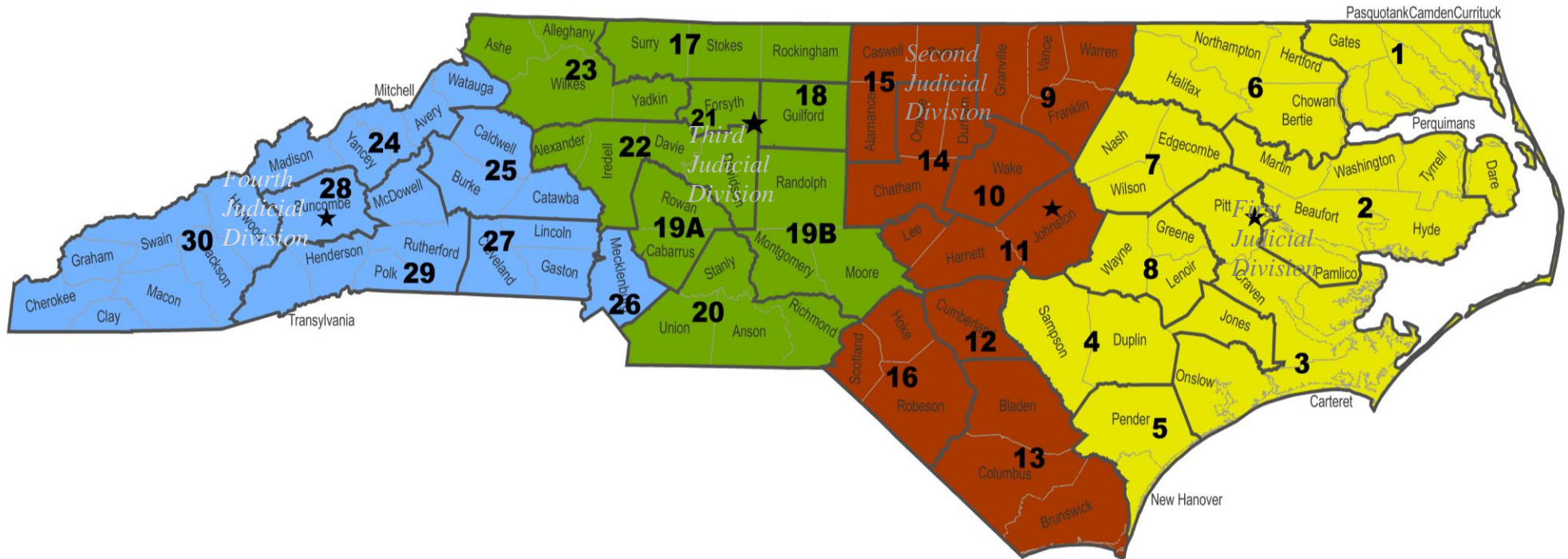
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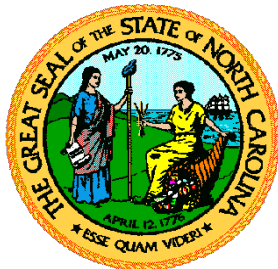
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Overview of Satellite Monitoring Program

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 2022-23, sixteen (16) sex offenders were enrolled in the electronic monitoring program. All sixteen (16) 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 GPS administrative office and 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, 2023, the administrative office was monitoring 417 sex offenders who met that criteria. In addition to the 417 offenders monitored by the GPS administrative office, there are 164 offenders under supervision for another offense that are monitored by field probation officers.

Number of Violations and Absconders

During FY 2022-23, new enrollees in the electronic monitoring program were cited for fourteen (14) violations. Of the sixteen (16) offenders enrolled in the program during the fiscal year, six (37%) were cited for at least one violation.

Exits from GPS during fiscal year 2021-2022

Ten (10) enrollees exited GPS monitoring during the fiscal year. All ten (10) enrollees successfully completed the program and there were no absconders.

Population Projections

As of June 30, 2023, there were 581 offenders enrolled in the electronic monitoring program. All offenders enrolled at the end of the fiscal year were monitored via active GPS.

The table below shows year-end population projections for the GPS program for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25.

Projected Population for GPS Supervision

	Projected Population
FY 2023-24	596
FY 2024-25	611

The projections are based on the laws in effect as of June 30, 2023, and do not take into consideration any future legislation affecting GPS supervision.