

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE ) Administrative Order  
GLOBAL POSITION SYSTEM ) No. 2006 - 90  
MONITORING PROGRAM )  
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A.R.S. § 13-902(G) provides, “Beginning November 1, 2006, after conviction of a dangerous crime against children as defined in § 13-604.01, if a term of probation is imposed, the court shall require global position system monitoring for the duration of the term of probation.”

The Arizona Superior Court, through its adult probation department in each county, is responsible for providing supervision services to adults sentenced to probation in the State of Arizona. To implement this new law, it is necessary to establish and implement a statewide program for the utilization of global position system (GPS) devices for offender monitoring.

A statewide GPS monitoring program requires procurement of GPS equipment, provision of officer training, and development and implementation of policies and procedures governing GPS use, monitoring protocols, and data collection. Additionally, due to the higher level of supervision required for those offenders requiring GPS monitoring by probation departments, existing administrative requirements defining how probation caseloads are counted and officer-to-offender ratios are calculated, and the formulas used to allocate new and existing officer positions for standard probation must be revised.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that beginning November 1, 2006, a statewide GPS monitoring program for offenders sentenced pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-902 (G) is established.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Director shall adopt such policies and procedures that are necessary to implement a statewide GPS monitoring program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Director of the Courts shall designate and fund probation departments to provide monitoring services for a county or a region throughout the state based upon the Administrative Director’s assessment of the needs and funds appropriated for this purpose.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Office of the Courts shall amend funding agreements with probation departments, as necessary, to disburse funds appropriated by the legislature for implementation of the statewide GPS monitoring program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each offender sentenced to standard probation under the requirements of A.R.S. § 13-902(G) shall equate to 3 offenders for determining compliance with caseload limit requirements of A.R.S. § 12-251 (A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the requirements of ACJA § 6-202: Adult Intensive Probation, specifically § 6-202 (K)(1) and (K)(2), an intensive probation team or any component of the team may supervise probationers sentenced pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-902 (G), if caseload capacity allows.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2006.

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RUTH V. MCGREGOR  
Chief Justice