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September 15, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
30-DAY REPORT BACK ON CONTRACT COMPLIANCE STATUS FOR
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFENDER MONITORING SYSTEM

At the September 10, 2013, Board meeting, the Sheriff was requested to report back every 30 days on contract compliance and program updates for the Los Angeles County Offender Monitoring System (LACOMS) as provided by Sentinel Offender Services, LLC (Sentinel). The current status of the program is outlined below:

- The LACOMS is currently monitoring 140 inmate workers assigned to 23 patrol stations and 36 inmates assigned to treatment service centers utilizing Global Positioning System (GPS) and Radio Frequency technology.

- LACOMS tracking devices have been in place for nearly one year; Sentinel has executed all terms of the Agreement fully and in a professional manner.

- Effective August 2014, Sentinel deployed a new Fiber Optic Unitrak (FUNI) electronic monitor for both the station inmate worker program and the treatment center program participants. The FUNI has many advantages to the previous Unitrak monitor, and is also equipped with enhanced safety features. There is no additional cost to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) for the installation of the upgraded device.

- The last report back indicated one female inmate absconded from a treatment service center on August 1, 2014. A want for her arrest remains active and the

Department's Major Crimes Bureau is conducting an ongoing investigation in an effort to return her to custody.

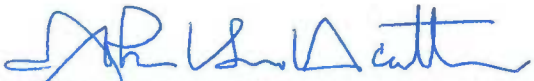
- On September 6, 2014, one female inmate assigned to a treatment center absconded. The old Unitrak strap attached to the monitor was found to have been cut and held together with an elastic string. The Department tested a different Unitrak strap and it was determined that the tamper alert can be circumvented by cutting the strap and quickly tying it into place. In reviewing the inmate's activity report on Sentrak, issues and circumstances surrounding this incident were not documented in accordance with contract guidelines. Sentinel has been notified that payment will be withheld until all old and faulty equipment has been replaced. A contract discrepancy report documenting this unacceptable service has been sent, and a written response has been requested. A want for her arrest remains active and the Department's Major Crimes Bureau is conducting an ongoing investigation in an effort to return her to custody.

- During the month of August, Department personnel assigned to the LACOMS program conducted random audits of LACOMS participants utilizing Sentinel's web-based monitoring system "Sentrak." The audit conducted by Department personnel showed compliance with the notification matrix as established by the contract for all alerts received. There have been no absconds since the last report back.

- The cost to the Department for GPS monitoring for the month of July was $16,397.34.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Eric G. Parra, Custody Services Division, General Population, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,



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