

Improving Safety of Overcrowded Jails Using Omnilink® Offender Monitoring



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The Problem: Risk of Coronavirus in Overcrowded Jail Systems

The rapid spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is presenting an unprecedented challenge to public safety, particularly in state and local jails, where there are hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of people living in close contact with each other. The jailed population is inherently high-risk, especially given the large numbers of sick, elderly and immuno-compromised individuals. For them, a coronavirus diagnosis could be a death sentence. Alarmingly, the disease could spread like wildfire through this population if individuals are not allowed to be released while wearing an ankle bracelet, and at least temporarily limit the close contact that is inherent in crowded jails across the country.

The Remedy: Release Non-Violent Offenders into the General Population Wearing an Ankle Bracelet

In the United States, unprecedented actions are being taken to thwart the overcrowded jail systems in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. In Ohio, as well as Virginia, local city and county jails have begun releasing non-violent offenders into the general population while wearing an ankle bracelet to monitor their whereabouts, in an effort to relieve the overcrowding and unhealthy situation that would allow the virus to replicate among these individuals, putting thousands at risk and creating a human petri dish for the virus to spread.

In addition, coronavirus has led to closure of some criminal courts, preventing the disposition of some criminal cases. This could lead to many defendants in pre-trial situations being forced to wear ankle bracelets, while their cases are pending in the courts. At the federal level, U.S. immigration agencies like ICE have announced that they will delay arresting some people suspected of violating immigration laws, and in some cases would use an alternative to detention for lower-level and non-violent offenders. In those cases, ankle bracelets and telephonic monitoring systems would be deployed.

Using the Omnilink® OM500 to help Manage Overcrowded Jails in the Wake of the COVID-19 Outbreak

The Solution: Omnilink OM500 Electronic Monitoring Ankle Bracelet

Omnalink® is a market-ready managed solution for organizations that need to track persons of interest with an ankle-worn tracking device. It uses device-to-cloud connectivity and integrates GPS technology and software for a turnkey IoT-enabled solution that allows probation, parole, and corrections agencies to monitor and immediately locate any offender. Learn more - download the whitepaper and case study.



Offender monitoring and tracking reduces recidivism rates, incarceration rates and therefore the need for additional prison capacity. Plus, the ongoing costs are significantly lower when compared to the expense, human resources, and stress of providing for incarceration.

Omnalink OM500 Next Gen Offender Monitoring Technology:



WiFi Positioning Technology



Fast LTE Connectivity



Improved Tamper Detection Features



Magnetic Charger That Swivels 360°



High Quality Custom Voice Commands



Rapid Charge Battery



Submersible, IP68 Device



Lightweight Compact Design



Improved Mapping Reduces Drift



Movement Detection Technology

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