

Alternatives to Incarceration

- Pretrial Supervision
- Pretrial Diversion
- GPS Monitoring / House Arrest
- Drug / Alcohol Monitoring
- Jail Overcrowding
- Supervision of Hospitalized Inmates
- Sentencing Alternatives



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Pretrial Supervision Program



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A Glance at the SLC Pretrial Program

The St Lucie County Pretrial Program works under the direction of the County Attorney and the Criminal Justice Coordinator.



The St. Lucie County Pretrial Program provides both pretrial and post-trial services. All cases are

ordered by the Court to the Program and usually come from First Appearance Hearings, but others will be placed under supervision at Arraignment, Bond Reduction Hearings or Sentencing Hearings. Due to increasing costs of medical treatment of inmates, referrals are being made for court ordered supervision under the Pretrial Program.

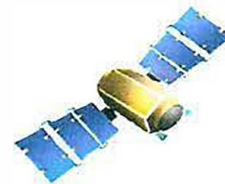
What we do:

Pretrial Services:

- GPS monitoring which includes total lockdown, curfew hours or monitoring (including exclusion zones in cases where there is a victim).
- **24/7 response to GPS alerts and other issues**
- Curfew and house arrest compliance is through field supervision
- Field supervision and residence checks routinely done 7 days a week including nights and holidays.
- Exclusion zones (with GPS) can be set up around a victim's residence, place of work, school etc. and restrict contact with the victim or harassment of the victim and areas of concern.
- Pretrial Officers will do residence checks to insure compliance with court orders and to provide enhanced supervision on high risk cases.
- Assistance with the removal of personal items from residence (Pretrial Officers coordinate with victim and law enforcement in the case of a "no contact" order).
- Drug and alcohol testing through the SLC County Drug Lab
- Portable Breathalyzer for quick alcohol testing in the field.

Post-Trial Services:

- Select County Court cases (misdemeanor) can be sentenced to the Program for supervision, as an alternative to jail.
- All or part of the Pretrial conditions above can be ordered as a condition of probation.



Public Safety:

Public safety is the most important aspect of compliance with Pretrial and Post-trial orders.

Pretrial supervision can reinforce "no contact" orders with the victims.

Immediate incarceration will result if any threat to public safety (positive drug test, GPS violation, victim contact, etc.) with the assistance of law enforcement.

The Pretrial Program will also provide and assist Law enforcement agencies with information regarding demographics, GPS tracks and current location of offenders under supervision.

