

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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STATEMENT REGARDING EVALUATION OF THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM PART 2: IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPERVISION

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The Sheriff and others criticized a recent OIG report because it used data from 2012, and asserted that the problems identified were all resolved later. The OIG's sample of 2013 alert data showed that deputies still failed to tag alerts at an unacceptably high rate (88%). Further, the key purpose of a monitoring program is to supervise defendants. The Sheriff's Office confirmed last month that "when a satisfactory reason cannot be obtained for an inclusion zone, the subject is remanded, normally the next day when the subject is in a fixed location (sleeping or charging) and can be easily tracked."

This practice undermines the purpose of tracking the defendant by monitoring his movements, and raises public safety concerns. I disagree with anyone who asserts that an electronic monitoring program that does not intervene at night is effective.

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