

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Electronic Monitoring Program

If you are interested in applying for this program and are currently in custody, please request an application via IRF and address it to Detention Alternatives.

If you are out of custody you can obtain an application at MADF, NCDF or online at www.sonomasheriff.org

If you would like more information regarding the Electronic Monitoring Program please call us at 707-578-6042 or visit our website at www.sonomasheriff.org

If eligible, this program allows you to complete your jail sentence out of custody, providing you the opportunity to:

- ◆ Maintain Employment
- ◆ Attend treatment
- ◆ Continue educational goals

To be considered for this program you:

- ◆ Must be sentenced
- ◆ No warrants/holds
- ◆ No pending cases
- ◆ Must have a permanent residence



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- The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) is an alternative sentencing program. EMP allows those who have a term of incarceration, to serve their sentence at home rather than in custody.

Those who are best suited for EMP:

- Are employed and/or are enrolled in school.
- Have a stable residence.
- Are involved in treatment and/or counseling if determined to be necessary.
- Are not involved in gangs (evaluated case by case).
- Does not have a recent history of violence.
- Have not been a behavioral problem in-custody.

Not all inmates are eligible to serve their sentence on EMP. All applicants are screened in order to assess their risk to the community. This screening includes an in depth look into their criminal history by CLETS, ILEADS, police reports, and pre-sentence reports. If the applicant is on formal probation, contact is made with their supervising PO.

Applicants that satisfy the background requirements are called in for an interview. During the interview, the applicant advises the circumstances surrounding their conviction. Any questions/concerns are addressed. An alcohol and substance abuse screening is conducted. Verification of residence, employment, schooling, and treatment is completed.

If accepted to serve their jail sentence on EMP, a "surrender date" is set. If Not-in-Custody, an applicant may begin to serve their jail sentence up to 30 days prior to their stay date.

If an applicant is denied EMP, he/she has the right to an appeal. An appeal is done in writing and must be submitted to the Classification Lieutenant within 10 days of receiving notice of the denial.

While on the program, applicants are subject to:

- Bi-weekly office visits
- Unscheduled home, employment, and treatment checks and verification
- Random UAs
- Verification of all reasons for leaving confinement (i.e. appointments, classes, grocery shopping, etc.)

Acceptable reasons for leaving their place of confinement:

- Work
- School
- Treatment/Counseling
- Court
- Grocery Shopping
- Laundry
- Doctor visits

Unacceptable reasons for leaving their place of confinement:

- Social events
- Gym (unless a medical condition exists)
- Dining out
- Any unscheduled leaves (to leave their place of confinement without authorization is punishable as provided in Section 4532 P.C. – Escape)

Violations

- If a violation occurs, sanctions are imposed dependent upon the severity of the violation.
- Some possible sanctions are:
 - Enrollment into treatment and/or counseling
 - Increased office/field visits
 - Lockdown at their place of confinement
 - Arrested and placed back into custody

Types of Devices

- RF Landline
 - Monitors curfews
- RF Cellular
 - Same as RF Landline, but uses cellular signal
- GPS
 - Lets us know individuals exact location
- CAM Patrol with GPS
 - Monitors individuals alcohol levels through skin, and monitors their location
- VICAP
 - Remote alcohol monitoring with live operator supervision

Current inmates on EMP

- 70% are employed
- 74% are involved in treatment
- 19% are enrolled in educational programs