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Ovitt Testifies on Merits of GPS Monitoring

San Bernardino- County Supervisor Gary Ovitt testified last week before the Senate Public Safety Committee on the County's innovative use of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to monitor High Risk Probationers.

"I hope my testimony will draw attention to the importance of using high-tech approaches to a real problem," stated Ovitt. "We should never have a tragic incident such as what happened to Jessica Lunsford or Samantha Runnion occur in our community."

The new program, proposed by Supervisor Ovitt and approved by the Board of Supervisors in February, will use state-of-the-art satellite tracking devices to monitor High Risk individuals on probation. The technology will also create zones in which certain probationers cannot enter.

"These zones can be drawn around schools, parks, and other locations to help ensure the protection of our children," said Ovitt. "This system should also work as a deterrent for those wishing to reoffend."

Full implementation of this program is expected to begin next month.