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Potential new program in District Court for pre-trial defendants:

GOAL: Increase the efficiency of the court and law and justice systems by supporting defendants in complying with their responsibility to appear for court hearings.

COST: Onetime \$25.00 fee that can be worked off by performing approximately 2.5 hours of community service.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS OF THE DEFENDANT: Report monthly to probation to check in, verify address and no new offenses, and be reminded of their court date.

MINIMAL INCONVENIENCE: The check in can be completed anytime during the assigned week. The contact with probation will take place at the front counter and each contact is expected to take 3 minutes or less.

Electronic equipment:

2015 New Probation Referrals – Approximate						
	District Court	Bellingham	Blaine	Everson	Lynden	Sumas
DUI	713	241	25	25	51	18
DV Assault 4th	136	193	45	23	28	16
DV Violation of a NCO	106	50	3	1	1	0
Other DV Flagged Cases	49	72*	27	14	10	5
DV TOTAL	291	315	75	38	39	21

Cost and details of electronic equipment:**

1. Portable breath test with camera: \$12.00/day, \$99.00/month
The handheld equipment is portable and has a camera. Data is downloaded wirelessly and the machine is recalibrated every 30 days by taking the equipment to installer. Violation reports faxed/emailed to PO as needed. A Specific number of random tests during a specific time, or during each 24 hour period can be scheduled.
2. GPS: \$14.00/day
Equipment is attached to the client's ankle. Equipment is cellular based and portable. Equipment monitors the client's location at all times. Geographic and time parameters can be monitored. Addresses and locations where the defendant is required to be and where they are allowed to travel are entered into their software and monitored. The requirements need to come from a court document. Violations reports are faxed/emailed to the PO the next working day or at any interval required by the court/probation.
3. SCRAM Transdermal Unit: \$14-\$16.00/day
Equipment is attached to the client's ankle. Data is downloaded daily. Reports faxed/emailed to the PO the next working day. Has detention function (house arrest) that can determine if they are where they are supposed to be, but does not have GPS to determine where they went if they leave the radio frequency area.

* 45 of the 72 other DV flagged cases were Malicious Mischief 3rd

** Prices and technology change quickly. The information provided is accurate as of December, 2015.