

The Ankle Bracelet as a Method of Coercion

I cannot say it better than the Eugene Register Guard, article attached. The 95% conviction rate of the ankle bracelet program is because of its unique duress when used for situations that are unlikely to result in jailing after sentencing if found guilty at trial. *The article does not tell us the conviction rate for those without the bracelet, it is possibly similar.* As stated in the Motion: I was essentially rewarded upon sentencing with device removal, release from pretrial conditions, and bail. All I can do is add what the writer could not: first-hand experience with the devastating family and health effects of the devious ankle bracelet device that has no relationship to faxing to a Portland company.

In my case, I held out longer than most people do, according to a sheriff's department worker who I can identify by name but would rather not. He said "you have been on it so long it is just like a sentence". Signs on the facility indicate all conversations are recorded and if so, this detail can be confirmed via the audio recordings given the officer's name. All I say or write can be validated. All I present is backed up with reasonable evidence, not yet considered by the Court.

Ankle bracelet is a modern pillory. It defamed and humiliated me in front of my family. It punished and destroyed the entire family for my alleged misdemeanor activity to a Portland company. It had the worst possible effect upon my relationship; it stands as dead and I stand as an empty shell of a man. I was unable to travel to the wedding of my niece as it was out of county in Salem due to the related pre-release conditions restriction travel to Lane County but not overnight. In some (but not most) ways it is worse than jail. It blinks green all night long and is extremely large. In my area, they often lost signal and would call at any hour to confirm I was home. It requires frequent charging. I was fortunate to not have "active" monitoring (i.e. predefined schedule).

Given the alleged conduct (faxing from my home) one would think the pre-trial release staff would want me to get out of my home as much as possible but the ankle bracelet along with the onerous pretrial release conditions make it difficult and embarrassing and uncomfortable.

The rather large electronic device flops upon the ankle bone and quickly begins working on the psyche. Until a person experiences it along with lack of knowledge when it might come off and having to go down and PAY for it each week it is not possible to understand or fully comprehend the debilitating punishment that is being meted out in advance of trial with no logical connection to the conduct (faxing). It appears to be a product sold to Lane County which in turn finds it profitable in all ways to use it, including securing wrongful convictions as happened in this case.

Opinion based on observation of facts: it is sold as a panacea and quickly becomes a money-maker, a job producer, and streamlines “justice” by getting everyone to pled guilty just to get out of the device: <http://www.countyofkane.org/Contracts/2013/Judiciary%20and%20Public%20Safety/C-13-183%20-%20GPS%20and%20Monitoring.pdf>

That is a 75 page document: a detailed contract presentation by 3-com of services to another jurisdiction. 3-com is paid to handle Lane County’s ankle bracelet program. The document clearly explains the cellular and GPS signal usage by the ankle bracelet system. It and no other online source I could locate disclosed the signal nature and strength and it is very human and natural to fear its effects. That is not “crazy”. It is nearly universal rationality and logic.

Cellphone signal link to CANCER – National Institute of Health Warning June 2013

I don’t usually imagine medical conditions but the ever-present nature of the ankle bracelet eventually caused me to have concerns about its effects on health. Prior to the attached National Institute of Health study issued June 2013, there was no official link between cellular signals and cancer or other physical conditions. The Court must consider that when a common person reads it right from the government it causes extreme worry, which in itself can cause cancer. I am prepared to back up that statement in Court as needed but I believe it common knowledge.

Once I read the attached study which seems to suggest 5 hours or less of exposure per day to the signal, I naturally considered indefinite wearing of the device prior to trial...as much as two years....to be a mortal threat. So, when I say I pleaded guilty under duress, it was genuine, rational, well-reasoned caution for my life. It is actual duress of the most extreme type and I perceived the device could be on as long as two years prior to a trial.

As needed, we can bring into Court the psychology worker I was referred to at QRS pursuant to the corporate arranged stipulated judgment in subject case. He has handled a large number of “patients” with similar complaints about the psychological and family devastation caused by ankle bracelet use in all cases but especially in the great many cases like mine where there is no valid relationship to the allegations and the where the device gives the accuser great satisfaction in advance of trial.

It is emasculating in the absolute most total way short of castration. It permanently affected my relationship. Civil attorneys such as Ogletree Deakins use it as a “business” practice right out of gangland mob history prior to application “RICO” statutes, which should be used to stop Ogletree Deakins from battering and abusing honest employees as a “business strategy”.