



# COVID-19: A Bigger Market for Electronic Monitoring

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# Electronic Monitoring Landscape

- \*Covid-19 allowed electronic monitoring to expand at an unprecedented rate.
- \*There are about 25% to 30% more prisoners wearing bracelets now than before the pandemic.
- \*The number will go up as the industry shifts towards home confinement.



# Electronic Monitoring Landscape in Europe

\*In Italy the Prison Ministry ordered 2,500 bracelets for the release of 4,000 prisoners. They used a company called FastWeb. They ended up using about 1,000 bracelets due to implementation issues.

\*The Netherlands ordered 1,500 additional bracelets from Attenti. They have since changed suppliers.

\*Spain ordered 3,400 additional bracelets.



# Electronic Monitoring Landscape In the United States

\*In the United States, the largest growth was in the Federal Prison System.

\*Currently, the BOP has 7,299 inmates on home confinement.

\*The total number of inmates placed in home confinement from March 26, 2020 to the present (including inmates who have completed service of their sentence) is 25,192.



# Electronic Monitoring Landscape In the United States

\*Jails and community sentencing have had the second largest EM growth in America. Jails are interested in releasing inmates on pre-trial detention.

\*Municipal correctional systems in New York, Chicago and Wisconsin have increased EM monitoring.

\*Other local systems, such as Massachusetts, have turned away from EM and instead increased their usage of video calls and phone calls between probation/parole officers and released prisoners.



# Electronic Monitoring Landscape In the United States

\*The U.S government responded with a massive influx of funding.

\*On April 1, 2020, the Bureau of Justice Statistics made \$850 million available to public safety agencies struggling with response to COVID-19.

\*Later in April, the Office of Justice Programs, announced almost \$70 million in grant availability to support adult and juvenile reentry.



## Business Response to EM

\*EM is mostly run by for-profit companies.

\*Companies have shifted to include other products, such as Covid-19 monitoring and emergency service tracking (for DV, patient monitoring, children or others.)

\*Companies are developing advanced technologies that allows the use of electronic monitoring via smartphones and wearable devices.



# Media Interest in Electronic Monitoring

- Many in the media aren't familiar with electronic monitoring or its usage and don't understand its pros and/or cons. Consider providing background information.
- Media will be interested in procurement and the companies being developed and awarded contracts as the industry expands.
- The media will be following this development closely in particular if prisons or jails close due to an uptick in EM.



# Media Interest in Electronic Monitoring

- EM provides a vast gray area around privacy, ethical and security issues.
- Journalists can use lawsuits, legislation or characters as a way into a story.
- Journalists will also be interested in the business and procurement relationships between EM and penal systems.



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