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## **Georgia Supreme Court Sexual Predator Monitoring Decision**

(Paulding County, GA) The Georgia Supreme Court recently ruled unanimously that OCGA 42-1-14(e) was unconstitutional. This code section previously allowed Georgia Sheriffs to electronically monitor (ankle monitor) sexually dangerous predators once they completed their probation and/or parole for the rest of their lives.

The recent decision held that this code section was unconstitutional and that all Georgia Sheriffs were to remove their electronic monitoring systems immediately from these individuals. Paulding County only has one individual that the Supreme Court ruling impacted and his electronic monitor has been removed per the decision.

Sheriff Gary Gulledge noted, "We will comply with the ruling that the Georgia Supreme Court has handed down. We would like to encourage everyone to reach out to their local State Representative or State Senator to look at reevaluating and creating a constitutional solution to this statute. We are committed to keeping our community safe and will do everything in our power to continue to make that a reality."

It must be noted that this ruling has not impacted any other aspects of the Georgia Sex Offender Registry and we still closely monitor all 229 of the registered sex offenders in Paulding County. Currently, Paulding County has 8 Sexual Predators that we still monitor daily.

If you would like to read the full Supreme Court decision, feel free to look at it on the website listed below.

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