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Las Vegas Corrections Center Taps Omnilink Systems for House Arrest Program

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department able to track offenders in real time in and out of the home; receives alerts when offenders approach victims

/24-7PressRelease/ - ATLANTA, GA, September 20, 2007 - After testing four competing offender monitoring solutions, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department selected Omnilink Systems' advanced wireless offender monitoring solution for the Clark County Detention Center house arrest program. A pioneer in location-based service technology, Omnilink provides sophisticated location awareness information in real time, offering the industry's only product that is completely waterproof and capable of tracking inside buildings, buses, trains and other places where GPS-only solutions do not work.

Prior to implementing the advanced Omnilink solution, authorities could not track offender movements outside the home; they only knew where offenders were located when they "checked-in" their devices at their home bases. Using Omnilink's advanced Focalpoint 2.0 technology, officers now track the real-time location of more than 200 offenders currently in the house arrest program, and participation in the program is growing. Monitored individuals include people awaiting trial for or convicted of drunk driving and sex-related offenses.

One Omnilink Focalpoint 2.0 feature allows authorities to set up exclusion zones, which represent geographies that offenders are not allowed to enter. Taking the technology a step further, authorities can designate zones around offenders' victims and criminal cohorts as mobile exclusion zones, and police will be automatically alerted when the offender comes too close to these people.

"Omnilink outpaced the other offender monitoring options we evaluated by offering us unparalleled tracking abilities and a single, low-maintenance device," said Center House Arrest Sergeant Darrick Butler. "We are particularly impressed by the in-building visibility and exclusion zone capabilities. By allowing us to track offenders and their proximity to victims inside buildings and other previously unavailable areas, Omnilink technology is actually providing an additional layer of security for the community."

Sergeant Butler says that he is equally impressed with Omnilink's support team, a group that he says is dedicated to ensuring the Center is using Omnilink's functionality to its full extent.

"Although set-up and implementation are relatively simple, this is advanced technology. Our Omnilink representatives visit often to ensure our systems are being used to their maximum potential. They are a welcome sight, which is rare among this group of tight-knit law enforcement professionals," Butler said.

Stas Wolk, senior vice president of sales at Omnilink said, "Our customers tell us that Omnilink provides them with an unmatched combination of the most advanced monitoring, an easy-to-maintain, waterproof device and superior service. The Omnilink team is honored to bring these attributes to Las Vegas authorities in their quest to provide local citizens with responsible, effective corrections options."

Omnilink's Focalpoint 2.0 monitoring solution brings an unprecedented level of efficiency and effectiveness to offender management. Through the use of a combination of Global Positioning Systems (GPS), wireless network technologies, RFID and situation-specific sensors, Omnilink transmits information to a monitoring center using commercial cellular networks and then applies predefined offender supervision rules in a Web-based application.

The latest release of Omnilink's Focalpoint 2.0 features automated voice alerts when an offender location violation has occurred. In addition, Focalpoint 2.0 offers a victim safeguard that tracks the proximity of a victim's off-the-shelf cell phone in relation to a particular offender. If the offender comes within a certain distance of the victim in situations where a judge has mandated a restraining order, the system alerts the victim, monitoring officers and law enforcement immediately.

About Omnilink Systems

Omnilink Systems provides offender monitoring solutions that give law enforcement officers immediate visibility to offender locations anytime, anywhere—even where GPS does not work. The company's solutions include "mobile zones," industry-leading technology that enables officers to enforce orders of protection and prevent further violence by tracking offenders' proximity to victims and/or criminal cohorts. Government agencies across the country rely on Omnilink Systems' single-unit solutions to effectively manage offenders in a variety of alternative sanctions programs. Omnilink Systems' technology also powers public safety, loss prevention and surveillance solutions offered by the company's network of solution partners. For more information about Omnilink, please visit www.omnilinksystems.com.