

Calif. to use GPS to monitor sex-offender parolees

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California has lifted a ban on the use of the Global Positioning Systems to keep track of paroled sex offenders.

A bill passed recently by the State Legislature will allow the state to use GPS monitors to make sure a parolee stays where he or she is supposed to be and doesn't wander -- or sneak -- into a restricted area.

California's current monitoring system requires the subject to remain near a home telephone for periodic checks, but otherwise can't maintain a 24-hour vigil.

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