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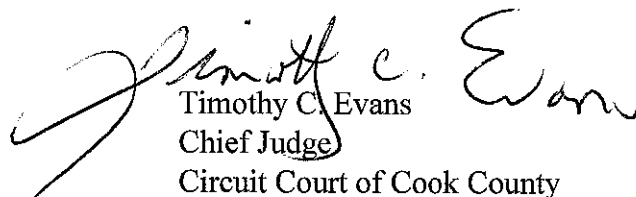
Dear Ms. Goldberg,

Thank you for your questions regarding electronic monitoring in Cook County. I submit the following information to provide a better understanding of the program.

Pretrial curfew is a condition of pretrial release and is monitored by the Pretrial Services Division of the Adult Probation Department. The curfew typically runs from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and is designed for medium-risk defendants as assessed by the Arnold Foundation's Public Safety Assessment (PSA). The electronic monitoring equipment is used as an adjunct to assist Pretrial Services in monitoring curfew. Pretrial Services monitors all defendants released into the community on curfew and reports violations to the court as violations of pretrial release.

A pretrial defendant's conditions of release are determined by a judge. These decisions are made after the judge considers the facts of the case as stated in a bail hearing, and the defendant has received a PSA which is read into the record in bond court. Pretrial Services instructs defendants about curfew and the consequences for violating it. In addition, the defendant is assigned a pretrial officer who meets with and calls the defendant regularly throughout the term of supervision to enforce the curfew conditions. Regarding questions about the sheriff's electronic monitoring program, I would encourage you to contact the sheriff's department to learn about its program.

Sincerely,


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