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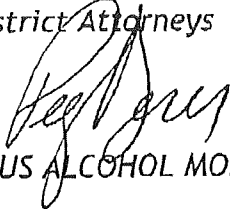
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MEMORANDUM

TO: *Elected District Attorneys*

FROM: *Peg Dorer* 

SUBJECT: *CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING*

DATE: *November 18, 2008*

Many of you are familiar with the Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) system that is available through the courts to monitor alcohol consumption of offenders. CAM can be an effective tool in dealing with alcohol abuse and dependency issues.

At the November Executive Committee meeting, the Committee voted to support a policy statement with regards to the use of CAM. This policy statement is enclosed.

Additionally, I have included a legislative report from the Department of Corrections that is an evaluation of the use of Continuous Alcohol Monitoring in North Carolina.

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If you have any questions about CAM, please call Ike Avery or Kimberly Overton at the Conference office.

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NC Conference of District Attorneys
Policy Statement
Regarding
Continuous Alcohol Monitoring

Alcohol abuse and alcohol dependency are major contributing factors to crimes committed across North Carolina such as driving while intoxicated (DWI), domestic violence and child abuse.

Offender compliance with court-ordered abstinence from alcohol consumption must be verified. It is important both in support of community safety and in verifying whether offenders committing alcohol related crimes are making the necessary behavioral change.

Continuous alcohol monitoring (CAM), an advance in alcohol detection technology, now makes it possible to continuously monitor a person's alcohol consumption and thereby isolate and verify behaviors which underlie alcohol related crime.

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Therefore, the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys (NCCDA) adopts the following policy regarding the use of CAM by prosecutors in North Carolina:

1. The NCCDA endorses the use of NC DOC approved CAM technologies in the adjudication of alcohol related crimes.
2. The NCCDA encourages its staff to educate North Carolina prosecutors in appropriate uses of CAM and to communicate such using the most effective resources and venues available.