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SCRAM --CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING WORKS

July 25, 2007, San Francisco – Contrary to what is being widely reported in the media SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) does work. In fact it works so well Leaders In Community Alternatives is monitoring 180 Bay Area residents on the alcohol-monitoring bracelet.

John G., a Contra Costa County defendant currently serving his time for multiple DUIs on house arrest and SCRAM said, “I am sick to my stomach. These celebrities are acting like it’s a fashion statement and here it is the summer and I’m too humiliated to even wear shorts. SCRAM works. I just completed 90 days on the program and it is a deterrent. I take my situation very seriously.”

Linda Connelly, President of Leaders In Community Alternatives, Inc. (LCA), a Bay Area based company offering community alternatives, and a 33-year veteran in criminal justice and recovery says, “We have had great success with SCRAM and 85% of our clients do not use alcohol while they are on our program. SCRAM helps alcoholics practice and maintain sobriety. In light of the fact that there are 1.4 million DUI arrests annually, and that the 18 million Americans suffering from alcohol and addiction cost this country \$185 billion annually, it is critical that the public understand SCRAM and its significant contribution. Jails and prisons are overflowing with addicts. Most Probationers are not monitored for alcohol use even though they may have multiple DUI convictions. Until SCRAM, there has not been a viable mechanism to monitor alcohol use.”

SCRAM is being used for multiple DUI offenders, domestic violence cases and in family court. Some clients enroll in the program voluntarily and many attorneys may recommend their client to enroll in the SCRAM program to demonstrate to the court that they can abstain from alcohol.

“Celebrities are potentially jeopardizing a tool that could save millions of dollars and lives; the facts need to be discussed.” said Connelly.