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WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT HARD CORE DRUNK DRIVERS?

Powerful tool available to law enforcement in the Bay Area impacts public safety

October 25, 2005, San Francisco—Recently in San Francisco, a suspected drunk driver killed two people in a taxi while injuring two others. Reportedly this driver had three previous drunk driving convictions. Last March Lynn Darst lost her daughter-in-law when a six-time drunk driver plowed into her as she straddled her bike on the side of the road. Whether or not these and other fatal accidents could have been avoided is anyone's guess, but Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. (LCA) says there is an underutilized continuous alcohol-testing tool at the disposal of law enforcement. The revolutionary new 24-hour alcohol-monitoring product "Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor," **SCRAM**, has been in modest use in certain courts for almost two years.

"We just find it baffling that SCRAM is so underused. There are hundreds of hardcore repeat drunk drivers out there that just aren't being monitored," says Linda Connelly, president and CEO of Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. Connelly says traditional urine tests don't work because alcohol leaves the system in a few hours. "SCRAM's cutting edge technology finally allows us to monitor sobriety while directly impacting public safety."

Lynn Darst wishes her daughter's killer was being monitored by SCRAM, "I'm outraged that someone with a history of DUI driving is released on bail with a temporary driver's license. Without proper monitoring with something like SCRAM, he could have killed somebody else."

How SCRAM works:

A monitor attaches to the ankle and measures alcohol concentration through the skin, providing continuous **24-hour monitoring of alcohol use** and any attempts to tamper with or remove the device. The system downloads information with one daily contact between the ankle transmitter and the modem installed in the home or office. The offenders pay the cost of SCRAM, saving taxpayer dollars and reducing jail overcrowding.

SCRAM is currently used in: criminal, family court, juvenile and adult drug courts. For offenders with multiple DUIs, SCRAM can be a very effective tool for proving sobriety.

About LCA

Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. is a Bay Area criminal justice agency providing electronic monitoring in addition to other community-based alternatives since 1991.