

Alternative Sentencing Program Guidelines:

For a defendant serving his/her sentence in jail, all assignments to the Electronic Home Incarceration Program or the Offender Support Unit Program shall be exclusively made by the Sheriff. The Court will no longer make an assignment or recommendation at sentencing except for weekends pursuant to Code § 53.1-131.1. The attorney must submit a request to the Sheriff, who shall determine eligibility and make a final determination to assign a defendant to one of the following particular programs within the jail:

Offender Support Unit (OSU): The Offender Support Unit allows candidates to serve their sentence on a detail either inside or outside of the jail. Inmates assigned to work in the jail will be taken in by the Intake Deputies. Some offenders may be utilized to work at sites outside of the facility, such as Animal Control or the City Garage. The candidates selected to participate in the Offender Support Unit will be released daily until their sentence is served. This program will be limited by the number of available job sites and amount of participants each can allow. If all available positions are full then participants will be placed in another aspect of the program until an opening occurs. These offenders report to the jail daily where they receive work assignments. They are released daily and report to the jail each day until their sentence is complete. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation to the Correctional Center. They will further be responsible for transportation to their assigned worksite and back to the Correctional Center to be released at the conclusion of their detail. There is a required processing fee.

Electronic Home Incarceration (EHIP): Offenders qualifying for this program will serve their time at their homes. A tracking device will be attached to their lower limb in the ankle proximity. This device will allow tracking of the offenders as they move to authorized destinations and areas. If the offender moves outside authorized destinations and areas, he/she will be subject to violation and returned to the jail facility to complete their jail sentence in consecutive days. Fees for EHIP are \$50.00 processing fee and \$18.00 per day for the remainder of the sentence.

Defendant must meet all program criteria established by the Sheriff. Contact Sheriff for program criteria.

If the offender violates any provision of the terms of the program, the sheriff may remove the offender from the program and the offender shall serve the entirety of the remainder of his/her sentence in consecutive days.