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July 20, 2023

Honorable Bridget Gainer, Commissioner
Board of Cook County Commissioners
118 North Clark Street, Suite 537
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Gainer,

Per your request, the Office of the County Auditor has interviewed Cam Systems and reviewed monitoring reports provided by the Clerk of the Cook County Courts - Offices of Social Services and Adult Probation and billing reports provided by Cam Systems. Please note, Social Services and Adult Probation rely upon monitoring reports provided by Cam Systems, as the Offices do not produce their own reports. Our timeframe of review was the contract period of January 16, 2017, to December 31, 2022. Based upon review of the reports, 1,491 individuals were monitored by Cam Systems. Due to data entry inconsistency as to the name of the judge, we believe there were 186 judges assigning the SCRAM device. The following are the top five judges who ordered the SCRAM device: Vazquez (309), Martin (84), Santiago (39), Chimera (39), and Cataldo (37). Furthermore, we were able to determine:

When individuals were sentenced to use the SCRAM equipment, they were to report to one of two locations to establish use, pick up their monitoring equipment, attach the monitoring device and receive instructions on proper use. Upon completion of the court order, individuals returned to one of the two locations to return such equipment and removal of the monitoring device.

\$4,894,510.44 was billed by Cam Systems to individuals, determined by Court order issued by the Cook County Court System. Of this total amount, \$253,470.00 was collected for the set-up fee. \$4,641,040.44 was billed for the daily use fee.

\$170 was charged via credit card to individuals as part of the "Hook-up fee" to establish their use of the SCRAM equipment and issuance of such equipment.

The daily fee was based upon individuals' income and varied from \$0.00 to \$24.40 within the contract period. Individuals daily use timeframe ranged from two to 2,104 days. The top five highest billed individuals, for the contract period, with the SCRAM device were for: \$38,452.60 (1,569 days at \$24.40 a day), \$36,452.80 (1,487 days at \$24.40 a day), \$34,675.60 (2,104 days at \$16.40 a day), \$34,012.80 (1,387 days at \$24.40 a day), and \$33,280.80 (1,357 days at \$24.40 a day) – amounts include the \$170 Hook-up fee. There were 31 individuals who did not pay a daily monitoring fee but were charged the \$170 Hook-up fee.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist your office with this information. Please let us know if we can further assist.

Sincerely,

Mary Modelski
County Auditor