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TO: ICAOS Commissioners
FROM: Maureen E. Walsh, Commissioner of Massachusetts
DATE: December 26, 2006
RE: New Sex Offender Legislation

On December 21, 2006, Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2006 became law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This new law mandates that all individuals on parole and probation for a sex offense be monitored through the use of a global positioning system (GPS) device. It requires the establishment of exclusion zones for areas in and around the victim's residence, work place, school, and where applicable areas which would minimize the offenders contact with children. This law further requires that the offender bear the cost of the installation and monitoring while this individual is under supervision. It is estimated that this cost will be approximately three-hundred dollars per month. This law will affect those that will be seeking transfer to the Commonwealth as well as those that are currently being supervised by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Finally, the supervision fee has increased under this new law to \$80 per month (in addition to the costs of GPS).

Our staff has identified those individuals currently on Massachusetts supervision that fall under this law. This will be done by matching the current commitment as closely as possible with a current law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We will be providing notice to those states whose offenders under supervision in Massachusetts are now subject to this law.

In order to ensure proper compliance with this new law, we are requesting that detailed official versions of the governing offense(s) be supplied at the time of application in order to determine whether or not GPS monitoring would be required upon acceptance. In addition, we are also requesting all available information regarding the location of the victim(s) of such offenses so that we may contact them for the purposes of establishing exclusion zones.

If you have any questions, please contact my Deputy Compact Administrator, Donald LaFratta at (508)-650-4551. Thank you.