



# Harris County, Texas

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## Staff Report

File #: 21-4150

Agenda Date: 8/24/2021

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To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: DeWight Dopslauf, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department

Prepared By: Maria I. Rodriguez, Purchasing Coordinator, Purchasing Department

Subject: Renewal

Project ID (If applicable):

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. R. Jack Cagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Purpose and Request:

Request for approval of a renewal option with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC. for electronic monitoring equipment and services for Harris County in the amount of \$12,000,000 for the period of September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022 (190031).

### Background and Discussion:

[INSTRUCTIONS: In this section should concisely provide any background and analysis that the Commissioners Court needs to fully understand the action being requested. Please limit background to 3-4 sentences and include any reference to when this item was previously considered by Court. Background should include reference to study or order that led to this item or if the item is a result of compliance with any specific law or statutory requirements.]

### Fiscal Impact:

[INSTRUCTIONS: A short description of the cost of the request and where you are requesting funding from. No more than 2 sentences. In addition please fill out the table below. This includes financial impact to the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years along with the source of funding (general fund, grant, etc.). If the amount is within the current budget, please indicate the amount from 'Existing Department Budget'. If all of or part of the request is a new expense, please indicate funding source in the space provided.]

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: [Please specify division where expenditure is incurred]			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget			
Please Identify Funding Source (General Fund, Special Revenue, Grant, etc.)			

[INSERT FUNDING SOURCE]			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Alternatives:**

*[INSTRUCTIONS: In this section you should briefly discuss any viable alternatives, including the benefits and consequences of each. Include subtitles on the first line of each alternative to identify it. If appropriate, the financial impact of each alternative can be discussed. If taking no action is a viable alternative it should also be discussed, including any financial or other impacts that would result.]*

**Alignment with Strategic Objective:**

*[INSTRUCTIONS: Please write out the Department Strategic Objective impacted by this item.]*

**Attachments:**

*[INSTRUCTIONS: Please include a list of backup for this item with a short description of each if more than one.]*

Presented to Commissioners Court

August 24, 2021

Approve: G/E



**DeWight Dopslauf, C.P.M., CPPO**  
**Harris County Purchasing Agent**

August 17, 2021

Commissioners Court  
Harris County, Texas

**RE: Job No. 190031**

Members of Commissioners Court:

Please approve the renewal for the following:

**Description:** Electronic monitoring equipment and services for Harris County

**Vendor(s):** Sentinel Offender Services, LLC

**Term:** 09/01/2021 - 08/31/2022

**Renewal Options:** 2 of 4

**Amount:** \$12,000,000

**Bond(s):** No

**Reviewed By:** • Harris County Purchasing • Pretrial Services

Sincerely,

DeWight Dopslauf  
Purchasing Agent

LB  
cc: Vendor(s)

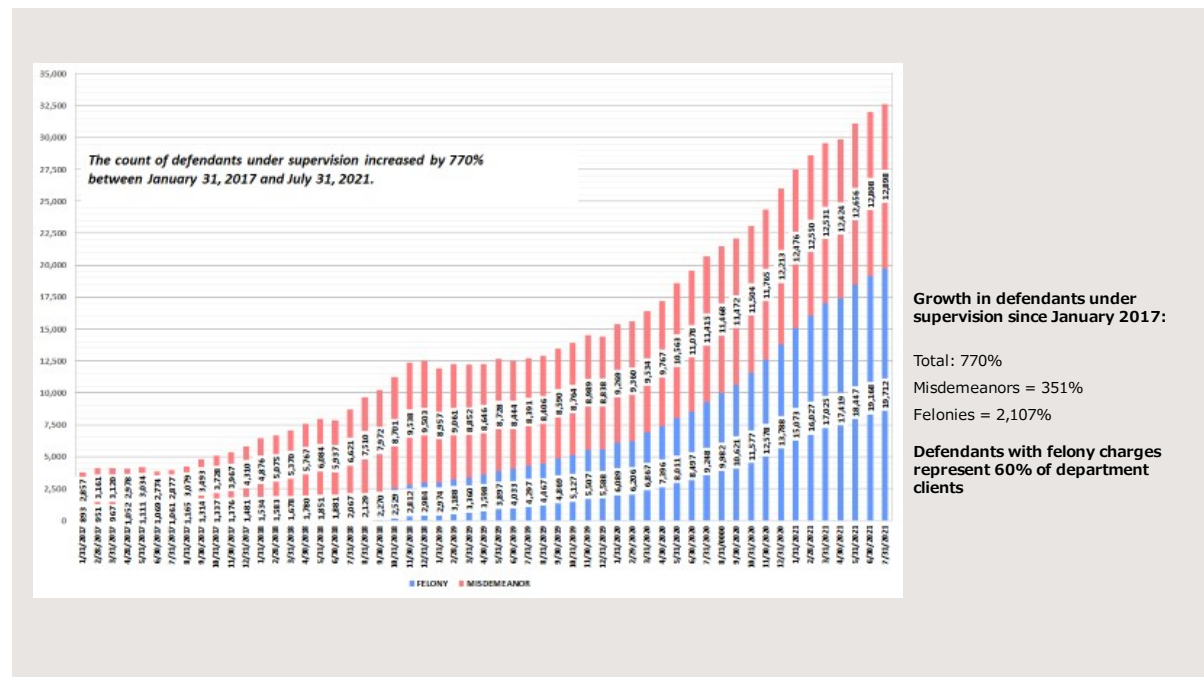
**FOR INCLUSION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA AUGUST 24, 2021**



## Explanation of Cost Increase for Electronic Monitoring

Sentinel is the provider of electronic monitoring for Harris County Pretrial Services. The cost of electronic monitoring has increased substantially due to the volume of people supervised with this condition. In February of 2020, there were approximately 300 people with the condition of electronic monitoring. Currently, there are 5,200 people on electronic monitoring. **The cost of the individual unit and per day charge have not increased only the number of people placed on electronic monitoring.**

Compounding this issue is the case processing time. The majority of people on electronic monitoring are charged with a felony that has a longer case processing time in comparison with a misdemeanor. The number of people with the condition of electronic monitoring has concurrently increased with the number of people under supervision.





### Current Defendant Count by Unit and Supervision Level

UNIT	MON	SL1	SL2	SL3	OTHER	COUNT
Compliance	2,374	12,231	5,138	591	447	20,781
EM	2	165	4,338	690	6	5,201
AM	3	98	4,434	74	25	4,634
RIC	2	1,275	212	29	13	1,531
TOTAL	2,381	13,769	14,122	1,384	491	32,147

Defendant counts as of 08/07/2021

### Electronic Monitoring and SCRAM Costs Actual and Projected Monthly Costs, January 2019 through October 2021

