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ELECTRONIC MONITORING UNIT MOVES TO ANCHORAGE TRANSIT CENTER

JUNEAU – The Department of Corrections Division of Probation and Parole Electronic Monitoring (EM) Unit has moved to a new location in the Anchorage Transit Center. The EM Unit, which had been located at the Anchorage Correctional Complex, is now located at 700 W. 6th, Suite 209-210.

Commissioner Joe Schmidt said the new location is a good move for the department, the community, and for individuals wearing the monitoring devices.

“Moving the EM Unit to a more central location makes it easier for those wearing the devices to reach the office,” the Commissioner said. “The community benefits from the presence of a few additional sworn officers at the Transit Center, while the department benefits from gaining badly needed space at the Complex.”

“The EM Unit books people in every day,” the commissioner said. “Some come directly from court, while others are finishing up a sentence.”

The EM Unit is made up of Probation Officers and support staff. While direct law enforcement is not the mission of probation staff, the new location will benefit from the “eyes and ears” presence of trained officers.

There are approximately 120 individuals wearing electronic monitors. The program allows the department to monitor minimum custody detainees at a fraction of the cost of a prison bed.

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