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2021 Wisconsin Act 140
[2021 Senate Bill 229]

**Refusing, Resisting, or
Obstructing the Installation of a
GPS Tracking Device**

BACKGROUND

Under state law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) monitors the whereabouts of individuals who are subject to global position system (GPS) tracking for the following reasons:

- The person was ordered to submit to monitoring upon conviction for knowingly violating a domestic abuse or harassment temporary restraining order or injunction.
- The person is subject to GPS tracking as a condition of extended supervision.
- The person is subject to GPS tracking as a consequence of committing certain sex offenses.

State law also provides that it is a Class I felony to intentionally tamper with, or block, diffuse, or prevent the clear reception of, a signal transmitted by a GPS tracking device or comparable technology that is provided in connection with DOC's GPS tracking of certain offenders, as described above.

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2021 Wisconsin Act 140 provides that it is also a Class I felony to knowingly refuse, resist, or obstruct the installation of a GPS tracking device or comparable technology that is provided in connection with DOC's GPS tracking of certain offenders.

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