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Sheriff Brian Burnett advises the involvement of Chelan County in the 24/7 DUI Pilot program is currently on hold. Liability concerns raised by the Chelan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office propelled all stakeholders in the program to agree to delay the implementation pending Legal Review.

The Chelan County regional Justice Center was recently approved for funding and received signed contracts to implement the SilverLink II (SL2), which is a handheld random-test device that operates with similarities to both cell phones, and vehicle interlock devices. The SL2 units will allow our local judges to administer better sanctions to increase sobriety for those already convicted of DUI.

The 24/7 program may be reviewed at a later date as we recognize there are positive aspects for both offenders and the County for saving jail costs and lowering recidivism.