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### **South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program Featured in U.S. Department of Justice's Crime Solutions Database**

PIERRE – Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that the South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program is now being featured as part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Crime Solutions. The Office of Justice Programs uses rigorous research to inform practitioners and policy makers about programs that work in the criminal justice, juvenile justice and crime victim services areas. The 24/7 Program Profile is available at <http://www.crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=404>.

“The 24/7 Sobriety Program is helping to address alcohol and drug addiction while better protecting the public across South Dakota and our Nation. The opportunity to be listed with the Office of Justice's Crime Solutions will allow even further visibility and recognition to best practices in DUI enforcement,” said Jackley.

In 2005, then-Attorney General Larry Long implemented his idea of the 24/7 Sobriety Program as a pilot project in three counties in South Dakota, and in 2007 the state legislature unanimously approved the formal creation of the program. Beginning in 2010, Attorney General's Office expanded 24/7 and transitioned the taxpayer funded program to offender pay. Currently 67 agencies participate in the program, including police departments, sheriff's offices, and the Unified Judicial System.

In 2012, the RAND Corporation published their study of the South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program. RAND found that in examining the first six years of the South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program that frequent alcohol testing with swift and moderate sanctions for those caught using alcohol reduced county-level repeat DUI arrests by 12 percent and domestic violence arrests by 9 percent. Below is a link to the RAND analysis of the South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program.

[County-level analysis of 24/7 Sobriety](#)