

TABLE 13.4

Pains of House Arrest With Electronic Monitoring

PAIN	WHAT IT MEANS	QUOTES FROM OFFENDERS
<i>Deprivation of Autonomy</i>	Electronically monitored offenders lose their freedom and have very little control over decisions about movement.	"The only thing this lacks is bars on windows." "It has taught me a valuable lesson of what it is like to have my freedom taken away from you [<i>sic</i>]. Also, [I learned] not to take for granted as so many of us do. You don't realize what you've got until it's gone." "I feel like a dog on a leash."
<i>Deprivation of Goods and Services</i>	Electronically monitored offenders are not permitted to do activities outside of the home that others take for granted.	"At times it can be a hassle. . . I lose a lot of money having to be back here on time. Used to be, I could stay [at work] until 11. It's an inconvenience". "I can't go shopping." "I do not like electronic monitoring because it is summertime and I can't enjoy it. It is like being at the beach and not being able to touch the sand, water, or look at the pretty girls."
<i>Deprivation of Liberty</i>	Electronically monitored offenders lose many of their rights, with some losing their right to vote.	"We lose our voting rights forever. But we're still taxed. Yet the constitution says there shall be no taxation without representation. Could you explain that one to me?" "Voting is a subject I don't discuss." "Can't vote"/"Don't vote"
<i>Deprivation of Heterosexual Relationships</i>	Electronically monitored offenders do not lose their ability to have relationships with others, but these relationships are certainly influenced by the sanction.	"My wife goes out more, leaves me alone more often, and is more friendly with men. She responds to me hatefully." "They get a free ride. I have to pay the phone and electric bill. If I don't, I'm back in jail and they know that."
<i>Monetary Costs</i>	Electronically monitored offenders usually have to pay to be on the sanction.	"My lawyer didn't explain to me how much the program costs. If it weren't for my mother, I would never be able to support myself and I would be forced to go back to jail. I can completely understand how someone who has no real job skills, no other financial support and a felony on their record would have a hard time making ends meet, and pay for the program, even if they can find a job. So, I am not making excuses, but I can see how people may feel trapped and forced to find illegal means to support themselves." "Jail costs the public a lot. Electronic monitoring costs the offender a lot."
<i>Family Effects</i>	The family members of electronically monitored offenders must change their actions when someone in their home is monitored.	"My fiancé is just as much on house arrest as I am." "Electronic monitoring has shifted a great deal of responsibilities outside the home onto my wife." "I live with my parents and the phone calls wake them up in the middle of the night or early in the mornings."
<i>Watching Other Effects</i>	Electronically monitored offenders see others engaging in activities that they would like to be doing.	"It is difficult due to the fact that you are tempted to leave the house because all of the direct temptations you encounter." "It's torture doing it. . . You have to watch others get ready for the Garth Brooks concert and then they are going out the door and I have to say, 'Have a good time, I'll stay home tonight and baby-sit.'"
<i>Bracelet Effects</i>	Electronically monitored offenders often complain about having to wear the bracelet.	"I need bigger socks to cover it when I am at work." "I have to wear pants all the time." "I work in boots and it's uncomfortable." "I have a foreign object attached to my leg."