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STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Respondent,

v.

SALLYEA MCCLINTON,

Petitioner.

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PETITION FOR REVIEW

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A. IDENTITY OF PETITIONER

Petitioner Sallyea McClinton asks this Court to review the decision of the court of appeals referred to in section B.

B. COURT OF APPEALS DECISION

Petitioner seeks review of the court of appeals decision in State v. McClinton, COA No. 72190-9-I, filed July 27, 2015, attached as appendix A.

The court's decision in this case relies on its earlier published opinion in State v. McClinton, 186 Wn. App. 826, 347 P.3d 889 (2015), attached as appendix B.

This petition raises the same issue as in the petition for review of the earlier published case, which is pending before this Court in State McClinton, Supreme Court No. 91678-1.

C. ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

Whether the court acted outside its authority in sanctioning petitioner for failing to be fitted for global positioning system (GPS) monitoring, as it was not a condition of appellant's judgment and sentence?

D. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

McClinton was convicted of offenses occurring in 1995. CP 12-19. At the time, the department of corrections ("DOC" or "the

department") did not have authority to modify or add conditions of community placement. RCW 9.94A.120(9) (1995); Laws of 1995, ch. 108, § 3, eff. April 19, 1995. In 1996, the legislature amended former RCW 9.94A.120 to grant DOC authority to modify or impose additional conditions of community placement, for crimes committed *after* June 6, 1996. Laws of 1996, ch. 199, § 1; Laws 1996, ch. 215, § 5; Laws 1996, ch. 275, § 2; RCW 9.94A.120 (1996).

At sentencing in 1997, the court imposed a sentence consisting of approximately 19 years of incarceration and community placement for the maximum period of time authorized by law. CP 14. The court imposed the mandatory conditions authorized by statute. CP 17; RCW 9.94A.120(9) (1995). As additional conditions, the court ordered inter alia: have no contact with the alleged victims; not attend X-rated movies, peep shows or adult book stores without approval of the treatment specialist or community corrections officer (CCO); and not enter any business where alcohol is the primary commodity for sale. CP 19.

On June 25, 2013, McClinton was released from custody to serve his period of community placement. CP 35. On May 29, 2014, the court held the modification hearing at issue in this appeal.

RP (5/29/14). The department alleged inter alia that McClinton failed to get enrolled in GPS monitoring on April 30, 2014, as directed. RP 5.

At the violation hearing, McClinton argued the department had no authority to require GPS monitoring, as it was not court ordered. RP 20. The trial court disagreed, noting that "until the Court of Appeals says you're right[,] you're "going to be back here and back here and back here[.]" RP 26.

On appeal, McClinton argued the court was without authority to sanction him for failing to submit to GPS monitoring as DOC was without authority to order it. Brief of Appellant (BOA) at 8-19.

In affirming the trial court's imposition of sanctions, the court of appeals relied on its earlier published opinion:

After McClinton's sentence was modified in February 2014, he appealed making the same argument he now makes again in this appeal. McClinton's earlier appeal was recently decided by this Court in State v. McClinton, 186 Wn. App. 826, 347 P.3d 889 (2015).

. . . It concluded that the relevant statutes in 1995 authorized the DOC to impose GPS tracking if necessary to monitor offender compliance with the geographical limitations imposed by the court as conditions of community custody. Id. at 834-35, 828. The court reasoned that at least two of the community custody conditions imposed by the trial court in McClinton's 1997 judgment and sentence prescribed geographical boundaries. Id. at 836. Consequently,

the McClinton court held that McClinton's assigned CCO had the authority to instruct McClinton to submit to GPS monitoring, and that the trial court properly sanctioned McClinton for his refusal to submit to GPS monitoring.

We agree with that decision.

Appendix A at 3-4.

In the earlier published case (attached as Appendix B), the court found the department had authority to require GPS monitoring based on a 1997 amendment to the SRA interpreted in State v. Riles, 135 Wn.2d 326, 957 P.2d 655 (1998), abrogated on other grounds by State v. Valencia, 169 Wn.2d 782, 239 P.3d 1059 (2010). Appendix B at 6-8.

In Riles, the defendants argued that a trial court exceeded its authority by requiring a sex offender, as a condition of sentence, to submit to polygraph testing. The defendants in Riles were subject to a pre-1997 version of the statute. Although the pre-1997 version of the statute did not specifically permit or require testing of any sort, this Court construed it as authorizing the use of polygraph tests to monitor compliance with the court's sentencing conditions. Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 342-343.

This Court's construction was based on a 1997 amendment that added language to the statute and authorized a court to order

affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 342-43 (citing Laws of 1997, ch. 144, § 2). This Court concluded that by the amendment, the Legislature intended to confirm the practice of allowing testing, such as polygraphs, to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. Id.

Based on the same 1997 amendment, the court of appeals concluded the Legislature intended to confirm DOC's authority to require testing to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions as well. Appendix B at 8.

E. REASONS WHY REVIEW SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AND ARGUMENT

THIS COURT SHOULD ACCEPT REVIEW BECAUSE THE APPELLATE COURT'S DECISION CONFLICTS WITH THIS COURT'S DECISION IN STATE v. RILES.

At issue in Riles was the court's authority to order affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 332, 334. The relevant statutes did not specifically authorize them. Riles, at 340. Based on a 1997 amendment to the statute, this Court held trial courts – prior to the 1997 amendment – had the inherent authority:

In 1997, the Legislature amended RCW 9.94A.030 and 9.94A.120. The title to the amendment

reads "AN ACT Relating to assuring compliance with sentence conditions; and reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030 and 9.94A.120." In two provisions, RCW 9.94A.030(11) and 9.94A.120(14), new language was added which authorizes a court to order affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. Another subsection, (vi), was added to RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b) making mandatory the affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with orders of the court. These amendments suggest the Legislature intended to confirm the practice of allowing testing, such as polygraphs, for monitoring compliance with sentencing conditions. Where there has been doubt or ambiguity surrounding a statute, amendment by the Legislature is interpreted as some indication of legislative intent to clarify, rather than to change, existing law. A subsequent amendment can be further indication of the statute's original meaning where the original enactment was "ambiguous to the point that it generated dispute as to what the Legislature intended." One can conclude from these amendments that the Legislature intended to clarify and interpret the statute to resolve any dispute concerning its actual meaning.⁵⁶

FN 56. *See 1997 Final Legislative Report, Senate Bill 5519, 55th Legis., Reg. Sess.:*
Summary: The department is authorized to require an offender to perform affirmative acts, such as drug or polygraph tests, necessary to monitor compliance with crime-related prohibitions and other sentence conditions.

Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 342-43 (footnotes omitted except note 56).

Based on this passage, the court of appeals concluded in the present case:

We agree with the State's revised argument. The above passage in Riles is dispositive on the issue of the Department's authority to use monitoring tools in supervising McClinton. Therefore, it is unnecessary to determine whether such authority can be deduced from the 2008 amendment. Because McClinton committed his crimes in 1995 (between July 1, 1990, and June 6, 1996), under Riles, he is subject to the 1997 clarifying amendment. He must "submit to affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the orders of the court as required by the department."

Appendix B at 8 (citing Former RCW 9.94A. (9)(b)(vi) (1997); Laws of 1997, ch. 144, § 1)).¹

There are at least two problems with the appellate court's conclusion, however. First, this Court's holding was limited to the trial court's authority to require testing to monitor compliance, not DOC's authority. Riles, at 351-52.

Second, this Court held that the 1997 amendment was clarifying with respect to the court's authority. This Court did not hold the amendment was clarifying with respect to DOC's authority. At the time, only the court had authority to impose conditions of supervision. As the state argued, "[w]ithout the authority to require an offender to cooperate with supervision by submitting to tests that

¹ It appears the relevant provision might actually be found at Former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b)(vii); Laws of 1997, ch. 144, § 2. <http://leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/documents/sessionlaw/1997pam1.pdf>. Regardless, there is no disagreement as to the substance of the provision.

monitor compliance with the conditions of community placement, the authority to impose such conditions would be meaningless.” Riles, at 341 (citation to brief omitted).

But the Legislature did not grant DOC the authority to modify or impose additional conditions of community placement until 1996, *for crimes committed after 1996*. Laws of 1996, ch. 199, §1; Laws 1996, ch. 215, § 5; Laws 1996, ch. 275, § 2; RCW 9.94A.120 (1996).

Thus, while the 1997 amendment at issue in Riles might fairly be construed as clarifying the legislature's grant of authority to DOC in 1996 to include monitoring tools, it is a huge leap to conclude – as did Division One – that the amendments clarified the department's authority in 1995, when the department had no authority to order any sentencing conditions. In re Capello, 106 Wn. App. 576, 584-85, 24 P.3d 1074 (2001). Indeed, it would be illogical to conclude the Legislature intended to clarify an authority that did not exist.

Thus, contrary to Division One's decision in McClinton's case, Riles does not support its position that DOC had the authority to require McClinton to submit to GPS monitoring. Under Riles, only the trial court had the authority to impose testing to monitor

compliance. Because Division One's decision conflicts with Riles, this Court should accept review. RAP 13.4(b)(1).

F. CONCLUSION

Contrary to the appellate court's decision, Riles does not authorize the department to order GPS monitoring for a 1995 offender, absent an order from the trial court. This Court should accept review. RAP 13.4(b)(1).

Dated this 25th day of August, 2015.

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APPENDIX A

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON,)	
)	No. 72190-9-1
Respondent,)	
)	DIVISION ONE
v.)	
)	UNPUBLISHED OPINION
SALLYEA O. McCLINTON,)	
)	
Appellant.)	FILED: July 27, 2015
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APPELWICK, J. — McClinton was convicted in 1997 for three crimes he committed in 1995. The trial court imposed a prison sentence followed by 24 months of community custody. After he was released from prison, McClinton failed to enroll in GPS monitoring when his community corrections officer instructed him to do so. The trial court entered an order modifying McClinton's sentence after he failed to enroll in GPS monitoring, imposing 60 days of confinement. McClinton appeals the order modifying his sentence. He argues that the trial court erred when it sanctioned him for failing to enroll in GPS monitoring when it was not an explicit condition imposed by the court in his judgment and sentence and was instead a condition imposed by the DOC. We affirm.

FACTS

In 1997, Sallyea McClinton was convicted of three offenses he committed in 1995: first degree rape while armed with a deadly weapon, attempted rape in the first degree, and first degree burglary. McClinton was sentenced to 226 months in confinement. And, the court imposed 24 months of community custody. Seventeen conditions of community custody were appended to McClinton's judgment and sentence, many of which required McClinton to work with and report to a community corrections officer (CCO) employed by the Department of Corrections (DOC). McClinton was released and began his term of community custody in June 2013.

On September 6, 2013, McClinton's sentence was modified and the court imposed 120 days in confinement—60 days each for two violations of community custody conditions. On February 12, 2014, McClinton's sentence was again modified and the trial court imposed 240 days in confinement—60 days each for four violations of community custody conditions. One of the violations was listed as “[f]ailure to enroll in GPS [(global positioning system)] monitoring.”

On April 28, 2014, McClinton reported to his CCO after being released from custody. The CCO made an appointment with McClinton to come back on April 30 so that the CCO could collect a urine sample and install a GPS unit on him. McClinton did not appear on April 30. On May 6, McClinton's CCO filed a notice of violation.

On May 29, after conducting a hearing, the trial court found that McClinton violated five conditions of community custody. Once again, one of the violations was listed as failure to enroll in GPS monitoring as directed. Consequently, the trial court imposed 60

days of confinement for each violation to run consecutively for a total of 300 days.

McClinton appeals.

DISCUSSION

McClinton contends that the court was without authority to sanction him for failing to submit to GPS monitoring, because GPS monitoring is a condition of community custody that the DOC lacks the authority to impose. McClinton claims that the statutory framework of former RCW 9.94A.120 (1995)—as it existed at the time of McClinton's offenses—evinced legislative intent that the trial court, not the DOC, had exclusive discretion regarding community custody conditions.

After McClinton's sentence was modified in February 2014, he appealed making the same argument he now makes again in this appeal. McClinton's earlier appeal was recently decided by this court in State v. McClinton, 186 Wn. App. 826, 347 P.3d 889 (2015).

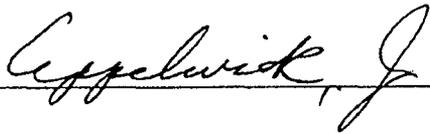
After stating that the issue was technically moot, because McClinton had already served the term of confinement imposed for the community custody condition violation, the McClinton court exercised its discretion to reach the issue. Id. at 829. It concluded that the relevant statutes in 1995 authorized the DOC to impose GPS tracking if necessary to monitor offender compliance with the geographical limitations imposed by the court as conditions of community custody. Id. at 834-35, 828. The court reasoned that at least two of the community custody conditions imposed by the trial court in McClinton's 1997 judgment and sentence prescribed geographical boundaries. Id. at 836. Consequently, the McClinton court held that McClinton's assigned CCO had the

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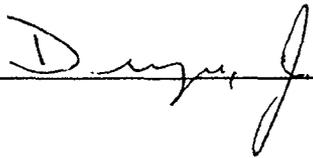
authority to instruct McClinton to submit to GPS monitoring, and that the trial court properly sanctioned McClinton for his refusal to submit to GPS monitoring. Id.

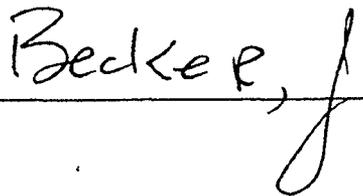
We agree with that decision. Both the February 12, 2014 sentence modification order and the May 29, 2014 sentence modification order at issue here were based on the original sentencing conditions from McClinton's 1997 convictions. Both orders sanctioned him for failure to enroll in GPS monitoring. And, it is only the sanction for the failure to enroll in GPS monitoring that McClinton is challenging on appeal. That issue has already been squarely decided by this court.

We affirm.



WE CONCUR:





APPENDIX B

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON,)	
)	No. 71701-4-1
Respondent,)	
)	DIVISION ONE
v.)	
)	
SALLYEA O. McCLINTON,)	PUBLISHED OPINION
)	
Appellant.)	FILED: April 6, 2015

BECKER, J. — This appeal questions the authority of the Department of Corrections to use GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring to keep track of a sex offender who is serving the community custody portion of a sentence imposed for crimes committed in 1995. In 1995, the statutes regulating supervision of community custody did not specifically provide the Department with authority to use GPS monitoring. But they did give the Department the responsibility to monitor court-imposed conditions of sentence. Here, the court imposed geographical limitations on the offender's movements while in community custody. We conclude it is within the Department's authority to impose GPS monitoring to assure a 1995 sex offender complies with those court-imposed conditions.

A jury convicted appellant Sallyea McClinton of three offenses: first degree rape while armed with a deadly weapon, attempted rape in the first degree, and

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first degree burglary. In 1997, the court imposed a sentence of 226 months in prison followed by 24 months of community custody, as required by former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b) (1995).

McClinton began his term of community custody in June 2013. By the terms of his sentence, he was under the supervision of community corrections officers employed by the Department of Corrections.

In November 2013, a community corrections officer ordered McClinton to report to have a GPS monitoring device installed on his person. McClinton disregarded this order. A court determined that he had violated the conditions of his sentence and imposed 240 days of confinement as a sanction. McClinton appeals. He contends that the court was without authority to sanction him for failing to submit to GPS monitoring because the Department lacked authority to require it.

The issue is technically moot. Because McClinton has already served the term of confinement imposed for this violation, we cannot afford relief. We nevertheless exercise our discretion to hear the matter in order to provide an authoritative determination of an issue that is likely to recur. In re Pers. Restraint of Mattson, 166 Wn.2d 730, 736, 214 P.3d 141 (2009).

The issue requires the court to interpret sentencing statutes. Interpretation of a statute is a question of law that appellate courts review de novo. In re Post Sentencing Review of Charles, 135 Wn.2d 239, 245, 955 P.2d 798 (1998).

The terms of a defendant's sentence are governed by the version of the Sentencing Reform Act in effect when the crime was committed. State v. Medina, 180 Wn.2d 282, 287, 324 P.3d 682 (2014). McClinton's crimes were committed in September and October of 1995. Our citations to the Act refer to the version in effect at that time.

McClinton contends the analytical framework for his case is found in In re Personal Restraint of Capello, 106 Wn. App. 576, 24 P.3d 1074, review denied, 145 Wn.2d 1006 (2001). Capello was convicted of a sex offense and sentenced under the 1995 version of the Act. In 1995, only the sentencing court had authority to impose conditions of community custody. The statute under which Capello was sentenced, former RCW 9.94A.120 (1995), permitted but did not require the court to order him to obtain the Department's preapproval of his proposed residence location and living arrangements before he transferred to community custody. Capello, 106 Wn. App. at 581. The Department asked the court to include the preapproval condition in Capello's sentence, but the court declined to do so. Capello, 106 Wn. App. at 579. Nevertheless, when Capello became eligible for transfer to community custody, the Department insisted that he obtain preapproval. Capello, 106 Wn. App. at 579.

The matter came before this court when Capello filed a personal restraint petition. The Department claimed that it was authorized to impose the preapproval condition as part of its statutory authority to develop an eligibility program for community custody. This court rejected the Department's argument,

holding that preapproval was a condition that only the trial court had authority to impose:

Former RCW 9.94A.120(8)(c) provides that "the court" may order "special" conditions of community placement. One of those special conditions was preapproval of living arrangements. The SRA defines community custody as a form of community placement. And under former RCW 9.94A.120, the trial court had the authority to impose conditions of community placement. There is nothing in the SRA specifically authorizing DOC to independently impose any of the statutorily listed special conditions of community placement. While the definition of "community custody" acknowledges that an offender is subject to DOC control during that period, it would be inconsistent with RCW 9.94A.120 to interpret this as a grant of independent authority to impose a special condition which the trial court specifically declined to impose. . . . The statutory framework of RCW 9.94A.120 evinces a legislative intent that the trial court, not DOC, has exclusive discretion to decide whether or not to waive the standard conditions enumerated in RCW 9.94A.120(8)(b), and whether or not to impose the special conditions enumerated in RCW 9.94A.120(8)(c).

Capello, 106 Wn. App. at 583-84 (footnotes omitted).

McClinton argues that GPS monitoring, like preapproval, is a condition of community custody that the Department lacks statutory authority to impose.¹ "Just as the law in Capello's instance did not authorize the department to impose additional conditions of community placement, the law in McClinton's instance likewise did not authorize the department to impose additional conditions." Br. of Appellant at 19.

A requirement to submit to GPS monitoring is not analogous to the preapproval condition in Capello. The 1995 version of RCW 9.94A.120 does not

¹ A statute enacted in 1996, and therefore not applicable here, does give the Department explicit authority to impose additional conditions of community custody on sex offenders. RCW 9.94A.120 (1996). See Capello, 106 Wn. App. at 584-85 (discussing how the 1996 amendments changed the law).

itemize monitoring as either a mandatory or optional condition of community custody.² So, unlike in Capello, there is no statutory basis for McClinton's argument that submission to monitoring is a condition of community custody that only a trial court may impose.

Distinguishing Capello does not, however, answer McClinton's basic contention that the Department lacks authority to order him to wear a GPS tracking device. For sex offenders sentenced more recently, the Department

² The statute as it existed in 1995 sets forth a number of mandatory conditions of community custody for a court to include in the sentence and some optional conditions.

(b) . . . Unless a condition is waived by the court, the terms of community placement for offenders sentenced pursuant to this section shall include the following conditions:

(i) The offender shall report to and be available for contact with the assigned community corrections officer as directed;

(ii) The offender shall work at department of corrections-approved education, employment, and/or community service;

(iii) The offender shall not consume controlled substances except pursuant to lawfully issued prescriptions;

(iv) An offender in community custody shall not unlawfully possess controlled substances;

(v) The offender shall pay supervision fees as determined by the department of corrections; and

(vi) The residence location and living arrangements are subject to the prior approval of the department of corrections during the period of community placement.

(c) The court may also order any of the following special conditions:

(i) The offender shall remain within, or outside of, a specified geographical boundary;

(ii) The offender shall not have direct or indirect contact with the victim of the crime or a specified class of individuals;

(iii) The offender shall participate in crime-related treatment or counseling services;

(iv) The offender shall not consume alcohol; or

(v) The offender shall comply with any crime-related prohibitions.

Former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b)-(c) (1995).

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does have express authority to use GPS monitoring if it is appropriate to the offender's individual circumstances:

(5) If the offender was sentenced pursuant to a conviction for a sex offense, the department may:

(b) Impose electronic monitoring. Within the resources made available by the department for this purpose, the department shall carry out any electronic monitoring using the most appropriate technology given the individual circumstances of the offender. As used in this section, "electronic monitoring" means the monitoring of an offender using an electronic offender tracking system including, but not limited to, a system using radio frequency or active or passive global positioning system technology.

RCW 9.94A.704(5)(b); see LAWS OF 2008, ch. 231, § 10. But this express authority was supplied by an amendment enacted in 2008. McClinton argues that the only possible interpretation of the 2008 amendment is that it confers new authority upon the Department that did not exist in 1995.

Where there has been doubt or ambiguity about the meaning of a statute, an amendment by the Legislature may be interpreted as intended to clarify existing law rather than change it. State v. Riles, 135 Wn.2d 326, 343, 957 P.2d 655 (1998), abrogated on other grounds by State v. Valencia, 169 Wn.2d 782, 239 P.3d 1059 (2010). In its brief in this case, the State initially argued that the 2008 amendment did not change the law but only clarified it to erase any doubt about the Department's authority to impose GPS monitoring on sex offenders. At oral argument before this court, however, the State tacked away from the 2008 amendment and instead homed in on a 1997 amendment interpreted in Riles as the source of the Department's authority.

In Riles, the defendants argued that a trial court exceeded its authority by requiring a sex offender, as a condition of sentence, to submit to polygraph testing. The defendants in Riles were subject to a pre-1997 version of the statute. Although the pre-1997 statute did not specifically permit or require testing of any sort, the Supreme Court construed it as authorizing the use of polygraph tests to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. The 1997 amendment was key to the court's analysis. The 1997 amendment added new language providing that for a sex offense committed on or after July 1, 1990, but before June 6, 1996, it was mandatory to include among the conditions of community custody that the offender "submit to affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the orders of the court as required by the department." Former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b)(vi) (1997); LAWS OF 1997, ch.144, § 1. The court found the 1997 enactment did not change the law. Despite its new language, the 1997 amendment did not provide authority that was previously lacking; rather, it clarified that at least since 1990, the relevant statutes required monitoring of sex offenders for compliance with sentence conditions.

In 1997, the Legislature amended RCW 9.94A.030 and 9.94A.120. The title to the amendment reads "AN ACT Relating to assuring compliance with sentence conditions; and reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030 and 9.94A.120." In two provisions, RCW 9.94A.030(11) and 9.94A.120(14), new language was added which authorizes a court to order affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with sentencing conditions. Another subsection, (vi), was added to RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b) making mandatory the affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with orders of the court. These amendments suggest the Legislature intended to confirm the practice of allowing testing, such as polygraphs, for monitoring compliance with sentencing conditions. Where there has been doubt or ambiguity surrounding a statute, amendment by the Legislature is interpreted as some

indication of legislative intent to clarify, rather than to change, existing law. A subsequent amendment can be further indication of the statute's original meaning where the original enactment was "ambiguous to the point that it generated dispute as to what the Legislature intended." One can conclude from these amendments that the Legislature intended to clarify and interpret the statute to resolve any dispute concerning its actual meaning.⁵⁶

⁵⁶ See 1997 FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT, S.B. 5519, 55th Legis., Reg. Sess.:

Summary: The department is authorized to require an offender to perform affirmative acts, such as drug or polygraph tests, necessary to monitor compliance with crime-related prohibitions and other sentence conditions.

Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 342-43 (some footnotes omitted).

We agree with the State's revised argument. The above passage in Riles is dispositive on the issue of the Department's authority to use monitoring tools in supervising McClinton. Therefore, it is unnecessary to determine whether such authority can be deduced from the 2008 amendment. Because McClinton committed his crimes in 1995 (between July 1, 1990, and June 6, 1996), under Riles, he is subject to the 1997 clarifying amendment. He must "submit to affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the orders of the court as required by the department."

Our conclusion that pre-1995 statutes authorized the Department to require McClinton to submit to monitoring tools is further supported by a statute that explicitly assigns the responsibility of "monitoring" sentence conditions to the Department's community corrections officers:

"Community corrections officer" means an employee of the department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence conditions.

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Former RCW 9.94A.030(3) (1995). If there were no way to monitor an offender's compliance with the conditions of community custody, the imposition of such conditions would be meaningless. See Riles, 135 Wn.2d at 341.

In addition, McClinton's sentence requires him to "report to and be available for contact with the assigned community corrections officer as directed." Clerk's Papers at 17; see former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(b)(i) (1995). This requirement is consistent with the statute that defines the Department's supervisory role and requires the offender to "follow explicitly" the Department's instructions:

All offenders sentenced to terms involving community supervision, community service, community placement, or legal financial obligation shall be under the supervision of the secretary of the department of corrections or such person as the secretary may designate and shall follow explicitly the instructions of the secretary including reporting as directed to a community corrections officer, remaining within prescribed geographical boundaries, notifying the community corrections officer of any change in the offender's address or employment, and paying the supervision fee assessment.

Former RCW 9.94A.120(13) (1995).

The Department's instructions that must be explicitly followed include "remaining within prescribed geographical boundaries." It is undisputed that in sentencing McClinton, the court could require him to "remain within, or outside of, a specified geographical boundary" as a condition of community custody. Former RCW 9.94A.120(9)(c)(i) (1995). McClinton contends the court did not prescribe any geographical boundaries. We disagree. Of the 17 conditions of community custody that were imposed upon McClinton by the sentencing court,

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at least 2 can be enforced by instructions from the Department to remain within prescribed geographical boundaries:

12. Do not attend X-rated movies, peep shows or adult book stores without the approval of the sexual deviancy treatment specialist or Community Corrections Officer.
15. Do not enter any business where alcohol is the primary commodity for sale.

A GPS device can be useful to a community corrections officer who has the duty to monitor McClinton's compliance with these geographical limitations.

The 1995 statutes not only generally authorize the Department to require a sex offender to submit to the use of monitoring tools, they specifically contemplate the use of electronic monitoring:

The department may require offenders to pay for special services rendered on or after July 25, 1993, including electronic monitoring, day reporting, and telephone reporting, dependent upon the offender's ability to pay. The department may pay for these services for offenders who are not able to pay.

Former RCW 9.94A.120(13) (1995). GPS tracking is a form of electronic monitoring.

In summary, the statutes discussed above authorize the Department to require McClinton to submit to GPS tracking if it is necessary to monitor his compliance with the geographical limitations imposed by the court as conditions of community custody. Because the community corrections officers assigned to supervise McClinton had the authority to instruct him to submit to GPS monitoring, the court properly sanctioned him for refusal to do so.

A second issue raised by McClinton is whether there was insufficient proof to support the court's decision to sanction him for failing to provide a current

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address. Again, as he has already served the sanction, the issue is moot.

Unlike the issue of GPS monitoring, this claim is unlikely to recur and there is no need for an authoritative determination to guide public officers in the future.

Therefore, we decline to address it.

Affirmed.

Becker, J.

WE CONCUR:

Jan, J.

Schindler, J.

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Respondent,)	
)	SUPREME COURT NO. _____
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SALLYEA McCLINTON,)	
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Petitioner.)	

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, PATRICK MAYOVSKY, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE AND CORRECT:

THAT ON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015, I CAUSED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE **PETITION FOR REVIEW** TO BE SERVED ON THE PARTY / PARTIES DESIGNATED BELOW BY EMAIL AND/OR DEPOSITING SAID DOCUMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

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SIGNED IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON, THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

X Patrick Mayovsky