

(S.D.)- Study Shows 24/7 Sobriety Program In SD Works

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - Attorney General Marty Jackley says a new report is further evidence that South Dakota's 24/7 Sobriety Program is working.

The program was started in 2005, giving people convicted of alcohol-related crimes a chance to stay out of jail as long as they stay sober. They're monitored twice-daily for alcohol use.

Jackley says results from a Mountain Plains Evaluation study show that less than 1 percent of about 1 million test results studied were recorded as either "failed" or a "no show."

Another recent independent study concluded that the sobriety program has reduced repeat cases of driving under the influence by 12 percent and domestic violence rates by 9 percent.

The program has expanded to include alcohol-monitoring bracelets and interlock devices installed on vehicle ignition systems.