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### **GEO Group Inc. Implements Leading Technology to Combat Hidden Contraband Cellular Phones in Correctional Facilities...**

Algood, Tennessee -- July 26, 2006 – Cellular phones have become the latest epidemic in prison contraband, posing a danger that extends beyond prison walls. Correctional authorities have indicated that cellular phones have become more valuable inside a prison than drugs or other contraband, and are often referred to as the new prison cash because inmates can sell minutes or cellular phone use to other inmates.

The GEO Group Inc., the second largest private prison management company in the United States, is leading the Correctional industry by implementing a new application of patented high-tech equipment for detecting and locating hidden contraband cellular phones (even if the phone is not transmitting or even turned off).

The equipment, the ORION Non-Linear Junction Detector (NLJD) manufactured by REI in Algood Tennessee, responds to electronic components, allowing the user to detect and locate electronic items (such as hidden cellular phones), even if the electronic item is turned off or not transmitting. This technology offers a working solution for correctional facilities to manage contraband cellular phones.



Previously correctional institutions were limited to physical searches or struggling with other forms of technology that were ineffective or inefficient for detecting and locating hidden cellular phones, or violated FCC regulations by potentially interfering with legitimate cellular phone transmissions.

Only recently has Non-Linear Junction Detection technology been applied to the prison industry. REI, the largest manufacturer of non-linear junction detectors in the world, has successfully demonstrated the ORION NLJD throughout the United States and Internationally, and will be demonstrating the ORION NLJD at the upcoming American Correctional Association Summer Conference in August of 2006 in Charlotte NC.

The GEO Group Inc. initially tested an ORION NLJD in Florida and Pennsylvania, successfully locating and detecting cellular phones as well as other types of electronic contraband.

Subsequently, the GEO Group organized an exercise with REI in Tennessee in a local correctional facility, training several GEO Group Field Officers to deploy the ORION at several GEO facilities across the United States.

“REI has been overwhelmed by the response from correctional facilities, and we are glad to be a part of the solution... We are impressed with the GEO Group’s commitment to utilize leading technological solutions to provide world class correctional facilities,” stated Tom Jones, General Manager of REI.

Other prison systems using the ORION NLJD have indicated that in addition to finding contraband cellular phones with the ORION, other contraband such as drugs, weapons, etc were also located. The ORION does not actually detect non-electronic contraband (such as drugs), however when a cellular phone is found, other contraband is often hidden with the contraband cellular phone.

This new application of patented technology represents a significant breakthrough in addressing one of the biggest problems confronting prison systems today. The GEO Group’s implementation of the ORION NLJD for combating the cellular phone problem in prisons demonstrates their continued commitment to leading the correctional industry.

#### **About GEO Group Inc.**

The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") is a world leader in the delivery of correctional, detention, and residential treatment services to federal, state, and local government agencies around the globe. GEO offers a turnkey approach that includes design, construction, financing, and operations. GEO represents government clients in the United States, Australia, South Africa, Canada, and the United Kingdom. GEO's worldwide operations include 62 correctional and residential treatment facilities with a total design capacity of approximately 51,000 beds.

#### **About Research Electronics International**

For over 20 years, Research Electronics International (REI) has specialized in the design and manufacture of Technical Security Countermeasure equipment, and is the largest manufacturer of Non-Linear Junction Detection equipment in the World. REI’s technical security equipment is used in over 90 countries worldwide by law enforcement organizations, government agencies, and corporations. REI’s corporate offices, manufacturing facilities, and Center for Technical Security are located in Tennessee USA, with an extensive global network of resellers and distribution partners throughout the world. For more information call +1 (931) 537-6032, e-mail [sales@reiusa.net](mailto:sales@reiusa.net), or visit REI on the web at [www.reiusa.net](http://www.reiusa.net).

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