

**MARYLAND PRISON OFFICIALS ARE EXPLORING THE LATEST HIGH-TECH TOOLS TO KEEP CELL PHONES OUT OF PRISONS | [View Clip](#)**  
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A GRIEVING MOTHER REMEMBERS HER MURDERED SON. NOTHING. I WISH I COULD SAY THINGS TO HIM. SAY GOODBYE. SINGLE FATHER CARL LACKL SHOT DEATH IN FRONT OF HIS HOME DAYS BEFORE HE WAS SET TO TESTIFY AGAINST PATRICK BYERS IN A MURDER TRIAL. BUYERS WAS CONVICTED LAST MAY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR ARRANGING THE MURDER FROM BEHIND BARS USING NOTHING MORE THAN HIS CELL PHONE. WE HAVE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO LIMIT THE USE OF ILLEGAL CELL PHONES BY INMATES. MARYLAND PRISON OFFICIALS ARE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT THE LATEST CELL PHONE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GANGS, AND CRIMINAL LEADERS HAS TO BE STOPPED. THE HIGH TECH TOOLS COULD SOME DAY BE USED TO LOCATE ILLEGAL CELLPHONES BEHIND PRISON WALLS. CUTTING OFF THE CONTRABAND AND ALL THE COMMUNICATION. PART OF THE WAY THAT THEY COMMUNICATE, AND CARRY OUT THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, IS THROUGH USE OF CELL PHONES. ACCORDING TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MORE THAN 1500 ILLEGAL CELL PHONES WERE FOUND IN MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES LAST YEAR ALONE. THOSE NUMBERS HAVE SENATOR MIKULSKI VERY CONCERNED. AS US SENATOR WAS ABSOLUTELY APPALLED WHEN I READ LOCAL NEWS ACCOUNTS THAT CONVICTED FELONS, VIOLENT CRIMINALS, WERE SITTING IN PRISON, WITH CONTRABAND CELL PHONES. SENATOR MIKULSKI IS THE CO-SPONSOR OF THE SAFE PRISON COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF ISNORA2009. THE LEGISLATION ALLOWS STATES TO PETITION THE FCC TO JAM OR BLOCK THE USE OF CELL PHONES IN PRISONS. IT IS A MOTHER'S WISH AS HER SON'S MEMORY LIVES ON. IT IS SO NECESSARY TO STOP THIS. BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES IN JEOPARDY. AND I DO NOT WANT ANOTHER FAMILY TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT WE HAVE SUFFERED AS A FAMILY. THE STATE OF MARYLAND CURRENTLY USES DOGS TO DETECT CELLULAR PHONES IN JAILS.