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**MSNBC *Lock-up* Features ORION NLJD to  
Detect and Locate Contraband Cell Phones Hidden in Prisons**



*ORION NLJD Cell Phone Detection Equipment demonstrated in MSNBC Lock-up episode profiling Brushy Mountain Maximum Security Correctional Complex in Tennessee. Sgt. Richard Metcalf of Tennessee Department of Correction demonstrates how the ORION NLJD finds hidden cellular phones regardless of whether or not the phone is transmitting or even turned on.*

Algood, Tennessee, January 9, 2007– The popular MSNBC television show *Lock-up: Brushy Mountain* profiles one of Tennessee’s most notorious maximum security prisons, as well as discussing how contraband cell phones have become one of the biggest problems facing correctional facilities today, allowing inmates to jeopardize criminal cases, intimidate witnesses, or even cost lives.

In the documentary, Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) Officials explain how a cell phone smuggled into the Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex was used on August 9, 2005 to orchestrate an escape, which led to the death of a correctional officer. Cell phones are now classified as one of the most dangerous forms of contraband at Brushy Mountain. To address the growing cell phone problem in prisons, Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC) has provided several facilities with an ORION NLJD, manufactured by Research Electronics International ([www.reiusa.net](http://www.reiusa.net)), which detects and locates hidden contraband cellular phones.

Sgt. Richard Metcalf (TDOC) explains that the ORION “looks for circuits in all cell phones whether turned on or off, active or inactive.” Sgt. Metcalf continued to say that the ORION alerts on all hidden electronics, which may include non-contraband electronics (such as a hidden radio, etc.), however “the one time it does find a cell phone, it will all have been worth it.”

The ORION is one of the leading technologies being used to combat the cellular phone problem inside correctional facilities. For additional information on the ORION NLJD for locating and detecting cell phones in prisons visit:

[http://www.reiusa.net/system/products/NJE-4000/NLJD\\_Prison\\_2006.pdf](http://www.reiusa.net/system/products/NJE-4000/NLJD_Prison_2006.pdf)

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