



Sheriff Robert Pickell requests tether be revoked for man out on drunken driving charge after Journal article

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Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell threw a Burton man who had been out on tether for drunken driving back in jail today after he appeared in a Journal story about the tether program.

James Branscum spoke to the Journal recently about being released from the county jail on tether after serving four months of his year-long sentence. A judge agreed to release him because his father and sister were ill, both passed away shortly after he was released.

Branscum said last week that he deserved his year-long sentence and didn't think he should have gotten out of jail. On Thursday, he denied saying he belonged in jail.

Pickell said after reading the Journal's story, he decided to ask Judge Geoffrey Neithercut to revoke tether.

"When he said he though he should still be in jail, I'm accommodating him," Pickell said.

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