



# MOBILEWALL

## 100% mobile phone-free zone

### MobileWall launches in New Orleans

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The illegal use of mobile phones by prisoners is one of the biggest headaches facing prison services worldwide. Whether they are used for organising criminal activity on the outside, coordinating drug deals or intimidating witnesses, they represent a growing security issue.



During installation work at Orleans Parish Prison.

Orleans Parish Prison in New Orleans, the 9<sup>th</sup> biggest prison of its kind in the US, has solved this problem with the launch of a MobileWall system for detecting smuggled mobile devices.

„Everyone is thrilled“, comments Abbie Forrest, MD of TalkTelio, the exclusive US sales partner of Gerdes AG. The installation of the system in Orleans Parish Prison overcame a number of technical challenges. Firstly, the system had to be installed on the exterior walls of the prison. „The MobileWall system therefore had to detect mobiles through solid steel reinforced concrete walls and six layers of lead paint“, explains Carsten Gerdes, CEO of Gerdes AG.

Furthermore, the cells adjoining the exterior walls had additional steel mesh reinforcement and heavy steel doors. „We are absolutely delighted that MobileWall has launched so successfully“, added Gerdes.

Title picture: MobileWall devices on the exterior walls of Orleans Parish Prison (New Orleans, December 2012).

#### Technological excellence at an affordable price

For a typical prison facility, the cost of MobileWall is around 500€ per cell, inclusive of installation and management software.

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### Practical Solutions for Prisons

Under the PriSec brand, Gerdes AG offers a range of secure communications solutions specifically designed for use in prisons.

These include telephony solutions for public use, prisoner use and video phone systems, lighting and emergency lighting products and controllable multimedia and e-learning solutions, creating a more efficient and user friendly environment for staff and prisoners alike.

### MobileWall



MobileWall is a unique mobile device isolation system. The innovative signal detection and jamming technology is an effective weapon against the misuse of mobile devices in prisons.

Unlike other solutions, MobileWall's jamming signal is only activated when an active mobile device is detected and is deactivated again once the signal has been disrupted, thus avoiding the issues concerning the use of a constant jamming signal.



Furthermore, the user-friendly software allows prison staff to instantly pinpoint the source of the signal for rapid detection and confiscation.



Lastly, MobileWall is a practical, cost-effective solution which can be retro-fitted to existing cable networks within secure facilities.