



## Common Tracking Devices

Use of GPS and Bluetooth-style tracking devices has become far more common, and trackers have become much easier to get. Trackers can range in size from a quarter to a whiteboard eraser, are magnetically attached or easily slipped places.

The trackers pictured below are common devices and all available for purchase on Amazon. Additionally, Apple and Samsung versions are frequently given away with the purchase of their phones.

**Apple AirTag**



**Galaxy SmartTag**



**Tracki**



**GPS**



**Spytec**



**Cube**





**Global-View**



**LandAirSea**

**PositiveGPS**



**Innway (Credit Card shape)**



**Title (Keychain style)**



**Title (Credit Card Style)**



**Chipola**





### **Finding Tracking Devices:**

An abuser may install spyware on a client's phone in order to track their location, as well as read texts, emails, etc. They may also install a GPS/Bluetooth tracker on a victim's car to track location.

In all cases, GPS/Bluetooth devices must be charged. If any of the above devices are seen being charged and a client is suspicious of being tracked, this should be reported. GPS and Bluetooth tracking devices also typically have a corresponding app on the cellphone of the person doing the tracking/

### **Phones:**

- **Option 1:** Clients should take their phone into the police department of the jurisdiction in which they live. They have officers trained in digital forensics and know how to scan phones for tracking apps.
- **Option 2:** Clients can take their phone to the nearest Cell Phone Center inside of Best Buy stores or a Cell Service Company (Verizon, Sprint, etc.). There is no charge for those who just drop in. There would be a charge only if they agree to sign up for their membership or for any repairs.
  - They can also help to set up a phone, password protect it, and help make it "unhackable".
- **Option 3:** Get a TracFone. Many partners at the FJC and community organizations offer these and the TracFone website will walk you through how to properly set it up and make it safe.

### **Cars:**

- Magnetic GPS trackers can be attached to any metal parts of the car. Small devices can be slipped anywhere. Places to look could be behind hubcaps/wheels, inside bumpers, inside trunks, in spare tire wells, under carpeting, under/between seats, inside/down in belt buckle releases, in engine bays, etc. Unless you are very familiar and comfortable around cars, it is best to have mechanics search.
- Clients should take their car to an auto shop, as they have the proper equipment to do a full scan. They are also able to put the car on a lift in order to perform a full undercarriage inspection.
- If a device is found by the auto shop, the victim can come to the FJC to report it, or go directly to a police department.

### **Personal Belongings:**

- Clients should try to keep their personal belongings as secure as possible, though that is rarely possible. Trackers can be slipped into purses, wallets, clothing, backpacks, laptops, books, and many other places.

### **If a device is found:**

- First, client should take a picture of the device where it is placed.
- Second, minimize any touching of the device to try and preserve evidence.
- Third, if at all possible, clients should not remove the device, but should call police to the scene of the discovery. Moving a device could alert abuser.
- If the device is removed, it should be placed into a "Faraday Bag" by an officer, or a paper bag (using gloves, cloth, tissue, etc.) and taken directly to the police department.