

**HIT Formula:**

**Hook:** A creative beginning that hooks the reader’s attention.

**Information:** Introduce the issue, author, and article with a sentence or two explaining what it is about generally. This is an objective statement that includes both sides of the issue. This is also called a **signal phrase**.

**Thesis:** An argument or stand that addresses the issue or question.

Worried your loved one might be cheating? Thanks to technology and a new court ruling, you now can find out. (**Hook**)

In an article titled, “Judges Rule Using GPS to Track a Cheating Spouse Does Not Invade Privacy” by Mary Ann Spoto, New Jersey appellate judges ruled placing a GPS tracking device in a couple’s car for the purpose of tracking a cheating husband is legal and does not invade the husband’s privacy. The article summarizes the case of Kenneth Villanova, a Gloucester County sheriff’s officer, who sued a private investigator because he instructed Villanova’s wife to install the device in the couple’s car. (**Information**)

Tracking someone with a GPS device is not an invasion of privacy because the person is in public and can easily be seen by anyone. (**Thesis**) Because of this, anything people do in public could be public knowledge. If a murderer is seen fleeing the scene of a crime, he can’t accuse witnesses of invading his or her privacy at trial just because they testified to seeing him leave. Similarly, a cheating spouse shouldn’t cry foul because he or she is caught in a public place.

In the article, Appellate Judge Ann Lisa noted that the device spied on Villanova only in public places. “There is no direct evidence in this record to establish that during the approximately 40 days the GPS was in the... glove compartment the device captured a movement of plaintiff into a secluded location that was not in public view” (B3). Villanova’s mistake was cheating in public, where anyone, and any tracking device, could spot him. If he had been more careful about where he cheated, he may have had a case that his privacy had been invaded.