

## Research Goals:

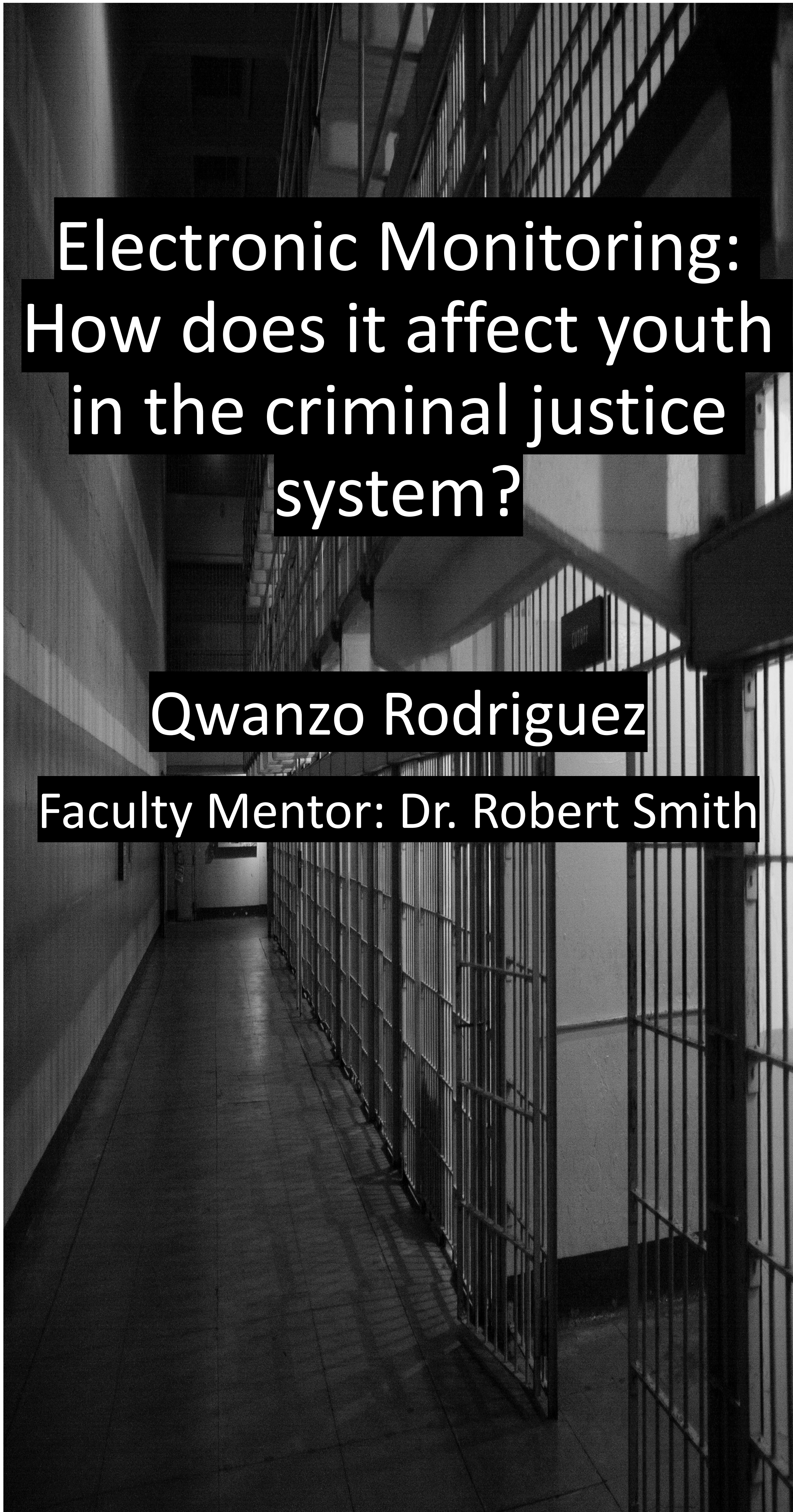
The purpose of this study was to explore how the use and rapid expansion of electronic monitoring (EM) has affected marginalized communities in Milwaukee, with specific interest directed to the youth justice system.

## Research Questions:

- Is EM an effective tool to decrease the number of youths held in detention?
- Is EM an alternative to incarceration, or its own version of incarceration?
- How does EM impact young people forced to wear the devices?
- What informs judges' decisions to place youth on EM?

## Method:

- Review relevant secondary sources involving EM issues
- Interview judges from Milwaukee County's juvenile court system
- Transcribe and code interviews with judges



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## Outcomes:

- Review of secondary sources contributed to the overall understanding and issues involved with EM
- Interviews with judges were unsuccessful due to a lack of responses from judges during the summer
- Connections with additional researchers and organizations, Dr. Aaron Schultz, Milwaukee Division of Youth and Family Services, and Youth Justice Milwaukee, expanded knowledge on the issues and helped further the research

## Conclusion:

- EM has been used to incarcerate individuals who would not be traditionally incarcerated
- EM has not lowered the cost of incarceration due to a greater number of individuals being monitored
- The limits imposed on youths by EM contribute to a lower quality of life