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Media Advisory

Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Parole and Probation Conducts Eighth Annual Halloween Operation Scarecrow

RENO, SPARKS, FALLON, FERNLEY, CARSON CITY, ELKO, WINNEMUCCA, ELY: Officers from the Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Parole and Probation (NDPS/DPP), in an effort to provide enhanced safety for children who may be targeted by sexual predators during the holiday, will conduct the 8th annual Halloween Operation: Scarecrow.

The purpose of this operation is to ensure there is no contact between division supervised sex offenders and children. Operation Scarecrow provides enhanced community supervision giving specific direction to high risk and high profile sex offenders. They will not be allowed to participate in any activity which could lure children to or near their residences, including a restriction that they cannot have home parties or pass out candy on Halloween.

The focus of the operation is to ensure that offenders whose crime involved a child victim or offenders who have a “*no contact with children*” condition have no contact whatsoever with children. DPP Officers will be specifically targeting sex offenders under the DPP’s supervision.

Beginning October 1, 2012, and throughout the month of October, division officers began providing these sex offenders with an “*Offender Halloween Restrictions*” handout. These sex offenders were instructed they must avoid any contact with children during the Halloween holiday, and must avoid participation in any Halloween-related festivities involving or potentially involving children.

Officers across Nevada will be conducting residential contacts and surveillance activities to ensure offender compliance and to spot any potential violations of the “*Offender Halloween Restrictions*” provided to the offenders. Officers will make as many contacts as possible during the operation. Enforcement action regarding observed violations will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

WHAT: Operation: Scarecrow 8th Edition

WHERE: Reno, Sparks, Fallon, Fernley, Carson City, Ely, Elko, and Winnemucca

A similar operation will also take place in Clark County

WHEN: Wednesday, October 31, 2012

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