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Media Release

Nevada Department of Public Safety-Division of Parole and Probation Conducts Annual Halloween Operation Scarecrow in conjunction with United States Marshals Service Operation Trick Or Treat

RENO, SPARKS, AND WASHOE COUNTY: Officers from the Nevada Department of Public Safety-Division of Parole and Probation and the US Marshals Service Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (USMS FIST) in an effort to provide enhanced safety for children who may be targeted by sexual predators during the Halloween holiday, and to verify compliance with registration requirements for sexual offenders residing in the area.

The purpose of this operation is to ensure there is no contact between Division supervised sex offenders and children on Halloween by providing enhanced community supervision and providing 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. Additionally, throughout the week, officers will be contacting sex offenders who are supervised by the Division and others who are not supervised by the Division to verify they are in compliance with state law registration requirements.

The focus of the operation is to ensure that offenders whose crimes involved a child victim or offenders who have a "no contact with children" condition have no contact whatsoever with children on Halloween. Additionally the focus is to conduct home contacts/compliance checks to ensure sex offenders residing in Washoe County are residing at their address of record and are in compliance with their terms and conditions of supervision if applicable.

Throughout the month of October, Division officers began providing supervised 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 will be conducting residential contacts and surveillance to ensure offender compliance and detect any potential violations of the “Offender Halloween Restrictions” provided to the offenders. Officers will make as many contacts as possible over the four day operation. Enforcement action regarding violations will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

WHAT: Operation Scarecrow
WHERE: Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County
WHEN: October 28 through October 31, 2013
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