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Media Release

Nevada Department of Public Safety -Division of Parole and Probation Conducts Operation Scarecrow in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS: Officers from the Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Parole and Probation, in an effort to provide enhanced safety for children who may be targeted by sexual predators during the holiday, will conduct its annual Halloween Operation: Scarecrow.

The purpose of this operation is to eliminate contact between supervised sex offenders and children by meeting with and providing specific direction to these high risk and high profile offenders. These offenders have been directed to not respond to children in any way and to remove any items, which may lure children to their residences, including a restriction that they could not have parties or pass out candy.

Throughout the month of October, officers within the Sex Offender Unit provided their offenders with "Rules of Conduct" literature. These sex offenders were instructed they must avoid any contact with children and are prohibited from any participation in Halloween-related festivities involving or potentially involving children. Home contacts will be conducted periodically in an effort to spot potential violations.

The focus of the operation is to ensure that the offenders whose crime involved a child victim or offenders who have a "no contact with children" condition have no contact whatsoever with children. In addition, the focus is to conduct home contacts/compliance checks to ensure offenders are residing at their address of record and are in compliance with their terms and conditions of supervision.

NOTE: The media will be permitted to ride along with one of our two-officer field teams on October 31, 2014 from 1630hrs through 2030hrs (not for dissemination). To schedule a ride along, please contact the Division of Parole and Probation's, Public Information Officer, Lieutenant Shane Brandon at (702) 486-9888. All media teams will be briefed concerning safety and conduct during this operation.

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