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Media Release

The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Parole and Probation Division Conducts 11th Annual 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 11th annual Halloween Operation Scarecrow.

The goal of Operation Scarecrow is to ensure that the offenders whose crimes involve children victims 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 the terms and conditions of community supervision.

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. Throughout the month of October, officers within the Sex Offender Unit provided their offenders with “Rules of Conduct” literature. These sex offenders have been directed to not respond to children in any way and to remove any items, which may lure children to their residences. They were provided with specific instructions that they must avoid any contact with children and are prohibited from participation in Halloween-related festivities involving or potentially involving children. This includes a restriction that they cannot have parties or pass out Halloween treats. Home contacts will be conducted periodically in an effort to spot potential violations.

NOTE: The media will be permitted to ride along with one of our two-officer field teams on October 31, 2015 from 1630 – 2030 hrs (not for dissemination). To schedule a ride along, please contact the Division of Parole and Probation's Public Information Officer, Lieutenant Michele Jackson at (702) 486-7599. All Media teams will be briefed concerning safety and appropriate conduct during this operation.

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