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Media Advisory

Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Parole and Probation Conduct Annual Operation Scarecrow in Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nev.- 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, conducted Operation Scarecrow on October 31, 2017.

The goal of Operation Scarecrow was to ensure that the offenders under the supervision of the Division, whose crimes involved child victims, have a “no contact with children” condition and/or are a Tier III sex offender, were not having contact with children. These high risk sex offenders were provided with specific instructions to avoid any unauthorized contact with children and were prohibited from participation in Halloween-related festivities involving or potentially involving children. This includes a restriction that they cannot attend parties or pass out Halloween treats.

Operation Scarecrow’s focus was on conducting home contacts, neighborhood surveillances and attending community functions in an effort to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of community supervision.

The Division was able to confirm compliance of 72 offenders through neighborhood and residential surveillance. In addition to surveying the targeted sex offender’s neighborhood and residence, officers with the Division attended 11 community events throughout the Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson areas. During the evening, two offenders were found to be in violation of the Halloween restrictions and/or in violation of the terms of their supervision. The Division of Parole and Probation addresses violations promptly and in accordance with supervision guidelines.

WHAT: *Operation Scarecrow*
WHERE: *Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson*
WHEN: *October 31, 2017 (4:30pm to 9:30pm)*

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