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Media Advisory

The Nevada Department of Public Safety-Division of Parole and Probation to Conduct 13th Annual Halloween "Operation Scarecrow"

Reno, Nev.-RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY and CARSON CITY

In an effort to provide enhanced safety for children and to give the public a greater sense of security during Halloween evening, officers from the Nevada Department of Public Safety-Division of Parole and Probation will conduct Operation Scarecrow on October 31st, 2017.

The primary objective of this operation is to minimize the potential for contact between children and Division-supervised sex offenders whose crime involved a minor victim(s). These targeted offenders are given specific direction by Division officers well in advance by means of a written notice of "Sex Offender Restrictions for Halloween." Restrictions include that offenders may not distribute candy to children on Halloween, answer their doors for children on Halloween, display Halloween decorations, or attend festivities associated with the holiday where children will be present.

During this operation, officers will be conducting home visitations and surveillances to determine offender compliance and to detect any potential violations of the Halloween restrictions provided to them. Officers will make as many contacts as possible on their targeted offenders. Enforcement action regarding encountered violations of supervision or Halloween restrictions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

WHAT: Operation Scarecrow

WHERE: Reno, Sparks, Washoe County and Carson City

WHEN: October 31, 2017

*** As the focus of this operation will be placed on conducting surveillance in and around the targeted offenders' neighborhood, no media ride-a-longs will be approved.

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