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## Media Release

# Nevada Department of Public Safety – Division of Parole and Probation Release Operation Scarecrow Results

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, conducted its annual Halloween Operation: Scarecrow. The purpose of this operation was 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 were 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.

#### Media information:

During the week long operation, more than 20 Department of Public Safety, Division of Parole and Probation officers participated. Sergeant Zana reviewed requirements, rules and restrictions with the following Las Vegas based media outlets: Channel 3, Channel 13, ABC, Channel 5 FOX, Channel 8, CBS and Channel 13, NBC. Sergeant Zana also completed a video interview with Channel 3 News concerning the operation. Officer Dominguez completed a video interview with Tele-a-mundo (Univision). Channel 3 and Channel 8 news crews requested and were granted an opportunity to ride-a-long with Division Officers during the operation.

#### **Operational statistics:**

239 Home contacts

94 Attempted Home Contacts

36 Community events visited

43 Surveillances conducted

6 Arrests

7 Media ride-a-longs

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