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Sex Offender Sweep Nets 12 Arrests **“Operation Vigilance” is the first in Yolo County**

Woodland, CA – July 28, 2010- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today the results of **“Operation Vigilance,”** a compliance and enforcement check of Yolo County’s registered sexual offenders.

Yesterday, Yolo County law enforcement agencies, State Parole, the Sacramento Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Team, and the Sacramento Valley High-Tech Crimes Task Force conducted a one-day sex offender sweep throughout the Yolo/Sacramento region. Yolo County has 382 registered sex offenders living in the region.

This operation is the first of its kind in Yolo County. The goal of Operation Vigilance is: to contact and check for compliance of terms and conditions of as many of the Yolo County registered sex offenders living in the Yolo/Sacramento region as possible in one day; and, to search computers and cell phones of registered sex offenders for prohibited material used in the furtherance of sexual crimes.

This Operation was coordinated by the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office Child Sexual Predator Unit. Nearly 100 law enforcement officers, from a multitude of agencies, joined forces to conduct the operation.

Although over 90% of registrants contacted were in compliance, Operation Vigilance resulted in 12 arrests of sexual registrants who had previously committed offenses including child molestation, possession of child pornography, sodomy, rape and sexual battery. Yesterday, individual targets were arrested for various violations of parole, probation or sexual registration requirements including possession of child pornography, failure to register, possession of computer devices and possession of children’s movies. One woman was arrested who had been convicted of sexual battery. She was found to be in possession of pornography, alcohol and drug smoking paraphernalia. Law enforcement agencies are conducting follow-up investigations on certain targeted individuals. Also, a number of computers and cell phones that were seized are being analyzed by computer forensic examiners.

Agencies involved in this operation included: Yolo County’s District Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Department, and Probation Department; police departments from Woodland, West Sacramento, Davis, Winters, and the University of California at Davis; Sacramento County’s Sheriff’s Department and Probation Department; the Sacramento Police Department; the California Department of Corrections; and the United States Marshals Office.

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