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Regional Agencies Band Together to Target Sex Offenders Specialized computer software aids “Operation Vigilance” searches

Woodland, CA – May 24, 2012- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that during the past two days, over 140 law enforcement personnel from 18 local, state and federal agencies convened to conduct compliance and enforcement checks of Yolo County’s sexual registrants . In its fourth year, officers participating in Operation Vigilance made contact with or investigated the location of 311 of Yolo County’s 370 known sexual offenders in an effort to increase registrant accountability and overall community safety before the end of the traditional school year. Most of these offenders were convicted of rape, child molestation and possession of child pornography.

This two-day operation netted nine arrests of known sex offenders for violating the terms of their supervised release from custody. Their violations varied but were commonly related to possessing pornographic material, possessing photos of children (similar in age to prior victims) or possessing drugs or alcohol.

Those arrested were being supervised by State Parole or the newly created Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS). PRCS is a product of Prison Realignment created by Assembly Bill 109 and is administered at the county level by probation departments. Currently, Yolo County has 103 Sex Offender Registrants on supervised release: 63 on State Parole, 33 on County Probation and 7 on PRCS.

Arrestee Information:

Erol Burkhart, 42, of Woodland – Parole Violation for living in an unauthorized location, possession of alcohol and possession of pornographic material. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Indecent Exposure, convicted in 2003

Marty Martinez, 43, of Woodland – PRCS violation for living in an unauthorized location and for possession of pornographic material. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Rape by force, convicted in 1985

George Gonzales, 49, of Davis – Parole Violation for possessing non-pornographic photos of children similar age to prior victim. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Sexual abuse of a child under 14 years old, in 2005.

Luis Gomes, 45, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Possession of Internet Access. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Sexual abuse of a child 14 or 15 years old when the Offender is 10 or more years older, convicted in 2010.

Trevor Paulus, 38, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Possession of Alcohol. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Sexual abuse of a child 14 or 15 years old when the Offender is 10 or more years older and Sexual Battery, both convictions in 2008.

Salvatore Mayjoffo, 65, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Possession of Marijuana. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Continuous Sexual Abuse of Child, convicted in 2002.

Andrew Poore, 32, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Possession of Pornography. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14 years old, convicted in 2004.

Charles Costa, 62, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Possession of Alcohol. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Annoy or molesting Children under the age of 18 years old, convicted in 1983.

Joseph Gomez, 49, of West Sacramento – Parole Violation for Residing at an Unregistered Address. Original offense requiring sex offender registration: Rape by Force, convicted in 1997.

Investigations into possible violations related to an additional 18 known sex offender registrants have begun as a result of this law enforcement operation.

In addition to officers making home visits and face-to-face contact with registered sex offenders, Operation Vigilance law enforcement personnel also targeted those offenders on probation and parole in a unique way by conducting searches using specialized computer software that simplifies the analysis of computers, smart phones and other digital storage devices. A total of 119 such devices were searched and 26 items were seized during this two-day operation.

Computer Forensic specialists from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Sacramento Valley High Tech Task Force worked together to conduct these specialized searches.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office Child Sexual Predator Unit coordinated Operation Vigilance. This Unit provides hi-tech forensic services to all Yolo County law enforcement agencies. This Unit was previously funded by a federal grant, but is now funded by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office is hopeful that the County will supplement its budget to keep this Unit fully operational.

This collaborative effort is just one tool being utilized to ensure Yolo County residents that sex offenders living in their communities are being monitored and investigated. The goal is that through diligent tracking, investigating and thorough searching, Yolo County's sexual registrants will not re-offend and will be deterred from committing new sexual offenses.

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