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Law Enforcement Conducts Armed Prohibited Person System (APPS) Sweep Two Illegally Possessed Firearms and 2,400 Rounds of Ammunition were Recovered

(Woodland, CA) - April 6, 2018- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that earlier this week the Yolo County District Attorney's Office Investigations Bureau participated in a joint operation on fifteen (15) individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition according to the California Department of Justice's Armed Prohibited Person System (APPS).

The goal of the operation was to ensure that these individuals were complying with the prohibition against owning, accessing, or possessing firearms and ammunition. The California Department of Justice's Bureau of Firearms led the operation and was assisted by Woodland Police Department detectives and Yolo County District Attorney's Office investigators.

During the operation, law enforcement conducted five (5) searches and recovered two (2) firearms and 2,400 rounds of ammunition from individuals prohibited from possessing them. Law enforcement conducted the operation after a two month investigation by the California Department of Justice. Bureau of Firearms personnel will conduct follow-up investigations on any individuals not contacted during the operation.

APPS is a law enforcement database maintained and run by the California Department of Justice that tracks individuals who are prohibited from possession firearms due to certain criminal convictions (all felonies and certain disqualifying misdemeanors), domestic violence restraining orders (DVROs), and mental health commitments. Criminal Intelligence Specialists (CIS) with DOJ research each person in APPS for their prohibition. This process involves checking the criminal history, mental health history, DVRO, TRO and Legal Alien Status of the suspected prohibited person. The investigation also involves contacting of courts, police agencies, and firearm dealers to confirm whether or not firearms have been transferred out of a prohibited person's name.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra oversees the California Department of Justice which has 4,500 lawyers, investigators, sworn peace officers and other employees. The Bureau of Firearms helps ensure that parties who cannot own firearms relinquish them to be in compliance with the law.

DA Jeff Reisig said, "There have been far too many shootings involving felons, people subject to domestic violence restraining orders and those suffering from serious mental illness. Therefore, we are committed to working with the Attorney General and local law enforcement to ensure that guns are not possessed by individuals who are prohibited by law. And, we will hold all violators accountable. If we are able to prevent even one more shooting through our collaborative work, it is worth every effort."

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