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“Operation Vigilance” Targets Sex Offenders

Woodland, CA – December 15, 2017 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that earlier this week, Yolo County law enforcement conducted surprise compliance checks on over 300 sex offenders. “Operation Vigilance” is a program that started nine years ago with the goal to protect Yolo County citizens by ensuring that sex offenders who live in the County are complying with all laws, probation and parole directives. The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office coordinated “Operation Vigilance” in collaboration with all other Yolo County law enforcement agencies.

Over 60 law enforcement personnel from seven local, state, and federal agencies participated in this joint operation from 15 agencies including: Yolo County District Attorney Investigations Bureau, Yolo County Probation, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Sacramento County Sheriff, West Sacramento Police Department, Davis Police Department, UC Davis Police Department, Woodland Police Department, Winters Police Department, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Parole Team, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation K-9 Teams, the FBI, Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, Sacramento Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. Many of the targeted offenders were previously convicted of rape, child molestation or possession of child pornography. While many of the sex offenders investigated were in compliance, two sex offenders contacted were arrested for a variety of weapons, pornography and other violations. An additional 18 of these offenders are the subject of further investigation to determine whether or not they are in compliance.

One unique aspect of “Operation Vigilance” is that while officers are making home visits with registered sex offenders, forensic examiners search the offender’s computers, smart phones and other digital storage devices for potential violations. Computer forensic investigators from the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Department of Homeland Security worked together to conduct these specialized searches. A total of 60 devices were searched and two items were seized for further examination.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of all Yolo County law enforcement agencies who monitor sex offenders. “We completed a compliance check of 100% of the sex offenders that have a permanent address.” said Reisig. “Operation Vigilance continues to serve as an additional deterrent to those known sex offenders who may be prone to re-offend.”

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