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**OPERATION VIGILANCE: FINDS 93% OF YOLO COUNTY'S REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN COMPLIANCE**

**(Woodland, CA) – November 24, 2026 –** On November 17th and 18th, 2026, Yolo County law enforcement conducted compliance checks and address verifications on over 300 registered sex offenders. "Operation Vigilance" started 17 years ago with the mission of protecting Yolo County citizens by holding sex offenders accountable to complying with all laws and applicable parole or probation directives. Many of the individuals who are required to register were previously convicted of rape, child molestation, or possession of child pornography.

Over 80 law enforcement personnel from local, state, and federal agencies participated in this joint operation: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, CDCR K9 Unit, California Department of Justice, Davis Police Department, Sacramento Valley High Tech Crimes Task Force, US Courts Federal Probation, US Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, West Sacramento Police Department, Winters Police Department, Woodland Parole Unit, Woodland Police Department, Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Yolo County Probation, and Yolo County Sheriff's Office. The Yolo County IT GIS Division also provided key support to the operation.

During this operation, law enforcement personnel visited the residence on file for every registered sex offender with a physical address in Yolo County. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provided eight Agents with canines trained specifically to detect cellular devices, electronics, and narcotics. Forensic Examiners searched the cellular devices, computers, and other digital storage devices belonging to registered sex offenders for violations. Forensic Examiners from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office High Tech Crimes Unit, Sacramento Valley High Tech Crimes Task Force, and West Sacramento Police Department conducted these specialized searches.

During the operation, 86 electronic devices were searched on site. 11 electronic items were seized as evidence for further forensic examination. 4 of the devices seized by Investigators were related to a National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Cyber Tipline Report in Woodland. Arrests were made on 5 registered sexual offenders for various violations against their required

directives which included possessing children's toys and books, having prohibited encrypted communication Apps downloaded onto a cell phone, felon in possession of a firearm, and other weapon-related parole violations. One rifle and one non-serialized firearm ("ghost gun") were recovered during the operation. One additional subject who was not a target of the operation was arrested after brandishing a knife at Officers at one of the target locations.

Approximately 7% of registered sex offenders within Yolo County were identified as being out of compliance with their sex offender registration requirements which will result in additional investigation by law enforcement.

Yolo County Sheriff Tom Lopez commented; "Operation Vigilance reflects the strong spirit of partnership among Yolo County law enforcement agencies and their shared commitment to public safety. I commend the dedicated professionals whose hard work and coordinated efforts made this operation possible and helped protect our communities."

District Attorney Melinda Aiello praised the efforts of all Yolo County law enforcement agencies who continuously monitor these individuals. "Our operation included compliance checks of every registered sex offender with a permanent address, and we are encouraged that 93% were found to be in compliance," said Aiello. "Operation Vigilance remains an important deterrent, reinforcing the expectation that registered sex offenders must meet their legal obligations and helping discourage those who may be at risk of reoffending."

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