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### **Probation Conducts Sex Offender Operation to Ensure Community Safety**

San Bernardino County Probation officers conducted home visits on Halloween to confirm that probationers who are registered sex offenders were not participating in activities that would entice children to their residence.

The operation was conducted on Sunday, Oct. 31, throughout San Bernardino County to ensure that each probationer remained inside their home, kept their lights off, did not decorate their residence, and did not pass out candy while children were trick or treating. Officers also searched inside each house for possible violations.

Officers contacted 148 offenders at their residence. The majority of probationers were found to be in compliance, but 7 people were arrested for various reasons, including violation of probation, bench warrants, violation of curfew, and possession of drugs, alcohol, and/or pornography.

“The innate vulnerability of children demands our ongoing vigilance in supervision of these registered sex offenders,” Chief Probation Officer Tracy Reece said. “Focused events, such as this Halloween operation, underscore our Department’s vision and mission to protect the community.”