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MULTI-AGENCY OPERATION IN RIVERSIDE AREA TARGETING POST RELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFENDERS RESULTS IN 13 ARRESTS

RIVERSIDE – On Tuesday, May 13, 2014, a law enforcement operation targeting Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) offenders in the city of Riverside and surrounding areas resulted in the arrest of 13 people.

The operation ran from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and was conducted by about 50 law enforcement officers targeting individuals on PRCS, mandatory supervision, and parole. Along with the 13 arrests, a total of eight additional arrest warrants will be sought. At one of the 48 locations, a child about 8 years old was removed from a home by authorities after a quantity of what is believed to be methamphetamine was found and seized. The drugs and paraphernalia were in a location easily accessible to the child.

As a result of legislation which went into effect on Oct. 1, 2011, commonly known as Public Safety Realignment, or Assembly Bill 109, offenders convicted of non-serious, non-violent, and non-registerable sex crimes are now being incarcerated in local jails instead of in state prison. Before realignment, offenders who were released from prison were supervised by state parole agents but now they are on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) by county probation officers. Because of the thousands of prisoners being released early from county jails, local law enforcement agencies created Post-Release Accountability Compliance Teams, or PACT. In Riverside County, the responsibilities of PACT have expanded to not only monitor PRCS releases from state prison but also convicted felons released from county jail on mandatory supervision. A primary mission of PACT is to work with local law enforcement agencies and the Riverside County Probation Department to direct immediate focus on those “high-risk” and/or “at-large” PRCS offenders and those on mandatory supervision from county jail who pose the greatest risk to public safety.

“Operations like this one are an example of the continuing efforts of law enforcement and the District Attorney’s Office to crack down on those who violate any form of probation supervision affected by AB109,” said District Attorney Paul Zellerbach. “This is the fourth such operation and we will continue to conduct these operations to help ensure the safety of the public.”

These ongoing operations are to locate anyone who may have absconded as well as make sure those on PRCS, formal probation or mandatory supervision are in compliance with the terms of their release.

There are three regional Post-Release Accountability Compliance Teams in Riverside County: one each in the Central, Eastern and Western regions. All three teams took part Tuesday and are comprised of members of the DA’s Office, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Riverside County Probation Department, U.S. Border Patrol, federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, California Highway Patrol, and the Riverside, Corona, Murrieta, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Indio and Beaumont police departments. Assisting in this operation were members of the county regional Gang Task Force and canine teams from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation. The operation was initiated by Riverside police Sgt. Denny Corbett, Riverside police Detective Chris Williams, Deputy District Attorney Sharon Shuster and DA Investigator Mike Petti.