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Division of Parole and Probation Halloween Initiative Will Target Child Sex Offenders

TOWSON, MD (October 23, 2009)---Maryland's Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) will once again aggressively enforce no-contact orders and supervision conditions for child sex offenders this Halloween. On Halloween night, specialized agents from DPP will join with law enforcement officers to monitor the activities of hundreds of sex offenders throughout the state.

Parole and Probation clients in all corners of the state who are registered child sex offenders on Maryland's Sex Offender Registry are subject to home visits and are asked to post "NO CANDY" signs in their windows.

Due to confidentiality issues with DPP clients, members of the media will not be offered actual home visit ride-alongs with DPP agents, and are asked not to photograph or identify any offenders, their houses, or street addresses.

However, members of the media are welcome to contact Eleanor McMullen at Parole and Probation at 410-585-3568 to set-up a news story with their local DPP agents. The initiative is statewide and involves many of the more than 40 DP field offices.

The Maryland Division of Parole and Probation supervises more than 71,000 men and women in communities all across the state. DPP has been hailed for its Violence Prevention Initiative, which targets high-risk repeat offenders, taking those who violate their supervision conditions off the streets quickly. Over the last 18 months, DPP has requested over 3,600 warrants, taking 1,277 violent offenders off the streets.

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