

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Since March 24, 2014, a multi-agency sex offender's registration compliance sweep has been occurring and is continuing, led by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of Eureka Police Department, Arcata Police Department, Humboldt County Probation, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office and the US Marshall's Office in Humboldt County. The sweep is paid for by the Child Sexual Predator Program (C.S.P.P.) Grant. The operation was an effort to confirm the address the sex registrant provided to law enforcement was in fact the address that they resided at. The officers have checked on 327 separate registrants to date, to confirm the address is actually where they resided and were in compliance with the law. All sex registrants are required to register in person with the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over their residence address. The registrants must also comply with the several registration requirements, such as updating their registration annually and informing law enforcement when any changes have been made to their address or registration information. Failure by a sex registrant to keep law enforcement notified of an address change or registration information is a crime per 290.18 of the California Penal Code and can be punished as a felony or misdemeanor.

The Sheriff's Office will be obtaining arrest warrants for those found to be out of compliance.

To date 327 registrants information provided to law enforcement were checked. The following were the results of those checks: 271 found to be in compliance, 27 out of compliance, 10 were currently in custody, 14 were unable to be contacted at the residence listed, 3 provided addressed that could not be located and 3 were deceased.

There are a total of 508 sex registrants in Humboldt County. There are currently no registered sexually violent predators listed in the county.

Registrants who are excluded from being listed on the internet were required to file a form with the Department of Justice. Those registrants had to meet certain requirements to be excluded. The information can be found under the California Penal Code section 290.46e.

The following is a list of locations where sex registrants are currently residing.

Alderpoint: 2 Arcata: 24 Bayside: 3 Blue Lake: 4 Bridgeville: 6 Eureka: 220 Ferndale: 3 Fields Landing: 9

Fortuna: 36 Garberville: 1 Hoopa: 25 Hydesville: 3 Kneeland: 2 Korbel: 2 Loleta: 6

McKinleyville: 40 Myers Flat: 4

Orick: 5

Phillipsville: 3 Redway: 5 Rio Dell: 13 Samoa: 4 Trinidad: 5

Whitethorn/Shelter Cover: 3

Willow Creek: 5

You can learn more information on Megan's Law Website

http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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