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MULTI-AGENCY PAROLE/PROBATION SWEEPS NETS 12 ARRESTS

Riverbank, CA – Law enforcement officers from six different agencies conducted a parole/probation sweep operation in Northeast Stanislaus County that resulted in twelve arrests. During the operation, officers from Riverbank, Waterford, Stanislaus Sheriff's Department, Oakdale, Stanislaus County Probation, California State Parole, DMV Investigators and Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents completed sixty-three searches and contacted seventy-nine homes.

The primary focus areas of the operation were the Cities of Riverbank, Waterford and Oakdale. This included the unincorporated county areas surrounding these cities.

The operation's goal was to contact as many probationers/parolees as possible to ensure they were complying with the terms of their respective status. Typically, when an inmate is granted probation or parole they are given guidelines to follow while released. Probation Officers and Parole Agents are charged with monitoring these offenders and keeping them within their set guidelines.

"Our job is and always will be to protect the public," said Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson. "Even in these times of unprecedented declines in revenue, we can pool our resources together with other agencies to put together large scale operations such as this one."

In total, three parolees were violated for narcotics and drug possession. Eight probationers were also violated for offenses ranging from failing to allow a search, to possession of methamphetamine. Two firearms were also located in possession by a convicted felon. The felon, Michael Woody, 33, Waterford, was arrested for violating his parole as well as possessing the firearms and methamphetamine.

Riverbank Detective Mark Copeland and Deputy Probation Officer Nil Saing spearheaded the operation out of their Riverbank office. "Its obvious that this operation could not have been conducted by any one agency," said

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Detective Copeland, “When we work together we show the criminals out there that we take crime seriously, and if you violate the terms of your probation, you will be violated.”

There are approximately 6800 adults and 900 juveniles currently on formal probation in Stanislaus County. Both Copeland and Saing put together a list totaling 122 parolee/probationers to be searched. “We had a successful day,” said Detective Copeland, “when you run out of time because you’ve simply made too many arrests that shows we’re making a difference.”

Arrested Parties:

- Avi Gorzler, 30, Riverbank – Warrant arrest
- Heather Murray, 18, Riverbank – Resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia
- Juan Hernandez, 34, Riverbank – Felon in possession of ammo, parole violation
- Austin Leal, 36, Oakdale – Parole violation
- Tiffney Sumter, 37, Turlock – Possession of methamphetamine
- Randi Tyler, 18, Waterford – Possession of methamphetamine for sales
- Henry Telles, Jr, 24, Waterford – Possession of methamphetamine for sales
- Robert Cole, 50, Waterford – Probation violation
- Jesus Aguilar, 30, Waterford – Warrant arrest
- Michael Woody, 33, Waterford – Felon in possession of a firearm, possession of meth, parole violation
- Brown, Edward, 37, Waterford – Possession of methamphetamine, probation violation.
- Unidentified Juvenile, 17, Riverbank – Juvenile probation warrant

Booking photos are available upon request

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