



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Palmdale Station Press Release Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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Date and Time of Incident: 6-23-10, 8:00AM

Type of Incident: Antelope Valley Crime Fighting Initiative Conducts 43 location Parole and Probation Compliance check.

Approved By: Lt. Jonsen

Narrative

Operation Safe Streets Bureau teamed up with members from the California State Parole and Los Angeles County Probation Departments this morning in a forty three location (22 in Palmdale and 21 in Lancaster) Parole / Probation Compliance Operation.

This operation, which will be one of several this summer, focused this time on parolees and probationers in the Antelope Valley area who have ties to local white supremacist gangs. These forty three locations were then divided into groups and given to teams comprised of Deputy Sheriffs from the Palmdale Zone Deputies, Partners Against Crime Team (PAC), Antelope Valley Gang enforcement Team (GET), North County Crime Impact Team (CIT), North County High Impact Team (HIT), Lancaster Community Appreciation Project (LANCAP), Lancaster Targeted Orientated Policing (TOP), Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS), Sheriff's Narcotics and Firearms K9's, and the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Parole and Probation Officers were also positioned with each of the teams to aid them with any potential violations.

As a result of the forty three locations searched deputies arrested ten adults for various charges including narcotics possession, firearms violation, and cultivation of marijuana. In one location deputies identified a small marijuana growing operation in the backyard of the parolee's residence. Deputies confiscated ten mature plants and several other smaller plants in various stages of growth.

Since these types of large scale sweeps and other strategies began in 2008 the Antelope Valley has seen a significant decrease in crime including a 57% decrease gang related violent crime and a 67% decrease in firearm related incidents.

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