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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest 16 Registered Sex Offenders During Trick-or-Treat Hours for Probation and Parole Violations

Milwaukee, WI –The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office conducted their annual "Operation Trick or Treat" initiative yesterday. The Sheriff's Office partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Probation and Parole, U.S. Marshals Service and police departments in Milwaukee, West Allis, and West Milwaukee to ensure that sex offenders in Milwaukee County complied with DOC guidelines prohibiting interaction with trick-or-treaters.

During trick-or-treat hours, deputies conducted checks on **221** registered sex offenders. **16 sex offenders** were arrested for violation of their probation and parole conditions. In addition, **one** warrant was issued for probation and parole non-compliance for an offender who was not home.

Some of the violation details were:

- Pornography
- Children's toys inside the home – porcelain dolls, stuffed toys, dolls in cradle
- Alcoholic beverages in the home (must have absolute sobriety)
- Unapproved cell phone with internet connection
- Unapproved computer with internet connection
- Costume, baby/adult pajamas
- Large, serrated knife
- Women's lingerie and little girl's underwear inside residence
- Halloween candy, pumpkins decorating exterior of house

The Sheriff's Office Halloween mission was to provide a safe haven for children as they go door to door collecting candy from residents. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office will continue to locate and arrest sex offenders who refuse to comply with their probation and parole conditions.

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