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Sheriff's Deputies and Partner Agencies Arrest 19 Registered Sex Offenders During Trick-or-Treat Hours for Probation and Parole Violations

Milwaukee, WI –The 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, 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.

In addition to the Sunday initiative, sheriff's deputies also searched for a Top Ten list of child sex offenders on Thursday and Friday. Deputies found and arrested two on felony warrants from the Top Ten list, and one man turned himself in.

During trick-or-treat hours on Sunday, deputies conducted checks on 200 registered sex offenders. 19 sex offenders were arrested for violation of their probation and parole conditions.

Some of the violation details were:

- Pornography
- Children's toys inside the home
- Alcoholic beverages, open intoxicants in the home (must have absolute sobriety)
- Unapproved computer with internet access
- Porch light on
- Kids movies
- Halloween decorations
- Not at home at start of check and one offender attempting to flee out of a window.

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 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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