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Sheriff's Office Monitors Sex Offenders During Trick or Treat Hours

Milwaukee, WI - The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Apprehension Unit and Criminal Investigative Unit, Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Probation and Parole, US Marshal's Service and police departments in Milwaukee, West Allis, and West Milwaukee have partnered to ensure the safety of children as they go door to door through neighborhoods in Milwaukee County collecting Halloween treats.

On Sunday, October 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., combined law enforcement teams will conduct "Knock and Talks" at residences of known sex offenders and serve warrants on sex offenders who have not registered with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry.

During the "Knock and Talks," officers will enforce and confirm that sexual predators are in compliance with the Halloween guidelines set forth by the DOC. The Halloween rules for sex offenders are as follows:

- During any trick-or-treating in their neighborhood, the sex offender will remain in their residence one hour prior to and one hour following Halloween activities.
- The home/apartment may not be decorated for Halloween – inside or outside.
- The home/apartment must not have a lighted porch (or any indication that the residence is participating in Halloween activities.)
- No distribution of candy at place of residence.
- No possession of any costume or pieces of costume used for Halloween.
- No participation in any activity related to Halloween and/or trick or treat activities; this includes visiting haunted house sites.

Last year, deputies knocked on 200 doors of registered sex offenders, and 19 sex offenders were arrested for violation of their probation and parole conditions. In addition, two were found and arrested on felony warrants from the Top Ten list, and one man on the list turned himself in.

Milwaukee County Sheriff's detectives have already begun to locate and arrest sex offenders with arrest warrants and for failure to register with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry.

Media ride-alongs are available on Sunday, October 26, during the "Trick-or-Treat" operation. Contact Fran McLaughlin by email frances.mclaughlin@milwaukeecountywi.gov or at 254-9488 by Thursday, October 23 to schedule a ride-along.

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