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HALLOWEEN TETHER SWEEP NETS FEW VIOLATORS **Two-day check confirms adherence of nearly 200 participants.**

Detroit (November 1, 2012) – As Wayne County officers, reservists and volunteers patrolled neighborhoods for potential arsons or other criminal acts, about a dozen deputies conducted spot checks on tether participants to make sure they were where they should have been during the Angel's Night/Halloween observance. The officers with the Electronic Monitoring Unit checked more than 200 homes and/or business locations of participants identified as individuals under more serious charges including assault, weapons and sexual offenses. These individuals in the *active tether population* were ordered to stay home during the mandatory 2-day lock-down. All were instructed that if they had to leave, they would have to show proper documentation to their supervising officer. On Tuesday, October 30th, officers conducted 155 residential checks. Of the 155, the following statistics were compiled:

- **5 were not home when the random check was performed but located by GPS Tracking and/or cell phone contact and ordered home.**

On Wednesday, October 31st, officers also conducted residential checks of participants whose offenses were sex-related and/or are registered sex offenders. Of those 12, the following statistics were compiled:

- **11 were compliant and at home**
- **1 was located five minutes after leaving the boundaries of his home zone and returned immediately after being tracked to a nearby party store. Officers were present to ensure compliance.**

The Tether Unit also partnered with probation officers with the Michigan Department of Corrections to check on 20 sex offenders on probation (information on these participations will need to be provided by MDOC). The purpose of the two-day sweep was to ensure that all tether participants and probationers who fit specific criteria were on house arrest for the Halloween observance.

“The safety of our children and vulnerable adults needs to be among our highest priority. With the overwhelming majority of our tether participants adhering to the conditions of the program, we are able to focus our law enforcement efforts on other areas of concern when it comes to crime in our area,” said Sheriff Napoleon.

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