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SHERIFF BENNY NAPOLEON CONDUCTS 2-DAY TETHER SWEEP

Results of Angel's Night Operation show majority of participants adhering to program.

Detroit (November 1, 2010) – A two-day blitz to ensure participants in the Wayne County Tether Program were in fact where they were supposed to be during the critical **Angel's Night/Halloween** weekend produced eye-opening results. The vast majority of the *active tether population* was ordered to stay home during this mandatory holiday weekend lock-down. All were instructed that if they had to leave, they would have to show proper documentation to their supervising officer. On October 30 and 31, 2010, roughly two dozen Wayne County Sheriff's supervisors and officers fanned out across the county (with a particular focus on Detroit) to conduct **173 residence/business checks**. Of that number:

- only 6 required follow-up** investigations to account for their whereabouts.
- 5 of the 6 were located/notified to return home.**
- the remaining individual was determined to have been at the residence but failed to answer the door.**
- On Halloween, **16 tether participants with sex-related offenses or registered as sex offenders who were on house arrest were all found to be in their homes** during the random check.

“These results show even though they're on tether, these individuals are incarcerated—they're just residing outside of my jail,” said Sheriff Benny Napoleon. “We conduct stringent monitoring. If anyone attempts to move beyond the designated zone, we know within a minute or two. But even with those safeguards, we still add an additional layer of monitoring and drop in on them when they least expect it. As you can see, only a handful weren't where they should have been and they were quickly located and dealt with.”

In addition to the home visits, there were **three Business Stops conducted at treatment centers where some WCSO tether participants are housed. No incidents involving any of the participants were reported.** While the number fluctuates, the WCSO has an average of 500 participants on tether per day.

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