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Angel's Night tether sweep reveals widespread compliance

Spot checks at 81 homes net only one violator

Detroit (November 1, 2013) – While Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, reservists and volunteers patrolled neighborhoods to help prevent illegal activity during a three-night Operation Angel's Night, members of the WCSO Electronic Monitoring Program conducted spot checks on tether participants to make sure of their whereabouts.

All tether participants were on a mandatory lock down status with the exception of those who were at work or with documentation of a professional appointment.

The sheriff's tether unit conducted spot checks on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the residences of 81 offenders with high-risk charges, including manslaughter, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, armed robbery, aggravated stalking and criminal sexual conduct (first degree). The checks were conducted throughout metro Detroit.

Only one of the offenders was not in their assigned residence at the time of the check. The offender was late returning from a scheduled probation appointment. Deputies followed up to ensure his return and issued him a warning.

The tether sweep was part of an effort conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week by the WCSO to assist the Detroit Police Department and neighborhood/business/community groups in preventing arson and other criminal acts and ensuring a safe Halloween for the children.

"The safety of our children and vulnerable adults is our highest priority," said Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. "With nearly all of our tether participants adhering to the conditions of the program, law enforcement is able to focus on other areas of concern in fighting crime."

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