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Subject: CITYWIDE SEX OFFENDER AUDIT CONDUCTED IN CHULA VISTA

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On the morning of Thursday, April 17, 2025, a citywide audit of registered sexual offenders was conducted in Chula Vista. More than 40 law enforcement officers—including detectives from the Chula Vista Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division, members of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the U.S. Marshals San Diego Fugitive Task Force, and other members of the U.S. Marshals Service—came together to carry out the audit.

California categorizes sex offenders into three tiers (Tiers 1-3). Tiers are assigned based on risk level, with tier 1 representing the lowest risk to the public and tiers 2 and 3 progressively representing more of a risk. For more information on sex registration tiering, the public can [visit the California Department of Justice website](#) or reference their [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

There are 229 people registered as sex offenders in Chula Vista. 169 of them are categorized under tiers 2 and 3. Detectives are assigned to verify their compliance with state law (Penal Code 290) regularly, ensuring they're providing true and up-to-date information about their residences, phone numbers, vehicles, and employment. Because of this coordinated, multi-agency effort, officials were able to conduct home visits at all listed addresses for tiers 2 and 3 registered sex offenders at one time.

The audit took place from 7 A.M. to 12 P.M. Out of 125 residences visited, 140 compliance checks were completed, and 20 are pending an additional visit. Of those completed, 112 registrants were verified as being in compliance, and 8 are still being evaluated by detectives. The Department will seek arrest warrants for those determined to be out of compliance.

The operation was one of many strategies that local law enforcement uses to keep our communities safe and hold offenders accountable. The Chula Vista Police Department wants to thank all participating agencies for partnering with them to protect the community of Chula Vista. Members of the public are

encouraged to visit the California Department of Justice Megan's Law Website at <https://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/> for more information about sex offenders in their area.

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