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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Subject: CITYWIDE SEX OFFENDER AUDIT CONDUCTED IN CHULA VISTA**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On the morning of Thursday, March 19, 2026, 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 233 people registered as sex offenders in Chula Vista. 160 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 was conducted from 7 A.M. to 12 P.M., during which 143 compliance checks were completed. Of the completed checks, 100 registrants were verified to be in compliance, and 43 registrants require additional follow-up from detectives. The Department will seek arrest warrants for any individual found 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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