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Re: Probation and Parole Halloween Operation

"To best support their future success in our communities, sex offenders, like any other offenders must be closely supervised by Probation and Parole Officers. Supervision of any offender will always serve to clearly convey the community's public safety expectations to those supervised and assure those standards are adhered to. As bearers of this responsibility, it is therefore the duty of Probation and Parole Officers to remove offenders from our neighborhoods who fail to consistently follow our State's standards. An unintended consequence of holiday celebrations, such as Halloween, is greater risk exposure for our children. Accordingly, operations such as these are necessary to adequately address the safety and security of our neighborhoods."

**Secretary Gregg Marcantel
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The New Mexico Corrections Department's Probation and Parole Sex Offender Unit, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and Albuquerque Police Department will be conducting a "Halloween Operation" on October 31st from 3:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.. There are approximately 200 Sex Offenders under Probation and or Parole supervision. Officers will focus on getting to as many of offender homes as possible.

As part of their special supervision conditions, sex offenders are not allowed to put up decorations, wear costumes, have any lights on outside their home or hand out any candy. They also have a 6 p.m. curfew. These conditions come with a zero tolerance, so if they violate any of these conditions they will be taken into custody.

In past operations, officers have found violations, like alcohol for example. However, because sex offenders know we do this operation every year, the offenders typically don't put up decorations, wear costumes, have any lights on or hand out any candy or violate their curfew.

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