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On June 26, 2009 the Butte County Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Program (STEP) conducted a parole/probation/warrant sweep of the Oroville and Paradise/Magalia areas. The team consisted of eight deputies and did not impact patrol staffing levels. The program is also designed to cost the county no overtime expense.

The STEP team conducted 12 parole or probation searches and made nine arrests as follows:

Christopher Qualls, age 18, from Oroville was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of a hypodermic syringe and a probation violation. He is being held without bail due to a probation hold.

Katrina Lee, age 23, from Oroville, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant charging possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor warrant charging possession of a smoking device. Her bail was set at $25,000.

Seng Foua Xiong, age 20, from Oroville, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for a California Youth Authority (CYA) parole violation, an outstanding misdemeanor warrant charging burglary and a fresh felony charge of evading a peace officer in a vehicle. Xiong is being held without bail.

Douglas Pittman, age 44, from Oroville, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant charging a violation of probation. When deputies contacted Pittman, he was also in possession of suspected methamphetamine packaged for sale and drug paraphernalia. Pittman was booked and is being held without bail.

Tamara Thomas, age 38, from Oroville, was contacted with Pittman and cited for possession of hypodermic syringes.

Deborah Jackson, age 44, from Oroville, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant charging a probation violation. She is being held without bail.

Mindy Johnson, age 28, from Paradise, was cited and released for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

Colby Spear, age 34, from Magalia, was arrested on a no-bail felony warrant charging a violation of parole.

Sonny Dunbar, age 26, from Bakersfield, was arrested on a no-bail felony warrant charging a parole violation.