BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEDIA RELEASE

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On July 23, 2010, in addition to the normal patrol level staffing, the Butte County Sheriff's Office fielded a team of 7 Deputies and 1 Sergeant to participate in the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.). The purpose of this program is to serve arrest and search warrants, conduct parole and probation searches and to saturate areas of the county where there has been an increase in criminal activity. This program is designed to cost the county no overtime expense.

As a result of the day's activities, the team conducted one 290 p.c. (Sex Offender Registrant) compliance check, 9 probation/parole searches and 14 attempts to serve arrest warrants at various locations throughout Butte County. The following people were arrested during the course of the day:

Carolyn Johnston (DOB: 09-30-54) from Oroville, was arrested for a no-bail outstanding felony warrant charging two counts of possession of a controlled substance;

Wendilynne Avilla (DOB: 11-26-69) from Oroville, was arrested on fresh charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of concentrated cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and a parole violation. Avilla is being held without bail due to the parole violation;

Paulette Crafton (DOB: 07-10-85) from Oroville, was arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant charging a violation of probation, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended/revoked license (bail $25,000).

Troy Hackney (DOB: 02-24-61) from Oroville, was cited to appear on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant charging a violation of probation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Evans (DOB: 10-07-60) from Chico, was cited to appear on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant charging a violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance.