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Project S.A.F.E. Street Nabs 167 Fugitives

Governor's Cooperative Effort Continues

LANSING – State and local law enforcement officers continued Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's commitment to protecting Michigan's children and families during the most recent Project S.A.F.E. (Statewide Apprehension of Fugitives Effort) Street sweep by focusing on arresting violent parole absconders. The effort resulted in the arrest of 167 fugitives from August 23 – 26.

"Protecting Michigan citizens is critical," Granholm said. "Thanks to the hard work of our law enforcement agencies, hundreds of violent felons are off the streets. Our message is clear: violent probationers and parolees who fail to meet their responsibilities will not be allowed to threaten the safety of our children, our families or our communities."

Project S.A.F.E. Street is a joint effort between Michigan State Police (MSP), Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) and local and federal law enforcement to arrest violent offenders known to be in violation of parole and who pose a threat to public safety. The August sweep included parole violations for burglary, carrying a concealed weapon, felony firearm, fraud, home invasion, larceny, murder, possession of narcotics and possession of stolen property. Seizures include one handgun and six pounds of marijuana.

"The successful completion of the eighth Project S.A.F.E. Street sweep should send a message to criminals – we are not backing down," said Colonel Tadarial J. Sturdivant, MSP director. "Law enforcement officers throughout Michigan will continue to be relentless in our efforts to keep Michigan communities safe by removing dangerous offenders from the streets."

The MSP and DOC organized the August sweep which included 15 county sheriff's departments, 39 local police departments, five federal agencies and three out of state agencies. A total of 1,234 fugitives have been arrested since Project S.A.F.E. Street began in March 2003.

"We are committed to protecting Michigan families," said Michigan Department of Corrections Director Patricia L. Caruso. "We are making our neighborhoods safer by apprehending these dangerous fugitives who attempt to evade justice. This program continues to be highly successful because of the tremendous cooperation among law enforcement agencies. By working together we can pool information and resources to achieve maximum results in the area of public safety for our citizens."

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