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## **Project S.A.F.E. Street Nabs 232 Fugitives**

*Sweep Sets New Record for Number of Arrests*

LANSING – State and local law enforcement officers continued Governor Jennifer M. Granholm’s commitment to protecting Michigan’s children and families during the year’s fourth Project S.A.F.E. (Statewide Apprehension of Fugitives Effort) Street sweep by focusing on arresting violent parole absconders. The sweep, conducted between December 6 - 8, resulted in 232 arrests - the most of any sweep to date.

“Protecting Michigan’s families is a priority for this administration,” Granholm said. “Thanks to the hard work of our law enforcement agencies, our communities are a little safer today. Our message has been and continues to be clear: violent probationers and parolees who do not 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 among the Michigan State Police (MSP), the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) 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.

This sweep included parole violations for arson, child neglect, domestic violence, larceny from a vehicle, murder, obstruction of justice, possession of cocaine, possession of a firearm and possession of a stolen vehicle. Items seized included a rifle, a handgun, a small amount of marijuana and scales.

“Law enforcement will not stop until these offenders are held accountable,” said Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant, MSP director. “By working together through Project S.A.F.E. Street, we are sending the message that we will not allow criminals to evade the law.”

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The MSP and MDOC organized the December sweep, which also included more agencies than before with 25 county sheriff's departments, 43 local police departments, two federal agencies and one out of state agency participating in the effort. A total of 1,658 fugitives have been arrested since Project S.A.F.E. Street began in March 2003.

"Participating in these sweeps is a perfect example of what law enforcement agencies can do by cooperating with each other" said MDOC Director Patricia L. Caruso. "Our neighborhoods and citizens are safer as a result of all of our efforts."

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