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U.S. MARSHALS ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF OPERATION 'OREGON NIGHTS 2'

Multiagency Operation Targeted Sex Offenders in Lane County, Oregon.

Eugene, Ore.- Combined efforts of the U.S. Marshals Service, Coburg Police Department, Lane County Parole and Probation, Eugene Police Department, and Oregon State Police resulted in improved accountability of sex offenders and encouraged compliance with all sex offender laws and registration requirements.

Oregon Nights 2, a continuation of *Operation Oregon Nights* that occurred in 2018, targeted 530 of the 2,350 sex offenders currently registered in Lane County from April 1 to June 30, 2022. One evening per week, investigators from multiple agencies focused on locating non-compliant sex offenders and conducting compliance checks on higher risk sex offenders with minor victims and/or multiple sex crime convictions.

Of the 26 arrests and/or citations in-lieu of arrest, there were several arrests of note, including:

- A Eugene man, previously convicted in 1999 in Florida of promoting sexual activity of a person under 16, was arrested on a warrant for new sex crime charges of encouraging child sex abuse (10 counts)
- A Eugene man, who was a non-compliant level 3 sex offender, previously convicted in 2004 in Lane County of sex abuse in the second degree and in 2011 in Lane County of rape third degree, was arrested on warrants for failure to appear-identity theft, failure to appear-sex offense, and parole violation
- A Springfield man, previously convicted in 2006 in Lane County of sex abuse in the first degree and attempted kidnapping in the first degree, was found living unregistered in Eugene. He was arrested on a probable cause charge of failure to register and on a warrant for parole violation
- A Eugene man, previously convicted in 1995 in Jefferson County of rape in the second degree and sodomy in the second degree, was found living unregistered in Eugene. He was arrested on a probable cause charge of failure to register and on a warrant for parole violation

153 Offenders were found to be non-compliant, and cases are being evaluated for federal or state failure to register charges.

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Oregon Nights 2 represents the U.S. Marshals Service's aggressive enforcement strategy to help ensure the safety of communities and children across the country, including the coordination of multiagency enforcement operations.

The U.S. Marshals Service collaborates with partner agencies to investigate and pursue non-compliant offenders, placing the highest priority on those who have committed violent acts and crimes against children. Many of these offenders have active warrants or are in violation of their state probation. A major goal of these operations is to lower the risk non-compliant offenders pose to public safety and reduce the number of future incidents of reoffending.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the federal government's primary law enforcement agency for fugitive and sex offender investigations. Created following the passage of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, the U.S. Marshals Service Sex Offender Investigations Branch carries out three principal responsibilities: Assist state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities in locating and apprehending non-compliant and fugitive sex offenders; investigate sex offender violations for federal prosecution; and assist in identifying and locating sex offenders relocated as a result of a major disaster. The U.S. Marshals Service has implemented an aggressive enforcement strategy across the nation, including the coordination of multiagency enforcement operations.

Oregon Nights 2 results:

- 26 arrests/citations
- 8 outstanding warrants served
- 12 compliance checks on level 3 or Predatory sex offenders
- 35 offenders registered post contact
- 153 offenders found to be non-compliant

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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