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S.P.I.R.I.T. PROGRAM TO MONITOR SEXUAL PREDATORS SPONSORED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROD PACHECO AND SUPERVISOR JEFF STONE APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Today, April 6, 2010, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved S.P.I.R.I.T. (Sexual Predator Identification in Riverside County via Internet Tracking), a program sponsored by Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone and District Attorney Rod Pacheco.

“Sexual predators are the type to lurk in the shadows, away from prying eyes,” District Attorney Rod Pacheco said. “Anything we can do to expose them before they can hurt another person, we must do.”

The program is a proactive approach to monitoring sex offenders in Riverside County through a new mapping and tracking system, viewable by the general public, via the District Attorney’s Web site. The goal is to alert the community when a sex offender and possible sexual predator moves into a new neighborhood through both e-mail and traditional mail notifications.

The program also will ensure greater ease of communication between participating agencies throughout Riverside County by establishing a more in-depth tracking system than the one currently in place.

“This program will give Riverside County an additional tool to more closely monitor and track the whereabouts of all sexual registrants located within the county. The loss of even one person to the appetite of these sexual perverts is unacceptable,” Supervisor Jeff Stone said. “By this action and the good work of some of the county’s public safety agencies such as the District Attorney, Probation, Sheriff, County Counsel, and the Board of Supervisors, the safety of the county’s residents will be further protected.”

With the Board’s approval today, the District Attorney’s Office can move forward in establishing this new program. Once the creation of the Web site is complete, residents can sign up for regular notifications via e-mail of sex offenders in their area.

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