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Probation and Parole steps up to support Halloween safety

Dover, DE – Probation Officers will be keeping a watchful eye on high risk probationers this Halloween as the Delaware Department of Correction does its part to support safe and fun Halloween festivities.

On Halloween night each year, Probation and Parole imposes special restrictions on high risk sex offenders and sex offenders with child victims who are under Probation supervision. Designated offenders are required to remain inside their homes with outside lights turned off throughout the evening and are prohibited from distributing candy, participating in Halloween-related activities, or displaying Halloween decorations. High risk homeless sex offenders under Probation supervision are required to report to their local Probation and Parole Office or other designated location and remain there Halloween evening as a public safety measure. Additionally, teams of Probation Officers will deploy statewide Monday evening, October 31st to conduct hundreds of residence and curfew checks to verify that probationers are in compliance with these conditions of supervision. Last year, Probation Officers performed more than 350 Halloween residence and curfew checks as part of this DOC public safety initiative.

“We want to help ensure a safe environment as kids fan out across our neighborhoods to trick-or-treat with their friends, and that’s why once again this Halloween Probation Officers are taking additional steps to effectively supervise high risk probationers and keep them on track for success,” **Department of Correction Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson Jr. said.**

The DOC’s Bureau of Community Corrections oversees probation and parole, pretrial services, the community work release program, electronic monitoring and other supervision programs for more than 10,000 individuals statewide who are housed in Work Release and Violation of Probation facilities and the statewide Community Corrections Treatment Center, or are serving probationary sentences in the community. Its 300 Probation and Parole Officers along with support staff work to reduce crime and support public safety by assessing offender risks and needs and providing responsive supervision through comprehensive evidence-based reentry-focused programs that feature substance abuse treatment, mental health services, career counseling, education and training. Bureau staff collaborate on a daily basis with medical and behavioral healthcare professionals, community organizations, service providers, state agencies, employers and the Judiciary to connect men and women under their supervision to systems of support that improve their chances of leading productive lives in our communities. They also play an

active role in collaborative crime reduction initiatives, including the Group Violence Intervention project in the City of Wilmington.

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