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HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Hendersonville – The Henderson County Sheriff's Office conducted Operation Protect Our Children from Friday, March 16 until Sunday, March 18. Operation Protect Our Children was an organized and focused effort to verify every address and update every picture of each registered sex offender residing in Henderson County. Currently there are 87 registered sex offenders assigned to Henderson County, with 69 of those registered sex offenders actually residing within Henderson County. The remaining 18 are either housed in the North Carolina Department of Corrections or the Henderson County Detention Center.

Over this three-day period many deputies from different divisions throughout the Sheriff's Office went out to verify this important information. This information allows the Sheriff's Office to track and maintain an active database on the whereabouts of each registered sex offender in Henderson County. Every registered sex offender that is residing within Henderson County was verified and their photos were updated over the course of the weekend. This was accomplished without incident and with every person within compliance of the law.

"This weekend was a tremendous success and I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved with this project. I can think of no greater work than protecting the children of Henderson County and this project is one piece of that puzzle," according to Sheriff Rick Davis. "These checks will happen routinely and frequently. If a registered sex offender wants to live in Henderson County they will just have to get used to this fact."

People can search the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry by visiting <http://ncregistry.ncsbi.gov> or if they have questions specifically about registered sex offenders in Henderson County please contact Detective Pat Redden within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

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