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Stanislaus County Probation Department Awarded DUI Enforcement Program Grant

Greater Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offender accountability and safer streets are the goals of a new grant-funded program awarded to the Stanislaus County Probation Department. Increased supervision of felony DUI offenders sentenced to probation is on tap as a result of a recent grant in excess of \$53,922 awarded to the department by the State Office of Traffic Safety. The intent of the new program is to reduce the number of offenders who continue to drive under the influence. The Stanislaus County Probation Department holds offenders accountable by enforcing court orders and through supervision in the community.

"We continue to be concerned by the high number of DUI cases in Stanislaus County, especially repeat offenders," said Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers. "It appears that many of these individuals have not gotten the message about drinking and driving. This funding will allow the department to focus more resources on the problem."

The California Probation Felony and Repeat DUI Offender Program grant will allow the Probation Department to more effectively supervise felony DUI offenders on formal probation and DUI offenders who have outstanding bench warrants. Intensified supervision will include random urinalysis tests, breath tests and unannounced visits to the home of the offender, along with special enforcement operations in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies.

"We're happy that the Stanislaus County Probation Department continues to target the worst-of-the-worst," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "These repeat offenders need the supervision this grant facilitates, keeping themselves and everyone else safer on our roadways."

Funding for the grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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