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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS CONDUCT SEX OFFENDER
COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

On November 10, 2017, criminal investigators from the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations conducted over 60 compliance checks under the California Sex Offender Registration Act. Penal Code Section 290 mandates individuals convicted of certain sex offenses to provide law enforcement with correct residential information.

Approximately 64 compliance checks were conducted, and 54 individuals were contacted. Two men, Rey Sanchez, age 41, of Oroquieta, and Robert Puga, age 32, of Tipton, were arrested on felony warrants for failure to provide true registration information to law enforcement as required by the Sex Offender Registration Act. Penalties for non-compliance can result in a jail or prison sentence. Further compliance checks are planned for those not contacted during this detail.

"It is often thought that when a defendant is sentenced in a criminal case, the system has done its job and life can go on. That is hardly ever the case – victims are still recovering and communities must prepare for offenders to eventually return to their streets," said District Attorney Tim Ward. "Compliance checks like these are important in holding offenders accountable to those they have victimized."

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