



## News Release

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### Project Guardian turns up heat on child abusers

◆ ***Surprise home visits and warrant arrests aim to keep kids out of harm's way.***

Wayne County and State of Michigan officials are teaming up this week to send a message to child abusers: *Project Guardian is looking for you.*

For the past several days, Sheriff's Deputies, along with the Michigan Departments of Corrections and Human Services, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, County Executive's Office and other local and federal agencies have been hitting the streets to look for - and to check on - people who have physically or sexually abused young children.

This is the second year of Project Guardian, which was announced one year ago by Sheriff Evans, Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Executive Robert Ficano. As part of the effort, officers and corrections agents have been going door to door to the homes of 200 convicted child abusers still on parole or probation in Wayne County to make sure they are not living with children if they have been ordered not to, or otherwise violating the conditions of their supervised release into the community.

During the first day of the operation, deputies arrested Samuel Miley, 34, who is on parole for 1<sup>st</sup>-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13. Miley's original offense occurred on Halloween night in 1996. He was sentenced to serve 7-20 years in prison and was paroled in May 2005. Deputies and MDOC agents on Wednesday conducted an unannounced visit to Miley's home, where they found prohibited "soft porn" magazines and evidence of marijuana use. Miley also stated that two women in the house with him at the time were prostitutes.

Based on information received just prior to the start of Project Guardian, four children had to be removed under court order from their Grosse Pointe Park home due to suspected neglect.

"The focus of Project Guardian is as much on preventing child abuse and neglect as it is on making arrests," said Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans. "Stopping or preventing abuse can change the course of a child's life."

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Evans pointed out that according to the US Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 70 percent of child abuse victims eventually get into trouble with the law, whether as a juvenile or an adult.

Officers also have been serving warrants on some of the county's most recalcitrant child abusers who have violated the terms of their parole or probation, or who have failed to show up in court to face their charges.

In 2007 the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Children & Family Abuse (CFAB) Unit approved 378 felony warrants and 174 misdemeanor warrants for offenses such as sexual assaults, physical assaults, homicides, internet crimes and child pornography.

"Child abusers continue to attack and exploit our children. It's up to us to find new and more creative ways to intervene," said Prosecutor Worthy. "Any effort to share resources to stop abusers from violating the law is a worthwhile endeavor."

Among the offenders arrested during the first two days of Project Guardian were:

- A 23-year-old woman wanted by San Diego Police for her role in the beating death of her three-year-old daughter. Information was received that she came back to Detroit to attend the child's funeral. Sheriff's Deputies and US Marshals arrested her at a funeral home on Grand Boulevard. She has not yet been arraigned on the charges.
- Carlos Moya-Cruz, 37, who failed to appear for his jury trial on kidnapping & child enticement charges stemming from a December 2006 arrest. According to the police report, Moya-Cruz allegedly tried to get a 12-year-old Detroit girl into his car as she walked home from school. When she refused, Moya-Cruz allegedly got out of the vehicle and attempted to physically drag a 14-year-old girl she was with into his car.
- Orean Roxborough, 35, who had been arrested in late February by the Sheriff's Internet Crime Unit for arranging to have sex with who he believed to be a 14-year-old boy. He actually had been chatting with an undercover deputy. Roxborough failed to appear in court for his trial in criminal court.

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