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### **Police Conduct Halloween Sex Offender Check**

On Halloween night, officers of the SPD conducted checks on 54 addresses in the city to ensure compliance with the Missouri Halloween Sex Offender Law. Under the current law, sex offenders must:

- Avoid all Halloween-related contact with children.
- Remain inside his or her residence between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. unless required to be elsewhere for just cause, including but not limited to employment or medical emergencies.
- Post a sign at his or her residence stating, "No candy or treats at this residence."
- Leave all outside residential lighting off during the evening hours after 5 p.m.

During these checks on addresses, officers found a total of 6 violations under the law, two additional individuals who did not register as a sex offender under new addresses, and two individuals who had warrants for their arrests. Of the combined 8 individuals involved in the Halloween violation and failure to register, criminal case reports are being completed by officers at the SPD for further review by the Greene County Prosecutor's Office. The two individuals with warrants were taken to jail.

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