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Police conduct sex offender compliance check on Halloween

Those required to register as sexual offenders have specific requirements to follow each Halloween night. Last night, the Springfield Police Department conducted an operation in which officers checked compliance of sex offenders living in Springfield.

According to Section 589.426 of Missouri Revised Statutes, on Oct. 31 of each year, sex offenders are required to:

- Avoid all Halloween-related contact with children
- Remain inside his or her residence between the hours of 5-10:30 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.

Any person who violates this shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Officers checked 119 offenders finding no violations of this statute. They received two calls for service concerning possible violations between 5 and 10:30 p.m., but they were unfounded.

To find out who is registered as a sex offender and where they live, view the [Greene County Sex Offender List](#) on the Greene County Sheriff's Office website.

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