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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR HIGH-RISK DUI OFFENDERS

Contra Costa County – Felony and repeat misdemeanor DUI offenders are over represented in traffic crashes involving alcohol and other drugs, often with tragic results. A \$347,233.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to the Contra Costa County Probation Department will be making sure that these worst-of-the-worst offenders are complying with all court orders.

Chief Probation Officer Philip Kader indicated, “We are appreciative of this opportunity to focus on those most serious offenders who choose to disregard public safety. The Probation Department remains committed to actively collaborating with our justice system partners to protect our communities.”

The grant will fund officers to intensely monitor drivers on probation for felony DUI or multiple misdemeanor DUI convictions. Supervision for these high-risk offenders will include:

- Unannounced home searches
- Random alcohol and drug testing
- Special monitoring to ensure compliance with court-ordered DUI education and treatment programs

The Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI Offenders grant is aimed at reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the county. In 2012, 22 people were killed and 514 were injured in such crashes in Contra Costa County.

“California’s roadways are still among the safest in the nation,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. “But to meet future mobility, safety, and sustainability objectives, we must create safer roadways for all users. The Contra Costa County Probation Department will be using these and other resources to reach the vision we all share – Toward zero deaths, every 1 counts.”

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

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