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OC Probation Leads Operation Second Chance to Increase Public Safety

WESTMINSTER, CA — September 16, 2025 — The Orange County Probation Department carried out a targeted enforcement operation this week, focusing on high-risk offenders released from prison under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

Probation officers conducted unannounced compliance checks in neighborhoods across the county. During the searches, officers confiscated narcotics, weapons, and paraphernalia, resulting in three arrests. Several probationers were also referred to drug treatment programs, reflecting the department's dual focus on accountability and rehabilitation.

Division Director Shawn Barry underscored the importance of this work: "These compliance operations are about more than removing dangerous contraband from our neighborhoods. They send a clear message that probationers will be held accountable while also connecting them with the resources needed to change their path. Our goal is to protect the community while giving individuals on supervision the opportunity to succeed."

Operation Results

- **3 Arrests**
- **Seized Contraband:**
 - 14.9 grams of cocaine
 - 12 grams of methamphetamine
 - 3 grams of crack cocaine
 - 5 bottles of Alprazolam (Xanax)
 - 8 methamphetamine pipes with residue
 - 6 cans of inhalants ("dusters")
 - 1 folding knife with a 3.5-inch blade

- 1 digital scale and multiple small baggies
- 2 debit cards not belonging to the probationer
- 1 cell phone
- Foil containing heroin concealed in a probationer's sock

Protecting Communities, Creating Opportunities

The Orange County Probation Department conducts regular operations to safeguard neighborhoods, reduce crime, and promote rehabilitation. Through these efforts, the department balances accountability with second chances. Officers hold probationers accountable for their actions, while also working to connect them with the resources they need to rebuild their lives.

About the Orange County Probation Department

As a public safety agency, the Orange County Probation Department serves the community using effective, research supported rehabilitation practices and collaborative partnerships to successfully resocialize justice involved individuals. The Probation Department is proud to serve the Orange County community. It is dedicated to continuous improvement, searching out and applying "effective and research supported practices" to assist justice involved youth, their families, and adults to successfully navigate and successfully complete probation. Further, the Probation Department assists the criminal court system through investigations, probation reports and community supervision of thousands of adult and juvenile clients on court-ordered probation or in diversion programs. The Department operates the Orange County Juvenile Hall, and two camps for youth. In addition, the Department operates a Youth Reporting Center serving all of Orange County.

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