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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 02-07-13 / 0800-1300
Location of Incident: Felton / Mt. Hermon Area
Case Number:
Type of Incident: Unlawful Campsite Clean Up & Removal
Suspect(s): None
Photo(s) Available: Yes ____ No X__

Description of Incident:

On 2/7/2013 from 0800 to 1300 hours, the Sheriff's Office San Lorenzo Valley Community Policing Center will be conducting a supervised clean up of unlawful campsites in the Felton area along the Mt. Hermon Rd. and Graham Hill Rd. corridor. A series of unlawful camps have been identified through the help of the community and are associated with ongoing criminal activity in the area. These specific camps are located under county bridges and border private property in the area.

During the past few weeks each location has been posted, advising campers of related criminal violations and requesting campers vacate the unlawful campsites. Many of these wooded camps are used for illegal drug use and other criminal behavior.

Deputies will be assisted by minimum security community corrections inmates who will be working under the supervision of Sheriff's deputies to remove debris left behind at the posted campsites. The goal of the Sheriff's Office will be to remove the refuse and eliminate criminal activities caused by these campsites.

Roaring Camp has graciously donated the use of their dumpsters for disposal of debris removed from the targeted areas.

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