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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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OPERATION SAFER STREETS UPDATE

The Simi Valley Police Department implemented Operation Safer Streets on November 1, 2007. Operations Safer Streets is a high profile, zero tolerance approach to criminal activity affecting the lives of Simi Valley citizens.

In its first three weeks of operations the program has been highly successful, with a total of 101 felony arrests and 287 misdemeanor arrests being made by Simi Valley Police Officers. The felony arrests included 35 for possession of narcotics, 3 for felony assault, and 3 for auto theft. The misdemeanor arrests included 77 for narcotics related offenses and 36 for driving under the influence. The majority of the arrests involved adult offenders, while 14% were juvenile. The adult offenders were booked at the Ventura County Main Jail and the juveniles were cited to Probation and released to a parent or guardian.

The Police Department would like to remind residents to report any suspicious activity or persons immediately, keep doors to homes and vehicles locked, and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight.

The success of Operation Safer Streets depends upon the partnership of the police and the community working together. By working together to combat crime in our community the message to criminals will be crystal clear: If you commit a crime in Simi Valley you will go to jail. For more information on crime prevention or making your home more secure, call the Simi Valley Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (805) 583-6908.

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