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OPERATION SAFE CROSSING

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department will conduct Operation Safe Crossing at the San Ysidro Port of Entry on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, 2007.

Operation Safe Crossing is a multi-agency alliance that seeks to prevent alcohol related problems at the San Ysidro border crossing. Officers will monitor checkpoints to identify underage persons who are attempting to go into Mexico. Juveniles are not allowed to cross the border if a parent or a legal guardian does not accompany them. A parent, or legal guardian, may provide written authorization for their juvenile to enter Mexico. The minor must be in possession of a notarized letter authorizing them to travel across the border. Curfew restrictions will be enforced during the weekend. Curfew takes effect from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the following day.

Officers will also enforce violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, public intoxication, and disorderly or violent behavior. Military travel restrictions will be enforced by Shore Patrol.

During the day, the media contact will be Southern Division Captain Tony McElroy. The point of contact at the San Ysidro Port of Entry on the evenings of the operation will be Sergeant Wes Albers. His office number is (619) 424-0406.

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