



Summer Enforcement Strategy Leads to Arrests

Palm Bay - The Palm Bay Police Department unveiled its Summer Enforcement Strategy last week and has already been seeing results. One of the number one initiatives of this enforcement strategy was to increase patrols in the city's local parks.

On Thursday June 22, the Palm Bay Police Patrol Division and Special Operation personal joined forces and executed "Operation Safe Parks" at the AIS Trail Park located 2804 Hickory Avenue NE, yielding three arrests for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.

Interim Police Chief James Rogers said, "This type of behavior in our parks is unacceptable and will not be tolerated". Chief Rogers went on to say this is only one of several initiatives that the department has deployed this summer. In addition to "Operation Safe Parks" conducted last week, the increased focus on juvenile related crimes and stepped up officer patrols has proven to be successful, resulting in a number of theft and vehicle burglary arrests that investigators hope will alleviate a string of juvenile crimes in targeted areas.

"Our Youth Services Unit this summer is made up of 5 officers and has already completed over 130 juvenile probation checks, recovered 5 missing or runaway youths, and made 29 arrests," explained Special Operations Sgt. Clifton Graves.

Some of the other prioritized efforts will include continued community outreach efforts through positive citizen contact, getting the message to residents about securing their homes and vehicles, and addressing pedestrian and bicycle safety.