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**Weapons Compliance Sweeps Results in 14 arrests**

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a sweep was conducted in various North San Diego County jurisdictions to ensure that persons prohibited from possessing firearms were in compliance. Members of the Escondido Police Department, Oceanside Police Department, San Diego Sheriff's Department, and North County Gang Task Force in conjunction with San Diego County Probation, California State Parole, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the US Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN), conducted 39 home checks to ensure that those persons who are prohibited by law or court did not possess firearms.

The sweep conducted in the cities of Escondido, Vista and Oceanside, resulted in the following: 13 felony arrests, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 ICE hold, and 16 recovered firearms. Those who were checked are prohibited from possessing firearms due to convictions of domestic violence, weapons violations, and convicted felons. This is one of a number of collaborative law enforcement programs to help keep North San Diego safe from violent crime. (Attached is a photo of some of the firearms seized during the sweep).



To report any suspicious activities in your neighborhood, you may contact the Police Department directly, or you may make an unidentified call on our Anonymous Tip Line at (760) 743-TIPS (8477) or via our Web site at [www.escondido.org/police](http://www.escondido.org/police)

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