

Probation 2014 Compliance Search Summary

As a part of general supervision, probation officers routinely do walk through cursory searches of the homes and properties of both adults and juveniles on probation. In addition to these routine searches, the department also does in depth warrantless searches of probationer residences to ensure community safety. These compliance searches are unannounced and are completed by a team of probation officers in cooperation with local law enforcement authorities. In some cases a search may be conducted due to information provided to probation from credible sources or issues observed during a routine visit. In addition to these "for cause" searches the probation department conducts random compliance searches several times throughout the year.

In 2014 the probation department conducted 22 formal compliance searches of probationer's homes. The majority of probationers were found to be compliant and were cooperative. Three searches resulted in the immediate arrest of the offender for public safety with new criminal charges being filed. In addition to arrests being made probation seized over 100 prohibited items including combat knives, methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. A search of a registered sex offender included an electronic scan of the offender's computer that resulted in the identification and seizure of over 200 sexually explicit electronic images and multiple cell phones.