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OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

April 16, 2010, Ukiah, CA — Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman is pleased to announce a new program which allows community members a safe location to dispose of all unwanted and outdated prescription medications. In an effort to prevent these medications from being disposed of improperly, the Sheriff's Office has purchased secure containers that will be available in Sheriff Offices in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg beginning April 20, 2010.

Removing unwanted medications from households will help deter abuse of prescription drugs by youth, reduce likelihood of accidental ingestion by children, lessen occurrences of accidental or improper use by adults and eliminate pollution of water systems such as creeks, rivers, lakes and the ocean when medications are disposed of in sewage systems or landfills.

Properly disposing of prescription drugs will prevent the drugs falling into the wrong hands and will allow citizens a legal manner of disposing the medications. Items such as medical waste, batteries, aspirin and syringes are not items that can be dropped off.

Sheriff's staff will collect and transport the collected medications to an approved disposal facility. The drop off box locations are at the locations listed below and are available during the hours listed below.

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
589A Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

Wednesday
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
125 E. Commercial Street, #200
Willits, CA 95490

Monday through Thursday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
700 S. Franklin Street, #125
Ft. Bragg, CA 95437

If you have any question regarding our program please contact us at (707) 463-4411.

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