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“Knock Knock” are children safe?

Notice of JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE

Hamilton, Ohio (February 20, 2008) Last night Butler County Children Services and the Butler County Sheriff’s Office teamed up for “Operation Knock Knock” and conducted a series of unannounced home visits to over 40 families involved with children services to make sure that children in those homes are safe.

Butler County Children Services and the Butler County Sheriff’s Office will hold a **JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE** today, **February 21, at 2 p.m. at Children’s Services, 300 North Fair Ave., Hamilton**, to share the outcome of this collaborative effort.

The focus of the operation involved visits to families where court orders (temporary restraining, civil protection orders, or other court mandates) prohibit adult family members from having contact with children in the household. Spearheaded by Children’s Services and the Sheriff’s Office, the operation was multi-jurisdictional, involving several other area agencies.

“If the court or our caseworkers prohibit an adult from having contact with a child our agency is involved with, we need to make sure that is happening,” said Children Services Director, Mike Fox. “We need to do everything within our power to make sure our children are safe.”

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