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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Prop. 47 Endangers Our Neighborhoods, Spurs Another Violent Crime Spree**

SANTA ANA, CA, November 9, 2015 – The Santa Ana Police Officers Association and the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs are enraged that Proposition 47 has provided yet another felon an opportunity to put police officers and the public in danger.

On Saturday, November 7, Jimmy Troung, a twice-convicted felon who had his crimes reduced to misdemeanors as a result of Prop. 47, attempted to murder two Santa Ana police officers by shooting at them while leading them on a two-hour chase through the greater Santa Ana area.

Despite two felony convictions for drug possession, Troung was never placed on parole, probation or post-release supervision. With no supervision, Troung continued to commit crimes.

When Santa Ana police officers attempted to pull him over the evening of November 7, Troung drove off and shot at the pursuing officers, endangering not only the safety of the officers but also innocent bystanders.

Helicopters from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Huntington Beach and Anaheim Police Departments had to be dispatched to help with the pursuit.

Two hours into the chase Santa Ana officers deployed spike strips and used police vehicles to block him in, but Troung still refused to get out of his car.

Santa Ana's SWAT Team and police hostage negotiators spent another three hours to bring Troung into custody.

"An individual who the court determined should be held only accountable for misdemeanor crimes held the city of Santa Ana and nearby neighborhoods hostage for more than five hours," said John Franks, president of the Santa Ana Police Officers Association. "This is not the kind of person we want roaming our neighborhoods unsupervised. It is only through tremendous police work and the grace of God that my police officers and everyone in the vicinity of this crime spree escaped unharmed."

"Prop. 47 is a failure," said Tom Dominguez, president of the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs. "Prop. 47 has failed our neighborhoods, failed our criminal justice system, and failed our police officers. Luckily no one was hurt in this incident, but with Prop. 47 flooding our communities with dangerous felons released with little or no consequences for the crimes they commit, we might not be so lucky next time."

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