Press Release

Subject: Yolo County Sheriff’s Team of Active Seniors (STARS) offers Free Crime Prevention Program to Yolo Farmers

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In partnership with ACTION, the Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network, the Yolo County Sheriff’s Team of Active Seniors is issuing Owner Applied Numbers (OANS) to the farmers of Yolo County.

A system known as Owner Applied Numbers (OAN) can be used for the protection of equipment, vehicles and other valuables. This system can be entered into its own specific field in both the California Department of Justice (DOJ) AND THE National Crime Information Center (NCIC) RECORDS. The set of additional identification numbers are placed on vehicles, equipment or other valuables as a supplement means of identification to the manufacturer's factory I.D. numbers.

OAN are usually hand stamped on heavy equipment and will not generally be as large or precise as those applied by the manufacturer. The OAN are most often stamped using 1/8” or 1/4” letters and numbers. In California the OAN I.D. system uses a 10 digit coded number which is issued by the Sheriff’s Team of Active Seniors (STARS) and is recommended for business, industry and agriculture.

The OAN system is composed of ten characters, which identify the state, county, and business. The coded identification number allows local law enforcement to identify stolen property and contact the owner. OAN are stamped in several locations on heavy equipment and may be affixed by metal die stamps, indelible ink, branding iron or electric pencils. Be alert to any number that appears to have been secondarily applied to the equipment being examined.

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OAN are used and approved by:

- County Sheriff’s Offices
- California Highway Patrol
- California Farm Bureau Federation

For additional information please visit the ACTION web site @ www.agcrime.net, or to schedule an appointment for the OAN program contact Jim Hanney or Suzanne Ramalia @ 530.668.5298