



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 7-15-09  
**Date & Time Occurred:** July 11 and 12, 2009  
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**Phone:** 707-449-5200  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Police Activities League Youth

### **Narrative**

On July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, four youth from the Police Activities League Judo club competed in the United States Judo Federation Junior Nationals in San Francisco, California. The tournament had approximately 500 competitors from around the United States. The tournament was held at the City College of San Francisco.

The four Vacaville youth were Hunter and Cody Costello, Ronnie Wise and Michael Fife. Hunter, 9 years old and Ronnie, 12 years old, both fought hard but lost their first two matches and were eliminated. Cody Costello, 13 years old, had five people in his division. He lost his first match but won his remaining matches and won a silver medal. Michael, 14 years old, had ten people in his division. He lost his first match but won his remaining matches and won a silver medal.

The tournament used a double elimination format. A competitor fought until they won their division or lost twice. Losing twice puts the competitor out of the tournament. Age and weight are used to form divisions with no consideration to belt rank.

The Vacaville Police Activities League Judo Club is coached by Officers Gordon and Lucy Makimoto of the Vacaville Police Department. For questions about the Vacaville PAL program, please contact Officer Gordon Makimoto at 449-5200 or Amanda Slade at 449-6288.

The Police Activities League program is one of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the nation. It builds friendships between law enforcement and children within the community. By helping our youth we help the future of our community.

The Vacaville Police Activities League is a non-profit organization. One hundred percent of all contributions stay in the City of Vacaville.