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Press Release

Today's Date: 1-26-2011
Date & Time Occurred: 1-23-2011
Submitted By: G. Makimoto
Phone: 449-5200
Type of Crime/Incident: Vacaville PAL Judo Results
Location: Ontario, Oregon

Narrative:

On January 23, 2011, three members of the Vacaville Police Activities Leagues Judo club competed in the Oregon-Idaho Invitational Judo Tournament held in Ontario, Oregon. The tournament was held in a double elimination format and was attended by approximately 200 competitors.

The three Vacaville youth were Michael Fife, 15 years old; Cody Costello, 14 years old; Alexander Makimoto, 8 years old. Alexander lost his first match. He then won the next five matches to win a first place trophy. Cody won all four of his matches and was awarded a gold medal. Michael won all four of his matches and was awarded a gold medal. Vacaville Police Officer Gordon Makimoto went with the team as one of the coaches.

Michael, Cody and Alexander were part of a nine person team from California that was sponsored by the Daiheigen Judo Yudanshakai. Daiheigen Judo Yudanshakai is a non-profit organization of Judo Clubs that promotes Judo. For more information about Daiheigen go to daiheigen.org.

See the Vacaville PAL – Makimoto Judo club facebook page for more information about the Vacaville P.A.L. Judo club.

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 469-4004.

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