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Press Release

Today's Date: 11-17-2010
Date & Time Occurred: 11-14-2010
Submitted By: Gordon Makimoto
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Type of Crime/Incident: Vacaville PAL Judo

Narrative:

On November 14, 2010, nine (9) youth from the Vacaville Police Activities League (PAL) – Makimoto Judo Club competed in the Palo Alto Judo Tournament in Palo Alto, California. The tournament had approximately 300 hundred contestants from around the Bay area. The competitors were grouped into pools determined by age, weight and belt color.

Justin Johnson, 15, won a Gold medal. Chris Destafano, 14; Cody Costello, 15; Brianna Sifuentes, 14; and Sierra Costello, 8, all received Silver Medals. Alexander Makimoto, 8; and Ronnie Wise, 13, both received Bronze medals.

Samantha Sifuentes and Nathaniel Sifuentes also competed but did not medal.

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. Also, visit Vacaville PAL and Vacaville PAL judo websites on Facebook.

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.