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Press Release

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Type of
Crime/Incident: Vacaville PAL Judo tournament results, Vacaville PAL hosting judo tournament

Narrative:

On February 21st, 2011, seven youth from the Vacaville Police Activities league – Makimoto Judo Club competed in the San Jose Buddhist Invitational Judo Tournament. The event was held in the San Jose Events Center. There were approximately 722 competitors at the event. There were competitors from across the United States, Mexico, Japan, Serbia and France. The Vacaville youth who competed were Michael Fife, 16, Cody Costello, 15, Ronnie Wise, 13, Justin Johnson, 15, Chris Destafano, 16, Israel White, 10, and Alexander Makimoto, 8.

Israel White won four of four matches and was awarded a gold medal. Cody Costello won one out of two matches and won a silver medal. Ronnie Wise won three out of four matches and was awarded a silver medal. Michael, Justin, Chris and Alexander fought hard but did not place.

This years' tournament in San Jose was also a "D" level point tournament for national and international competitors. 2012 Olympic hopeful Ann Shirashi from Sacramento also competed, winning a gold medal.

On Sunday, February 27st, 2011 Vacaville PAL will be hosting a judo tournament at the Vacaville High School. Approximately 200 comeditors from around the Bay area are expected to attend. A team from Idaho is also expected. The Mexico National Judo Team will be competing as well. This will be Mexico Team's last tournament in their American Tour.

The public is invited to attend the tournament. There is no admission charge.

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. Money raised from events is used to purchase equipment and supplies for our programs. For more information on Vacaville PAL, please visit www.vacavillepal.com.