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Public Safety Announcement on Creepy Clown Sightings

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The Colusa County Sheriff's Office wishes to remain proactive relating to the recent "Creepy Clown" sightings circulating around the nation. While there may have been a few reported criminal activities elsewhere much of the "creepy clown" notoriety appears fueled by exaggerations, copycat reports, and various sharing and retweets within social media. The public should not believe everything they see or hear or within social media. To date there has not been any "creepy clown" sightings reported to the Colusa County Sheriff's Office.

The public should understand that there is no California state law or local ordinance forbidding dressing up as a clown. The wearing of any mask or disguise is only prohibited when done for the purpose of evading discovery, recognition, or identification during the commission of a crime. Any inappropriate illegal conduct or acts by any person, whether in costume or not, is always a matter of concern for law enforcement. The Colusa County Sheriff's Office asks members of the public to call whenever there is a crime or whenever you see something that causes you to believe that public safety may be at risk.

The Colusa County Sheriff's Office continues to work in conjunction with local schools, keeping current with any safety issues or concerns that the schools may have. Local schools will continue to utilize safety precautions including prohibiting unauthorized visitors and contacting law enforcement immediately as warranted. Although there have been no credible threats which we are aware of, the Colusa County Sheriff's Office will maintain increased presence at and around local schools for added safety. Deputies will also be more cognizant during patrols leading up to and during Halloween.

The Colusa County Sheriff's Office takes public safety seriously and will always respond to handle such cases. The public is encouraged to call 911 for emergencies, or (530) 458-0200 to report any suspicious activities.