



Press Release

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WHAT: BLACK BEAR SIGHTING

WHERE: Creek area near the 1500 block of Marsh Street

WHEN: 10/27/10 at approximately 2220 hours

At approximately 2220 hours, the San Luis Obispo Police received a call of a large bear in the 1500 block of Marsh Street.

Officers responded and did confirm that a large black bear that appeared to weigh in excess of 200-250 pounds had wandered into the area. Although the bear was seen in several populated areas, it seemed to gravitate towards the creek area between Pacific/Marsh Streets and Santa Rosa/Toro Streets.

Through a series of coordinated efforts, Officers were able to dissuade the bear from proceeding further along the creek towards the downtown area. The bear was eventually driven back northeast along the creek area towards a more rural area. The last sighting of the bear was at approximately 0100 hours.

At approximately 0600 hours, there was another bear sighting in the area of Spring and Flora. The bear was last seen heading towards the backyard of a residence that backs up against a large open space area.

While the bear did not appear overly aggressive, they can be unpredictable if startled or cornered. In the event of a future sighting, please immediately call 911 and get to a safe area.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department appreciates your cooperation in the matter.

Any further questions should be referred to the Press Information Officer. Anonymous information may be referred to Crime Stopper @ (805) 549-STOP

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