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Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**
Prescription Drug Round-up scheduled Oct. 25

Sheriff Joe Lester urges anyone who has any expired or unwanted medications in their homes to bring them to the Prescription Drug Round-up scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at the following businesses:

- Homeland, 10700 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City
- Homeland, 1251 Alameda Street, in Norman
- Homeland, 2600 W. Robinson Street, Norman
- Crest Foods, 1315 N. Eastern Ave., Moore

Deputies will be posted at each site to collect prescriptions. Once prescriptions are gathered, they will be taken to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and destroyed.

CCSO sponsored two drug round-up events earlier this year. Deputies collected 280 pounds of medications on March 22 and gathered 415 pounds on June 28. Altogether, citizens have cleared 695 pounds of unwanted prescriptions out of their homes.

Lester established the drug round-up program in 2009 to help people rid their homes of old or excess amounts of medications. Prescription drug abuse can cause illness or even death.

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office is committed to programs that address prescription drug abuse and support ways to eradicate the problem.

"Prescription drug abuse has serious consequences," Lester said. "These round-ups give everyone a chance to toss out medications and ensure they are properly disposed."

Round-ups are sponsored quarterly.

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.