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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Sheriff's Department Sponsors Final Easter Egg Hunt.**

An Easter Egg hunt, sponsored by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, will take place this Saturday, April 7 at Rojas-Pierce Park in the City of Mendota. The event will start at 10:00 am and end at 12:00 noon. The hunt will begin at 11:00 am.

The Sheriff's Department, along with the Fresno County Youth Foundation, sponsored Easter Egg hunts the past few weeks at five west side schools as a reward for students who participated in the Elementary School Safety Program, (ESSP). The ESSP is taught to students, kindergarten through fourth grade, by Community Service Officers from the Sheriff's Department. The program teaches students a variety of safety related issues which include, anti-gangs, drug awareness and bicycle safety among others.

The Sheriff's Foundation purchased a total of approximately 3300 eggs that were divided among the schools based on the amount of students at each school. Students picked 3-4 eggs each. Students that picked eggs that contained a Sheriff's star inside received donated prizes. Prizes included toys, dolls, and stuffed animals. The grand prize at each hunt was a bicycle and helmet.

Grand prize winners included a student in Tranquility who had never had a bicycle before, and another student from Biola whose bicycle had been stolen.

The event scheduled for Mendota's is expected to draw 500-1000 children.

Anyone needing information can contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Area 1 substation at 693-2437.