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### **SHERIFF GOLDEN URGES RESIDENTS TO CLEAN OUT THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS AS PART OF NATIONAL TAKEBACK INITIATIVE**

**Freehold:** Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office will be participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Sept. 26, 2015 from 10am to 2pm. That's the day to dispose of unused, unwanted and expired medicine. This year, the sheriff's office will be hosting two drop off sites located at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski Rd., Freehold and at iPlay America, 110 Schanck Rd., Freehold. A sheriff's officer will be present at both locations.

"We look forward to our added location this year at iPlay America. It provides us with more opportunity to get our unwanted, unused and expired medicine out of our homes and to law enforcement agencies for proper disposal," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Before folks head out to iPlay events on Sept. 26, we ask that they check their medicine cabinets and drop their prescription drugs into the DEA box, which will be located by the front entrance of the facility."

The statewide event, spearheaded by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Jersey Division, raises awareness of prescription drug abuse. According to the DEA, the goal of the program is to allow residents to deliver these medications to law enforcement officials who can dispose of the medications in a safe and non-hazardous manner, preventing them from falling into the hands of youths or into our communities. The program is anonymous and no questions will be asked of participants.

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“It is important that the public become aware of the growing problem of prescription drug abuse among teens,” said Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini, Chief Executive Officer, Preferred Behavioral Health Group. “I commend the sheriff’s office for its participation to this program, since it’s vital that unused, unwanted and expired drugs in medicine cabinets do not end up in the wrong hands.”

“iPlay America is committed to helping the community. By supporting the Drug Take Back program along with the Monmouth County Sherriff’s Office, we help to make certain that prescription drugs are properly disposed of and kept out of the hands of someone who might abuse them,” said Jessica Schwartz, Director of Marketing and Promotions, iPlay America.

In addition to participating in National Take Back Initiative, the sheriff’s office has a permanent collection site, located at the front entrance to the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, which residents can utilize Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00 pm.

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