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Press Release

Today's Date: May 23, 2012
Date & Time Occurred: May 18th to May 20th 2012
Submitted By: Ofc. Gordon Makimoto
Phone: 707-449-5200
Type of Crime/Incident: PAL Judo Event – State Championships

Narrative:

On May 19th and 20th, 2012, seven (7) youth from the Vacaville PAL judo Club competed in the California State Judo Championships in Fresno, California. The tournament was held at the Fresno Convention Center. The tournament was a double elimination tournament. Competitors are grouped by age and weight with no regards to rank. There were over 400 competitors from around the state

The seven (7) Vacaville PAL youth were Mike Fife, 17, Cody Costello, 16, Manuel Alvarez, 17, Justin Johnson, 17, Ronnie Wise, 14, Hunter Costello, 12, and Alexander Makimoto 10.

Cody Costello earned a gold medal. Hunter Costello earned a gold medal. Manuel Alvarez won a silver medal.

Mike Fife had 3 wins and two losses. He was eliminated in the semi-finals. Justin Johnson had 2 wins and 2 losses. Ronnie Wise had an uncontested division and decided to move up to the next weight bracket. He fought hard but was eliminated in two rounds. Alexander Makimoto won three rounds and lost two rounds. He was also eliminated in the semi-final round.

The Vacaville Police Activities League Judo Club is coached by Officers Gordon and Lucy Makimoto of the Vacaville Police Department. For questions about the Vacaville PAL program, please contact Officer Gordon Makimoto at 449-5200 or the Vacaville PAL office at 469-4004. Vacaville PAL judo also has a Facebook page.

The Police Activities League program is one of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the nation. It builds friendships between law enforcement and children within the community. By helping our youth we help the future of our community. The Vacaville Police Activities League is a non-profit organization.