

PROBATION NEWS

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Supporting Positive Change

The mission of the district newsletter is to provide information, news, upcoming events, and program accomplishments to our County Supervisors and their constituents. Our department remains dedicated to building strong partnerships with the goal of providing the best possible services to our community.

In this issue, we cover April 2020:

- ♦ Arrests & Weapon Seizures
- ♦ Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact
- ♦ Youth Detention Facility News

Probation's COVID-19 Response Update

ARRESTS AND WEAPON SEIZURES

10000 Block of White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova (District 4): Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia

During a probation search on a Post Release Community Supervision client's residence, officers recovered a rifle, over 400 rounds of ammunition, and drug paraphernalia. The subject was arrested, transported to the Sacramento County Main Jail, and booked on the following charges: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of Burglary Tools and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia.



PROBATION OFFICERS & PROGRAMS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT



We are thankful for our dispatcher, Diana, for being essential in supporting our officers and protecting community safety.



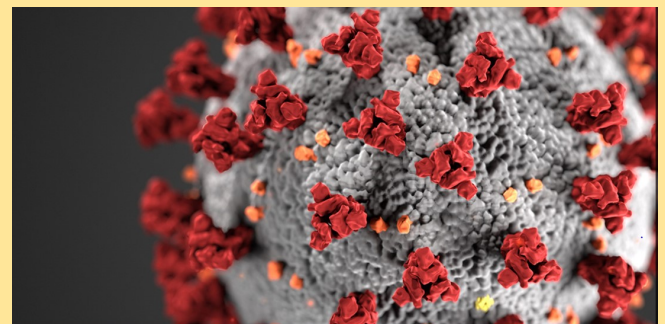
Probation's Officers and Staff Make a Difference by Donating Masks



Staff and local companies have shown their generosity over the last few weeks and donated several essential items to our department. Supervising Probation Officer Jones secured over 500 medical grade face masks from Folsom Mask Makers, ASO 2 Harry donated over 300 face masks, Staff Heravian and Officer Pham assigned to the Youth Detention Facility donated over 250 handmade face masks. Axon Inc. also donated over 350 PPE masks to officers.

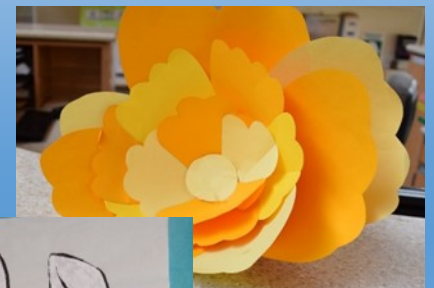
Probation Client Steps Forward into Housing

Deputy Probation Officer Simonidis referred a 50-year-old homeless client to the Sacramento Steps Forward/Project RoomKey program. The client was accepted and checked into the SureStay hotel on April 30. The client can stay through May and possibly June.



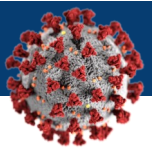
YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY

Due to COVID-19, Easter Sunday was different for youth inside the Youth Detention Facility this year. So YDF staff worked hard to create the best experience possible during the holidays, including hosting the annual Easter Basket Decorating Contest. Housing units joined in this friendly competition of creativity and holiday spirit. One resident gave a presentation on Famous Bunnies in History illustrated with paintings by residents.





PROBATION COVID-19 RESPONSE



Making Health and Safety Our Top Priority

COVID-19 Response April Update:

Probation continues to maintain mission critical operations during the COVID 19 pandemic, serving clients and the public remotely, and following CDC health and safety guidelines and safe distancing measures. A measured, staged return to work in Probation facilities is in the planning stages. Probation is preparing facilities for the safe return of staff by acquiring all necessary Personal Protective Equipment, finalizing new “social distancing” policies and procedures, and preparing facilities and staff to ensure safe social distancing measures will be observed in all operations.

Adult Operations (Adult Community Corrections, Adult Court, Adult Field, and Pre-Trial):

Adult Operations divisions are making every effort possible to effectively supervise clients, stay connected with providers, and support the Court during this crisis. In April, Adult Operations contacted clients by phone and text. Clients may also now check in by email and phone. Officers successfully completed over 100 intakes and over 100 pre-trial assessments, and referred clients to the High Risk Probation Unit, the Adult Day Reporting Centers, and Wellspace Health. Probation continues our partnership with Leaders in Community Alternatives, as they remain connected to clients through support services. Officers also continue to work with allied agencies by providing intelligence on wanted suspects, submitting flash incarcerations, warrants and effectuating arrests for urgent matters involving public safety.

Juvenile Operations: (Juvenile Field, Juvenile Court, and Placement)

Juvenile Operations divisions continue to seek innovative methods for continuing day to day operations with as little disruption to services as possible. Officers continue to partner with County agencies, contract providers, and community based organizations in supporting youth and families. Weekly, and sometimes daily, check ins and Child and Family Team meetings are occurring with both field and placement youth via video conferencing and telephone with over 3,900 contacts during the month of April. Youth continue to be assessed for risk and needs and are referred to appropriate services as needed.

Youth Detention Facility:

YDF has issued guidelines to our law enforcement partners to utilize cite and release in lieu of booking, when it is safe to do so. We are bringing suitable cases for release before the Court, the Public Defender, and the District Attorney. All Medical Health services continue on site with additional health screenings of all new youth prior to acceptance into the facility. All Mental Health services and nutrition, and hygiene needs continue to be provided on site. Enhanced cleanings are conducted daily throughout the facility.