

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



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PROBATION DEPARTMENT

"The mission of this newsletter is to inform our County Supervisors and their constituents of events and program accomplishments. Probation is dedicated to Supporting Positive Change by building strong partnerships and providing the best possible services to our community."

Lee Seale
Chief Probation Officer

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BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR PROBATION OFFICERS

With Supervisor Serna's assistance and the Board of Supervisors approval, Probation is continuing the process to acquire Body Worn Cameras for all armed officers. This effort will increase transparency between law enforcement and the community while safeguarding the privacy of Probation's clients.

"Thank you, Chair Serna, for your leadership in this endeavor. Your support means so much to me and to everyone in the Probation Department."

Lee Seale, Chief Probation Officer

UNIVERSAL TRAUMA TRAINING

Probation and Child Family and Adult Services are leading countywide implementation of a grant from Health Net, LLC that has supported development of a universal trauma curriculum that will be used to train multiple county departments and community-based providers. The curriculum addresses three main learning objectives:

- ♦ What is Community Childhood Trauma?
- ♦ Why Does Trauma Matter?
- ♦ What Can We Do?

The project utilizes a train-the-trainer model. Forty individuals employed by the County and community agencies have completed the training. Rollout will begin in January 2021.



Keeping Our Community Safe



OFFICER GOES THE DISTANCE TO RETRIEVE WEAPON

December 1, 2020: An officer assigned to the Investigations and Supervision Unit (ISU) received a Proposition 63 referral regarding a firearm registered to a probation client, currently in custody, who is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. After conducting an investigation, the officer found the subject's mother was in possession of the firearm in Lake County. Going above and beyond, the officer traveled to Lake County, safely took possession of the firearm and booked it for safekeeping

OFFICERS FIND DRUGS HIDDEN IN HOUSEHOLD CONTAINERS



Officers in the Investigations and Supervision Unit (ISU) conducted a probation search of a subject's residence, as officers believed the subject was still engaging in narcotics sales. ISU Officers located over 145 grams of methamphetamine hidden in containers disguised as household items. The subject was arrested and booked into

the Sacramento Main Jail and is pending a Violation of Probation and charges of Possession of a Designated Substance for Sale and Possession of a Non-Narcotic Substance for Sale.

PROBATION SEARCH UNCOVERS MAJOR EDD FRAUD

DISTRICT 3

December 3, 2020: 4000 Block of Watt Avenue Probation Officers, with the assistance of the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, conducted a compliance check at the residence of a probation client. During a search of the subject's residence, officers discovered one undetectable firearm without DOJ serialized marking, a pistol magazine containing three live 9mm rounds, large amounts of dry/processed marijuana, a digital scale, narcotics packaging, over \$58,000 in U.S. Currency, and an excess of 40 items/documents of various persons' names suspected to be related to California EDD fraud/identity theft.



[District Attorney Media Release](#)
[Sacramento CBS Local News Story](#)



Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 3 CONTINUED

Springhaven Circle

Officers assigned to the North Area Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) contacted a subject on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) in front of a home on Springhaven Circle. A search of the subject's car revealed a loaded pistol.

Upon learning the residence was the home of a second subject on formal probation and PRCS, officers contacted the second subject and conducted a residence search with assistance from Adult Field, Juvenile Field, and Sheriff's deputies.

The residence search recovered approximately 14 pounds of marijuana, a partial bottle of promethazine, more than \$1,000 cash, and a cash-counting machine. A search of the first subject's home on 2nd Street revealed more than 13 pounds of marijuana, Norco prescription pills, evidence of promethazine sales, additional gun magazines and ammunition, and more than \$10,000 in cash. Both subjects were arrested for PRCS flash incarcerations pending add-booking for drug dealing and gun crimes.



DISTRICT 4

December 17, 2020 Folsom

An ADRC Central officer provided information to the Folsom Police Department regarding the whereabouts of a subject on probation who was wanted in a string of auto burglaries and identity theft in the Folsom area. The information led Folsom police officers to a hotel room in Rancho Cordova where the subject was staying. The subject was arrested for Auto Burglary, Identity Theft, Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia.

DISTRICT 5



2200 Block of Longport Court Elk Grove
Officers from the Juvenile Field Impact Services team conducted a home visit and search of a subject on Juvenile Searchable Probation. While conducting the search, officers encountered a second subject who was hiding in the bathroom. A records check revealed the second subject was on Post Release Community Supervision and had three outstanding No Bail warrants. A search of the second subject's belongings recovered a pair of brass knuckles, a smoking pipe, and methamphetamine. The second subject was arrested for the outstanding warrants and is pending charges of Possession of Metal Knuckles, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Stun Gun, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



Making A Positive Impact

CPOC AWARDS LAETESIA IBLE FOR EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) awarded Laetesia Ible, Probation's Senior Administrative Analyst, with a 2020 Affiliate Employee of the Year Award for her excellent leadership as Regional Chair of the Probation Managers Business Association (PBMA). Ms. Ible was also elected to serve as the PBMA Secretary/Treasurer in 2021.



"Ms. Ible's professional leadership serves as a model for other PBMA members, especially when faced with a challenging task in challenging times. Her dedication to keeping communication flowing within PBMA has been a positive note during this hectic year."

PBMA Award Brochure

DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ) REALIGNMENT UPDATE

The DJJ Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council subcommittee is planning a public forum to select three or more community members or advocates with experience in providing youth services and or with direct involvement in the juvenile justice system

Probation is creating a website to inform the public about DJJ Realignment, the public forum, and membership requirements.

Probation continues to work closely with County Counsel to address new and urgent issues related to DJJ realignment and is preparing for young adults (18 years of age and older) to be housed at the Youth Detention Facility.

PROBATION UNIT HANDLES EARLY PRISON RELEASES

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is currently applying [Positive Programming Credits](#) (PPC) to eligible inmates housed in the county jails, due to CDCR slowing down their intake process. PPC will provide 12 weeks of credit to inmates eligible as of July 9, 2020. Some of these clients are being released to Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

The Screening, Intake and Assessment (SIA) AB 109 Intake Unit has done an admirable job over the past several months conducting intakes and assessments on newly released clients on PRCS. They continue to work tirelessly to ensure clients released to the community are being supervised appropriately and are receiving necessary services to assist with reentry into the community.

AGE OF MAJORITY UNIT CLIENT SUCCESS

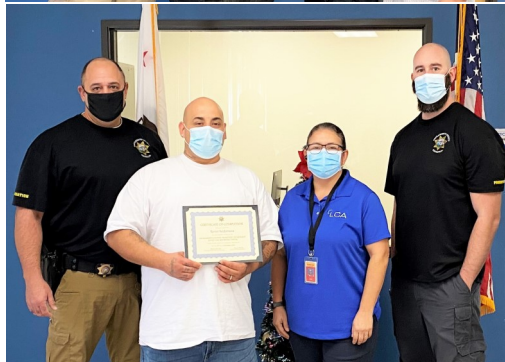
A client assigned to the Age of Majority unit for over two years has participated in the Sacramento Region Conservation Corps for education and counseling and Strategies for Change. In August 2020, the client became a fulltime employee in the kitchen at Sutter Hospital. The client has been motivated and taken advantage of the services available through the Probation Department and successfully graduated from Strategies for Change in December 2020. On December 17, 2020, the client's probation record was terminated and sealed. The client later thanked the assigned probation officer for assistance and guidance during the past two years.

Thank you to our Community Partners

[Strategies for Change](#)
[Sutter Health](#)

ADULT DAY REPORTING CENTER SOUTH GRADUATION

Seven ADRC South clients completed the rigorous program requirements and graduated during December. Officers presented graduate certificates individually due to COVID contact restrictions.



FIRST DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER TRANSFER ACADEMY CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA

Probation held a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Transfer Academy in December. In attendance were fourteen new DPOs, four officers from Sacramento County and ten from outside counties including Alameda, Santa Clara, Placer, and Napa. Probation adhered to all COVID-19 health and safety protocols throughout the training.

DPO core curriculum is required to ensure officers meet minimum qualifications as prescribed under Section 1031 of the California Government Code and Section 1002 of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. The Board of State and Community Corrections certify DPO Core trainings, verifying Probation has the staffing, experience, and expertise to provide these trainings to sworn probation personnel. This was a significant accomplishment for Probation and for the County.



SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Lead agencies in collaboration with community stakeholders complete the County System Improvement Plan (SIP) every five years. The SIP outlines the County plan for improvement activities of Probation and the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services and focuses on performance outcome measures identified as priorities for improvement. The next five-year SIP will go into effect on May 30, 2022, and will thereafter be reviewed annually for progress and improvement. The next step in developing the SIP includes the County Self-Assessment and Peer Reviews, which will help drive the development of the SIP.

- Probation's Placement Unit (Placement) is reviewing data in preparation for the final SIP Progress Report due May 30, 2021.
- Placement representatives participated in the SIP 4 Year Progress Report Planning Meeting in November via Zoom.



Ending 2020 In The Holiday Spirit

PLACEMENT UNIT LENDS A HELPING HAND

Placement officers worked diligently to complete paperwork for an Extended Foster Care youth whose grandmother was hospitalized. The family needed food assistance, and officers immediately connected them with the Del Paso Boulevard food closet, set-up CalFresh, provided an array of additional resources and services, and coordinated with Juvenile Field to provide a turkey for the family. The youth's uncle thanked officers for their assistance:

"Received (turkey) Thx for going the extra mile. I told this boy he doesn't know how blessed he is. When I grew up in south Texas, you do or do without. Thank you for always providing a helping hand!"

AGE OF MAJORITY UNIT SPREADS CHEER

The challenges of the pandemic did not discourage the Age of Majority (AOM) Unit from spreading holiday cheer. The AOM delivered toys and boxes of food to 45 families on their caseloads. The toys were received through a collaboration with the Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project, and the Salvation Army donated boxes of food items and frozen chickens. The greatest rewards were the smiles and gratitude from families receiving the gifts.



COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN UNIT SPREADS JOY

The Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Unit received gift cards from the Soroptimist International of Folsom El Dorado Hills. Officers also chose gifts from an inventory of donated items for distribution to CSEC youth and their families.



GIVING FROM THE HEART

Probation officers and administrative professionals donated toys and everyday items to children, teens, disabled adults, and seniors through the County's annual Gifts from the Heart program.



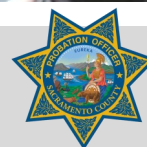
YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY (YDF) DECORATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

During the annual Winter Decorating contest, YDF residents and staff worked together to create larger than life sized displays of holiday spirit. For inspiration, each housing unit recreated a scene from their favorite holiday movie. Themes included The Polar Express, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Charlie Brown Christmas, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, and National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Judges picked their favorite virtually and selected Frosty the Snowman as this year's winner.



JUVENILE DIVISION GIVES HOPE TO KIDS AT SHRINERS

Officers from the Juvenile Field division volunteered at the drive thru Shriners toy drive and donation event at Cal Expo. The California Highway Patrol, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department hosted the event. All donations received at the event go toward patient care at Shriners Hospital.



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