

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



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"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."

Marlon Yarber
Interim Chief Probation Officer

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SUCCESS HAPPENS

FAREWELL TO CHIEF SEALE THANK YOU FOR EIGHT GREAT YEARS!

Chief Probation Officer, Lee Seale, announced his resignation from the Sacramento County Probation Department on Monday April 19, 2021.

Chief Seale began his career with the Probation Department in April 2013 and accomplished a great deal in a short time. During his eight years with the department, Chief Seale has been at the forefront of promoting positive change by applying innovative methods for assisting clients while increasing safety in the community.



View [Probation's farewell video](#).

Chief Seale was selected by a unanimous vote to serve as the next Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento. He will begin working in his new position in June 2021.

Probation staff will truly miss Chief Seale's excellent leadership and dedication to our department. On behalf of Sacramento County Probation, we wish him well in his new position.





Welcome Interim Chief Marlon Yarber



Marlon Yarber was appointed Sacramento County Interim Chief Probation Officer in April 2021. He began his career with Sacramento County Probation in 2013. He provided oversight of Adult Operations between 2013 and 2018 and then transitioned to Juvenile Operations. Before joining Sacramento County, Yarber served as Deputy Probation Officer for the Stanislaus County Probation Department working with gangs and high-risk adult offenders.

He transitioned to the state and worked for the State of California, Office of Criminal Justice Planning overseeing the landmark Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. He was later appointed Deputy Director for the Corrections Standards Authority overseeing a variety of federal and state initiatives in California including Juvenile Justice Realignment.

In 2011, Yarber returned to community corrections as the Assistant Chief and Interim Chief Probation Officer for the Yolo County Probation Department.

In the same year, he was awarded the Kirkpatrick Professional Development Award in recognition of his work to reduce disparities in the criminal justice system. Yarber was a 2016 Annie E. Case Foundation nominee and holds certifications in leadership and facilitation and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California, Davis.



"As we bid Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale goodbye, I welcome the honor and privilege to serve as Interim Chief Probation Officer. Under Chief Seale, our department has become a statewide leader in the field of Probation and similar to many of you, I am proud to have been part of that transformation. On behalf of the department and all of our system partners, I would like to thank him for his leadership over the past eight years. As we pivot to a new era within the department, I will point out that not only is my role changing significantly, but so is that of Assistant Chief Probation Officer Julie Wherry as she assumes responsibility for both Adult and Juvenile Operations as well as Professional Standards. The current transition would not be possible without her support and the commitment by leaders at every level within the department – specifically administrative professionals, line staff, supervisors and managers. Moving forward, it is our hope to provide a degree of stability that will ensure a seamless transition. With sustained focus on our mission, I know we will continue to be at the forefront of promoting positive change." - Marlon Yarber, Interim Chief Probation Officer

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Julie Wherry

Julie Wherry was appointed to Assistant Chief Probation Officer (ACPO) in March 2018. She started employment as a Probation Aide assigned to the Youth Detention Facility and over two decades, acquired extensive experience in court and field operations, program and policy implementation, facility management and expansion, enhancing department training, media communications, and personnel relations.

ACPO Wherry is well versed in the planning, implementation, and operations of the Adult Day Reporting Centers, and is committed to holding individuals accountable, yet also values alternatives to incarceration to reduce harm while providing support and stability to clients and their families.

ACPO Wherry currently oversees the operation of the

Pre-Trial Release and Monitoring program, a transition to provide risk-based assessments on individuals in custody to be considered for release in lieu of a release system based on wealth.

Wherry values collaboration, empowerment, innovative ideas, efficient processes, continuous improvement, and data outcomes.

ACPO Wherry is a California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) graduate and a member of the CSUS Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.





Recovery Court In the Spotlight

Since 1995, the Sacramento County Recovery Court program has been an effective, evidence-based solution to addiction and criminal behavior.

Formerly Known As Drug Court

Sacramento County launched the Drug Court Pilot Program in May 1995, using the first national drug court established in 1989 in Miami-Dade County, Florida as a model.

The Drug Court Pilot was a collaborative effort between law enforcement and health officials.

Program goals included increasing awareness of drug abuse/addiction, increasing the ability of participants to live drug-free, providing clients access to community resources that support positive lifestyle changes, and reducing drug related crime and recidivism.



The First Drug Court Judge
The Honorable Gerald S. Bakarich

In December 1995, Drug Court received a federal grant to continue its efforts on a larger scale.



Drug Court Staff 1995



Interim Chief, Marlon Yarber, accepts the Board of Supervisors Resolution honoring the Drug Court on its 20th Anniversary



Garden Bench dedicated to Drug Court located at the Bill Bean, Jr. Memorial Park where clients learn gardening skills and receive nutrition education



Chief Deputy Michele Vela-Payne with a proud 2014 Drug Court grad

Recovery Court

Drug Court was restructured and renamed Recovery Court, an effective, evidence-based solution to addiction and criminal behavior.

Because they don't serve prison time, Recovery Court graduates save the County and state thousands of dollars in prison

costs. Even non-graduates serve one-third the prison time compared to those who did not participate in the Recovery Court Program.

In January 2020, the Recovery Court Unit opened its doors to allow for expansion of the Recovery Treatment Center.

Recovery Treatment Center (RTC)

People arrested for non-violent drug related offenses, violations of probation, or certain property crimes may participate in the RTC program for approximately 8 to 12 months.

The RTC provides on-site:

- Outpatient drug/alcohol treatment
- Individual and group counseling
 - Family counseling
 - Nutrition Education
 - Gardening
 - Yoga
- Pro-social activities
- Mental health services
- Frequent drug testing
- Probation supervision in the community

The RTC also offers detox, residential, and sober living for clients who qualify.

Offenders who are accepted are placed on probation while their State Prison or County Jail Prison sentence is suspended pending program completion.



Recovery Court Staff 2021



Keeping Our Community Safe

ALL DISTRICTS Gang Violence Suppression Sweep

April 15, 2021

Officers assigned to the Juvenile Field Age of Majority (AOM) Unit participated in an after-hours Gang Violence Suppression (GVS) sweep to perform compliance checks on probationers assigned to juvenile field. The GVS Operation is part of a grant collaboration with the City of Sacramento to address gang violence in areas hardest hit by gun violence and gang activity. The purpose of the operation was to ensure compliance with clients' Terms and Conditions of Probation. Six home visits and probation searches were conducted resulting in, one Violation of Probation, and one fresh arrest for Felon in Possession of Ammunition.



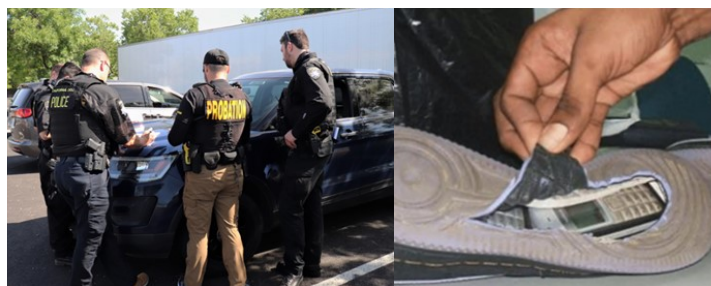
GVS Sweep Results:

- Home Visits Attempted: 8
- Probation Search Conducted: 6
- Fresh Arrests: 1
- Drugs Seized: Approx. 84 grams marijuana
- Ammunition Seized: 15 round extended magazine
- Surveillance/Intel Gathering: 1

SAFE Team Sweep

April 29, 2021

Adult Field probation officers coordinated Probation/Parole compliance checks on registered sex offenders to ensure compliance with their Terms and Conditions of Probation/Parole and their requirement to register as sex offenders. The compliance checks were conducted by the Sacramento Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) Team comprised of officers from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento County Probation Department, Sacramento Police Department, and Parole. They were further assisted by Juvenile Field probation officers, Elk Grove Police Department, and Department Of Justice. One subject was arrested for Felony Warrants for Battery Against a Peace Officer and for a Stolen Vehicle. Further investigation will be conducted on hidden electronics that were recovered.



SAFE Sweep Results:

- Home Visits and Searches: 24
- Home Visits Attempted: 17
- Warrant Arrests: 1
- Surveillance/Intel Gathering: 1

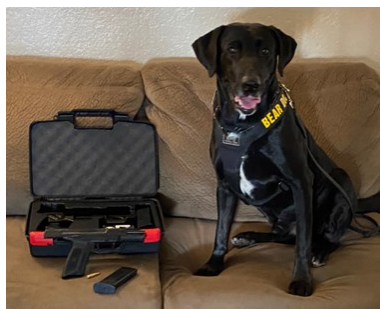
All officers involved in these operations adhered to the safety guidelines in place by Sacramento County in response to COVID-19. Officers Personal Protective Equipment and had additional masks for individuals contacted in the home.

DISTRICT 1

April 16, 2021

8900 Block of Rosewood Drive

Officers assigned to the Adult Field Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) South Unit conducted a residential search of a subject on PRCS. Officers recovered an empty firearm box, empty firearm magazine, and multiple rounds of live ammunition. With the assistance of a K-9 Unit from the California Department of Justice (DOJ), officers were alerted to a fully loaded firearm located behind a futon in the subject's room. The subject was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail and is pending charges of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person.



April 27, 2021

8745 Folsom Blvd

A subject reported for an office appointment at the Folsom Boulevard Probation location with Adult Day Reporting (ADRC) Central officers. The subject reportedly did not drive to the appointment, but upon leaving the appointment, the subject was witnessed entering a vehicle that was reported stolen out of Santa Rosa. He subject was arrested and booked into the Sacramento Main Jail and is pending charges of Vehicle Theft and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle.

April 28, 2021

9500 Block of Folsom Boulevard



Detectives with the California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team Unit (Cal-MMET), in conjunction with the Probation Department and Rancho Cordova Police Depart-

ment conducted a search of a subject on Formal Searchable Probation. Officers recovered methamphetamine, heroine, narcotic packing material, and a digital scale. The subject was arrested and booked into Sacramento Main Jail and is pending charges for Possession of Controlled Substance for Sale and Possession of Non-Narcotic Substance for Sale.

DISTRICT 2

April 13, 2021

7700 Block of 39th Avenue

Officers assigned to the Family Violence Unit conducted a residential search of a subject on Formal Searchable Probation. Officers recovered methamphetamine, narcotics pipes, and capsules of hydrocodone, suboxone, and buprenorphine. The subject was arrested and booked into the Sacramento Main Jail and is pending charges of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia, Possession of a Dangerous Controlled Substance, and Possession of Narcotics.



DISTRICT 3

April 5, 2021

Officers assigned to the Investigations and Supervision Unit conducted a residential probation search of a subject on Formal Searchable Probation. During the search, officers recovered a loaded handgun, and live ammunition. A second subject who was already pending charges for

Carrying a Loaded Firearm and Carrying a Loaded Unregistered Firearm was arrested and booked into the Sacramento Main Jail pending charges for Accessory and Illegal Transfer of a Firearm



DISTRICT 5

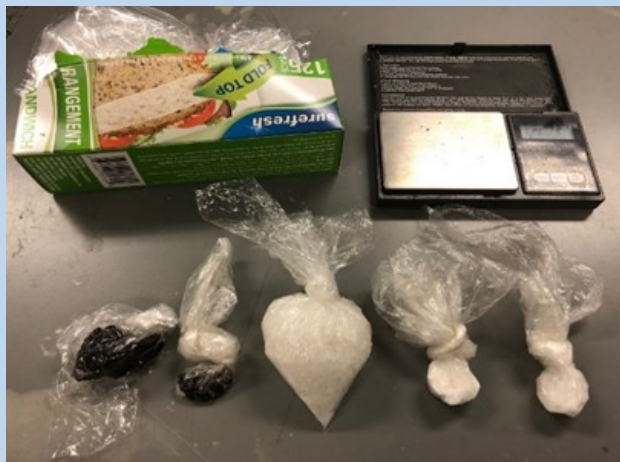
April 5, 2021

10500 Block of Peter A. McCuen Avenue

Central ADRC officers conducted a compliance check of a subject on Formal Searchable Probation. The search recovered over \$5,000, oxycodone pills, marijuana, a digital scale and a couple pocket knives. The subject was arrested and booked into Sacramento Main Jail on a Violation of Probation and Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale.



COLLABORATIONS



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April 28, 2021

Elk Grove Burglary Sweep

Officers assigned to the South ADRC Unit assisted Elk Grove PD with a "high visibility" sweep to address area businesses impacted by a series of recent burglaries and shoplifting. Probation compliance checks were also conducted on subjects known to be on Probation in Sacramento County, primarily with theft-related convictions. The event resulted in:

- Five (5) probation searches
- Three (3) violations of probation filed
- One (1) arrest



Legislation Impacting Probation

FAMILIES OVER FEES ACT ASSEMBLY BILL 1869

Beginning July 1, 2021 the Families Over Fees Act (Assembly Bill 1869) will go into effect. This bill permanently ends the assessment and collection of 23 administrative fees in the criminal justice system incurred by justice involved individuals.

These fees include the cost of booking and arrest, work release programs, home detention, electronic monitoring, probation supervision, and the cost of public defense. The bill also eliminates the requirement to pay these fees if they were previously assessed.

The bill is expected to have both immediate and long-term positive effects on justice-involved individuals, helping remove a significant financial barrier to successfully exiting the criminal justice system.



Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Probation Officers Provide Emergency Aid to Community Member in Vehicle Fire

Officers assigned to the Adult Field and Family Violence Units noticed a parked van at a Light Rail Station emitting smoke. They also observed a man in a non-functioning wheel chair outside of the van and stopped to render aid. The man stated there were no other occupants of the van. Shortly thereafter, embers exited the van's engine, and officers contacted dispatch requesting emergency fire response. Firefighters responded and successfully contained the fire. The man was reunited with his family who assisted in returning him home.



ADULT OPERATIONS

Northern California Construction Training Project

The Sacramento County Probation Department (Probation) commissioned the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program to build an outdoor “Pull Up Bar and Dip Station” to provide officers with safe outdoor exercise equipment at Probation’s Folsom Boulevard office. The project began in June of 2020, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, it took some time to complete. NCCT instructor Jack Maberry and his students started and completed the project on April 23, 2021.

Probation and NCCT have maintained an excellent professional relationship for many years. There are fourteen Probation clients currently enrolled at NCCT. As Covid-19 restrictions lift, Probation will continue to utilize NCCT and our Probation students for projects in the future.



Thank you [NCCT](#) for your partnership and assistance in helping clients be successful.



Probation Provides Community Pharmaceutical Medication Surrender Bin

Saturday April 24 was National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Allowed medications such as prescription and over the counter medications, medicated lotions and ointments, and pet medications can be safely disposed of at the Sacramento County Probation Department located at 8745 Folsom Blvd.

The Pharmaceutical Medication Surrender Bin is located in the Recovery Treatment Center public lobby and available Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

The [United States Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)](#) encourages everyone to participate by safely disposing of their unused or expired prescription drugs in an authorized drug drop box to keep the public safe and to prevent the misuse of medication.

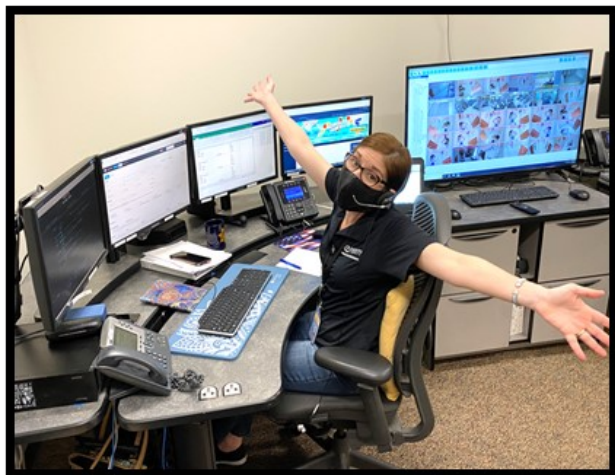
Medication disposal is a simple 3-step process!

Easy as 1-2-3! Follow These Steps:

- 1  Obscure personal info from containers & recycle them.
- 2  Place pills in clear zipper bag. Keep liquids & creams in packaging.
- 3  Place zipper pill bag & liquids and creams in their original containers into the bin.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (Radio Dispatchers Week)

During National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, Probation recognized our radio dispatchers and the vital role they play. Our radio dispatchers' dedication and attention to detail helps keep our officers well-informed and safe while they serve the community. We are thankful for their commitment and hard work.



JUVENILE OPERATIONS

April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Help Sacramento increase efforts to prevent child abuse, by helping children, families, and communities thrive. Probation is standing up against child abuse by joining our partners to protect the children in our community. Probation's Juvenile Field Services Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Unit provides a comprehensive and collaborative response to ensure that commercially sexually exploited children are identified and receive the services they need to overcome trauma and live healthy, productive lives.



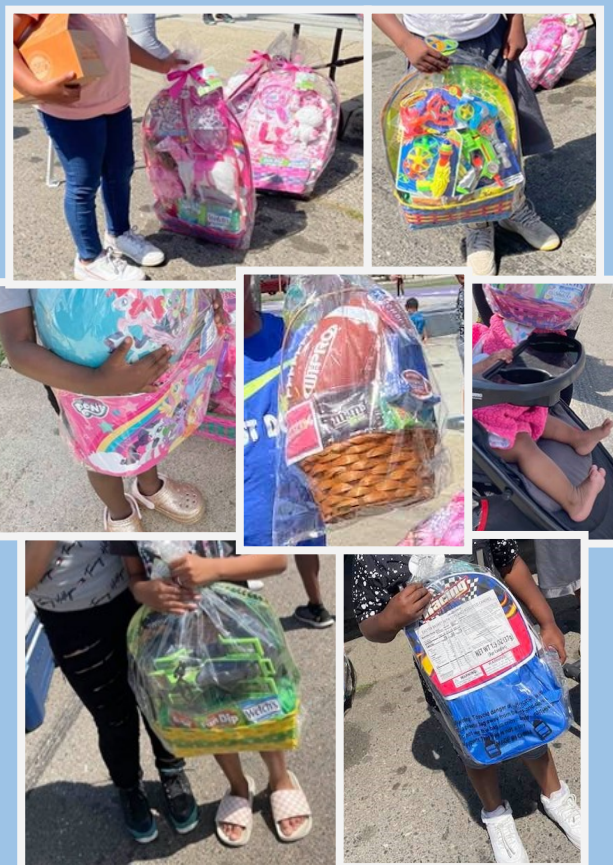
To access the Prevention Resource Guide and other resources from the [Child Abuse Prevention Month website](#).

Additional resources are available through the [California Department of Social Services](#).

Easter Basket Give-Away



On April 2, Probation officers assigned to Juvenile Field assisted the Easter Bunny by participating in the Easter Basket Give-Away, providing 85 beautiful, fun-filled Easter baskets and 250 meals to children and families in need.





Drug Court Client Reaches Final Level

On April 26, 2021 a client who was ordered to attend drug classes graduated to his final level of Drug Court. Probation officers and staff are supporting him in his journey to successfully complete the program.

ADULT OPERATIONS

DUI Treatment Court Client Testimonial



"The most important thing in my life was having two-to-three drinks to make me feel better.

[The DUI program] turned out to be one of the best things that ever happened to me in my life. . . Everybody is so supportive. They ride you hard, but they have to. I'm thankful for them.

Believe me - You'll want to hug everyone out there who has helped you through all this."

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