

# 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  
Chief Probation Officer

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### New Assistant Chief Probation Officer Shawn Ayala

We are happy to announce the appointment of Shawn Ayala to the position of Assistant Chief Probation Officer over Adult Operations.

Asst. Chief Ayala started employment as an On Call Probation Assistant assigned to the Sacramento County Boys Ranch and during his career has acquired extensive administrative and operational experience in Adult Field, Juvenile Field, Juvenile Court, Administration, Placement, and Adult Court. He also worked at the secure Youth Detention Facility.

An innovator when it comes to technology and data driven analysis, Asst. Chief Ayala was instrumental in the development of Probation's electronic data dashboard, enhancing accuracy and transparency in publishing public data and data sharing. His contributions have improved accessibility and performance in our department, with justice partners locally and throughout California.

Asst. Chief Ayala supports initiatives relating to Mental Health Diversion, Treatment, and Supervision, and alternatives to incarceration. He spearheaded the planning, organizing and implementation of the Pre-Trial program in Adult Court Services with the goal of diverting warrants and implementing supportive services to our adult client population in collaboration with our justice partners. He was also instrumental in the automation of the Public Safety Assessment, which is helping to reduce the jail population and provide opportunities for eligible clients to remain in the community while pending court proceedings.

Over the years, Asst. Chief Ayala has worked collaboratively with the Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, Police, Department of Health Services, California Highway Patrol, community based organizations, and stakeholders to develop evidence based programs.

Asst. Chief Ayala holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminology from Southern Oregon State College and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University Sacramento. He served as a Law Enforcement Managers Association (LEMA) Board member for ten years.

He teaches courses in Laws of Arrest and Search & Seizure at the Probation Academy and serves as a department Range Instructor.



## CAPSA Sacramento Region Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Chief Deputy Michele Vela-Payne, recipient of the 2021 California Association of Probation Services Administrators (CAPSA) Sacramento Region Employee of the Year Award.

Recipients of the CAPSA Regional Employee of the Year Award are nominated and selected by their CAPSA colleagues within their respective regions. CAPSA is an affiliate of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and assists CPOC in developing correctional standards throughout the state; assuming a leadership role in the mobilization, coordination, and implementation of correctional programs that provide for public protection and the prevention of crime and delinquency; and providing service to the courts.



## Keeping Our Community Safe

### DISTRICT 1

January 10, 2022  
3500 Block of San Jose Way, Sacramento

Officers with the Adult Field Gang Suppression unit contacted an adult on Post Release Community Supervision. A search of the individual recovered a loaded Ghost gun firearm with no serial number in a jacket pocket. During a search of the adult's residence, officers located a high capacity magazine. The adult was arrested on multiple charges including Felon in Possession of a Firearm.



January 27, 2022

100 Block of Cedro Circle, Sacramento

### K-9 Officer Hope Assists Search

Officers assigned to the Gang Suppression unit conducted a vehicle search of an adult on Post Release Community Supervision. With the help of Probation's K-9 Officer Hope, officers recovered a stolen loaded handgun. The adult was arrested and is pending a charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm.



## DISTRICT 2

January 4, 2022

2700 Block of Meadowvale Avenue, Sacramento

Officers assigned to the Adult Community Corrections division received a call for assistance to arrest an adult with two active No Bail warrants. During the officers' research, they discovered a second adult on Formal Probation with an active No Bail warrant and known mental health concerns was also residing at the home. In addition, there were reports the second adult previously made threats with a knife to harm the children in the house. Officers were able to peacefully make contact and arrest the second adult. Officers also contacted Child Protective Services to ensure the safety of the children in the home

January 4, 2022

5700 Block of Falconer Way, Sacramento

Officers assigned to the Investigations and Supervision Unit conducted a probation search at the home of an adult on formal searchable probation. Officers recovered a loaded handgun in the backpack of a second individual. The firearm was a Ghost gun, a loaded Glock 22 .40 caliber handgun with no serial number. The individual was arrested and is pending charges of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person.



January 26, 2022

3500 Block of Florin Road, Sacramento

Officers assigned to Juvenile Field conducted a school visit at Luther Burbank High School after receiving information that a youth on juvenile probation had possibly been in possession of a gun the week prior. A probation search of the youth's backpack revealed a loaded Glock 9mm pistol.

During a probation search of the youth's residence, officers located an additional 27 round magazine. The youth was arrested for Possession of a Firearm by a Minor, Possession of a Firearm on School Grounds, and several other charges.



## DISTRICT 3

January 19, 2022

1400 Block of Hood Road, Sacramento

Officers from the Prop 63 Investigation unit\* conducted a home visit to check the status of several registered firearms by an adult on probation. During the investigation, the adult admitted to releasing the firearms to another party without finishing the necessary transfer of ownership paperwork. Officers located and seized the weapons at the second adult's residence and booked them for safekeeping.



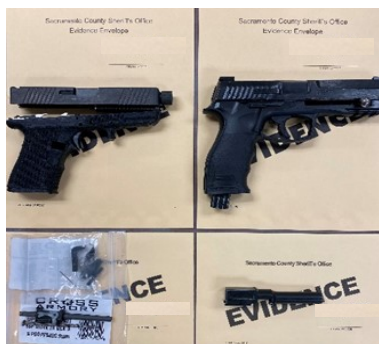
\* California's Proposition 63 initiative, enacted in 2016, created Penal Code Section 29810. This code section prohibits individuals convicted of any felony and over forty qualifying misdemeanors from further owning and/or possessing any firearm, ammunition, magazines, etc. In addition Penal Code Section 29810 requires these individuals to relinquish their firearms.



## DISTRICT 3 (CONT'D)

January 27, 2022  
1400 Block of Fulton Avenue, Sacramento

Officers assigned to the Juvenile Field division planned and conducted a probation search of a youth's residence, after it was reported the youth had a firearm. The search revealed a 3-D printed Glock style firearm, an air pistol for pepper balls, Glock style upper and lower parts for a firearm, and an unmarked barrel for a Glock style firearm. The youth was arrested on charges of Possession of Firearm by a Minor.



## DISTRICT 4

January 20, 2022  
7700 Block of Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights

Adult Community Corrections officers followed up on a call for service on an adult on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). It was reported the adult previously assaulted their mother and stepfather with a firearm, threatening to kill them. The adult was arrested on the assault charges. A search at the address of record recovered a hidden firearm in the adult's bedroom. The individual was arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm.



## Probation in the Community

### SAFE Team Compliance Checks

In honor of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Probation's Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team Task Force, in collaboration with Juvenile Field and Sacramento County Sheriff Deputies, conducted probation compliance checks and searches. The purpose of the sweep was to contact sex offenders who have victimized individuals by means of human trafficking and ensure compliance with their Terms and Conditions of Probation to include registering as a sex offender.



Officers also focused on contacting Commercially Sexually Exploited Children and survivors to reinforce the services available to them if needed. Officers were also joined by representative from the Sacramento based organization, Community Against Sexual Harm for counsel as needed.

## Black Child Legacy Campaign Partnership in January



Probation is proud to partner with Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC) every month. In January, we:

- Provided 50 sack lunches and cold weather accessories to the homeless in Sacramento.
- Participated in a “pop up” event at the Liberty Towers BCLC site. A probation client participated in a free t-shirt making event with several of her friends and family members, where they made memorial shirts to celebrate the life of a beloved family member. Clients listened to music, made t-shirts, and enjoyed a pizza party.
- Provided Kings tickets to one family.
- Provided diapers to four families.

Thank you for carrying out this important work, BCLC.



## Officers and Programs Making a Positive Impact

### Good News from Addie Young – Assistant Public Defender

My client had been going through it a bit despite doing really well in Mental Health Treatment Court.

My client's bike had been stolen recently and his phone had also gotten messed up. He relies on his bike as a positive outlet and for fitness.

I contacted Probation to see if they could help, and boy did they come through. It's days like these where I am reminded again that we work with the very best people.

Pictured here are my client and Deputy Probation Officer, Kevin Cadena, just in case you all needed some good news today.

Thanks again!







# Success Happens

## Adult Day Reporting Center Graduations

On January 19, 2022, seven clients graduated from ADRC Central. The graduation ceremony had to be cancelled due to COVID, but officers made individual contact with the clients to present their certificates.



## Congratulations to our Client for Achieving Multiple Goals

One of our clients worked diligently to complete the Re-Entry Court program. Our client completed and graduated the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) program as well as the Re-Entry Program by attending all classes, remaining drug and alcohol free, and obtaining both part-time and full-time employment.

## Probation Units and Community Partners Helped Youth Clients Achieve Success in January

Youth Client Successes	Juvenile Field Services Unit/Program	# Clients
Completed Programs	Community Based Supervision	3
	Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) / Juvenile Justice Diversion and Treatment Program (JJDTDP)	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>
Employment	Community Based Supervision	2
	CSEC/JJDTDP	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>
Enrolled in School	CSEC/JJDTDP	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>
Graduated High School	CSEC/JJDTDP	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>



## Year in Review



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# Probation's January Community Partners

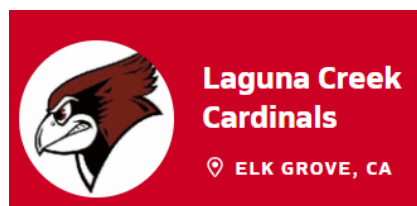


**BLACK CHILD  
LEGACY**  
C A M P A I G N

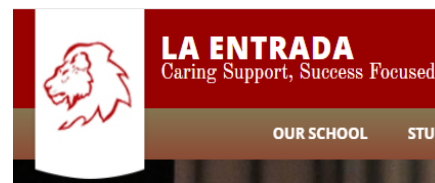


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Behavioral Health Services



**River Oak**  
Center for Children



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