

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



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THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY
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.”

Marlon Yarber
Chief Probation Officer

Sacramento County Employee Giving Campaign 5k

The Sacramento County Employee Giving Campaign 5k was held on October 31, 2024. Several of our Probation staff participated in this event that supports local and national charity organizations that make a positive impact in the community. In addition to the 5k, Probation staff contributed \$11,514.65 to local and national non-profits during the October campaign.

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2024 Employee Giving Campaign
GROWING TOGETHER, GIVING BACK



Staff Spotlight

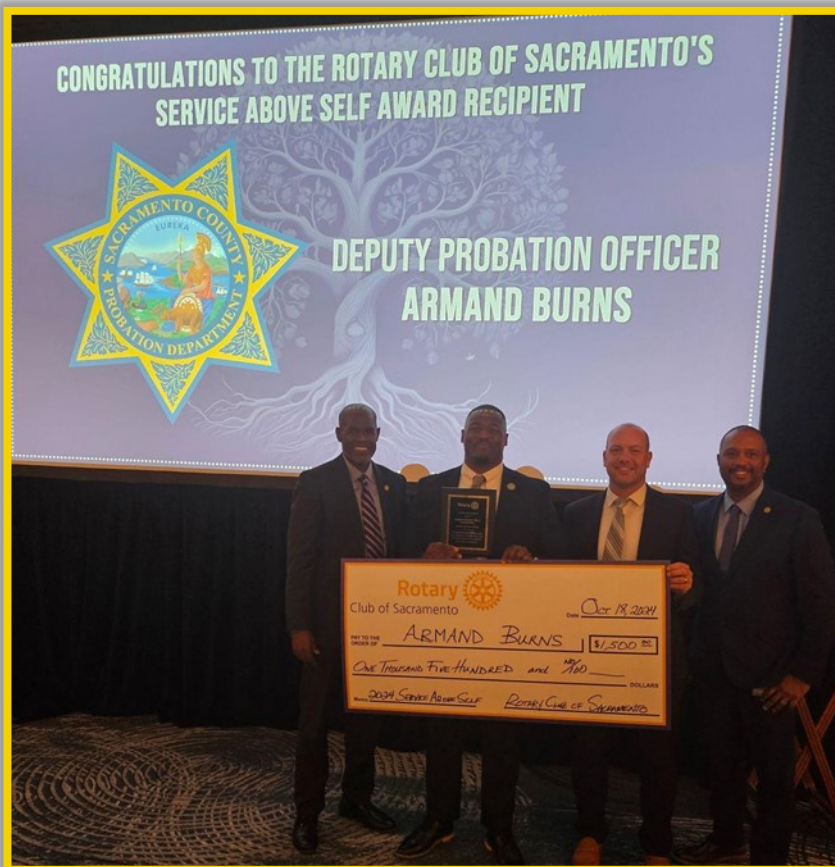
Probation Mission Statement

“The Sacramento County Probation Department provides clients with the assessment, treatment, supervision and support necessary to prevent re-offending, resulting in a safer community. Our highly skilled, multi-disciplinary workforce uses innovative strategies to support positive change.”

2024 Service Above Self Award

On Friday, October 18, 2024, Deputy Probation Officer Armand Burns received the 2024 Service Above Self Award from the Sacramento Rotary Club. The Sacramento Rotary Club bestows this award upon a public safety officer/employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty by improving our community through volunteer service.

Officer Burns was recognized for his work with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program, and has volunteered over 160 hours to work with youth in a mentorship role. The mission of the program is to intervene and redirect the lives of at-risk youth ages 12 to 17 by offering educational workshops, skill-building activities, and personalized support. The program strives to empower youth to take responsibility for their actions. Through mentorship, the program also aims to help youth make positive life changes.

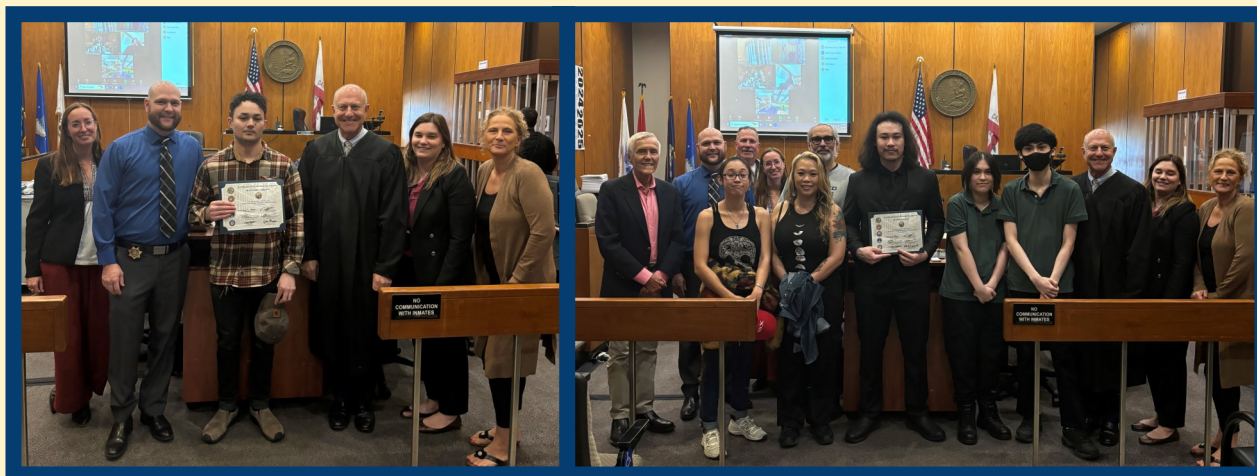




Celebrating Success

Veterans Treatment Court Graduates

On October 18, 2024, the Sacramento County Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) celebrated the graduation of two clients. VTC clients participate in a 12-month program focusing on addressing mental health issues, reducing recidivism, and improving public safety through the use of judicial oversight, intensive supervision, comprehensive case management, evidence-based treatment, and drug/alcohol testing.



Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation

On October 30, 2024, the Central Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) celebrated the graduation of ten clients. The ADRC program offers cognitive behavioral treatment interventions, substance misuse treatment, connections to housing, educational programming and vocational assistance. Clients also receive family support services, participate in pro-social activities, and pay victim restitution through the Community Outreach Program.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Supervisor Leadership Academy

The Supervisor Leadership Academy (SLA) is designed to prepare first line Probation Department supervisors for their new role as change leaders. Covered topics include Real Colors temperament tool, leadership roles, organizational culture, learning organization, Evidence-Based Practices (EBP), Leading and Managing Change, understanding cycle of conflict and workforce diversity, conflict management, performance measures, data-decision making, reward & recognition, coaching and mentoring.



Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program Graduation

On October 25, 2024, Chief Deputy, Derek Casebeer, along with Probation Officers Armand Burns, Kirstie Williams, Monika Lopez, Abigail Castro, Shaun Clay, and Assistant Probation Officers Isabella Vasquez, and Martin Willis participated in the Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program's graduation event held at the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association headquarters. This was the culmination of an 8-week program whose mission is to intervene and redirect the lives of at-risk youth ages 12 to 17. Twelve youth successfully graduated from the program.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact



Salvation Army Hope Harbor

An unhoused client struggling with drug addiction expressed a desire to participate in a residential drug treatment program. He was informed of the Salvation Army program in Stockton and agreed to participate in their six-month program. On October 22, 2024, he was transported to the Salvation Army Hope Harbor shelter by Sr. DPO's Burton and Mitchell. Upon completion of the six-month program, participants are offered transitional housing and assistance. This program ensures a safe environment while individuals are working on re-establishing themselves and getting ready to re-enter the community.

Journey of Hope- Mental Health Art Exhibit

On October 31, 2024, officers from the Mental Health Unit visited an art exhibit sponsored by the Sacramento County Department of Health Services & Division of Behavioral Health titled, "Journey of Hope: Real Life Stories of Living with Mental Health Challenges Portrayed Through Art." The exhibit included pieces of artwork that paired Sacramento residents living with mental illness with local artists who interpreted each participant's unique story and experience. Officers gained new insight as they were able to connect with community partners to learn how to engage with mental health program participants.



College Glen Trunk or Treat

Probation participated in the trunk or treat held in the College Glen Neighborhood. It was a blast seeing all the creative costumes and interacting with the community.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

ADRC Community Service Day

On October 24, 2024, Probation, in partnership with Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. held a Community Service Day at Hagan Community Park in Rancho Cordova. Clients and staff participated in a park cleanup followed by a BBQ and several pro-social activities. Approximately 100 clients participated as well as officers from the Adult Day Reporting Center North, South, Central and Collaborative Courts.





Keeping Our Community Safe

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On October 16, 2024, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Sacramento County Probation Department's Family Violence Unit conducted a county-wide probation compliance sweep with the assistance of the Sacramento Police Department (Family Abuse Unit), Sacramento Sheriff's Office (North and Central POP units, and the Homeless Outreach Team), Elk Grove Police Department, and CDCR Division of Adult Parole Operations.

The focus of the sweep was to contact clients on probation for domestic violence related offenses to ensure their compliance with court ordered conditions. In addition, officers conducted searches, served warrants and arrested individuals who were in violation of their probation status. Officers provided victims with community resources from the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center. Evidence confiscated and seized during the sweep included a total of five firearms, ammunition, and high-capacity magazines.

The following is a list of the results from the sweep:

Probation Clients Contacted: 50

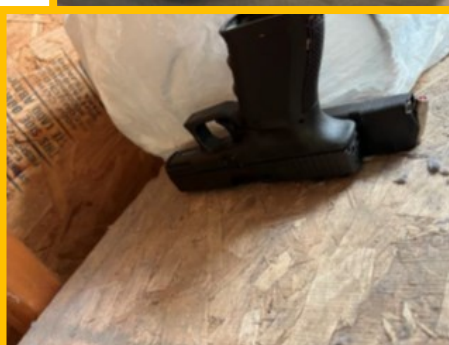
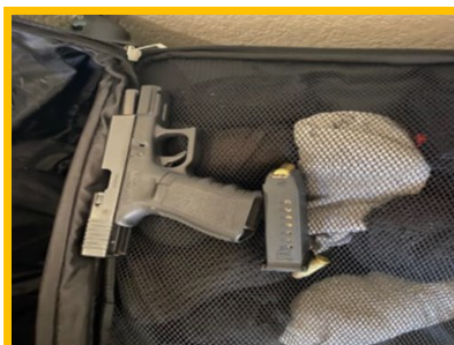
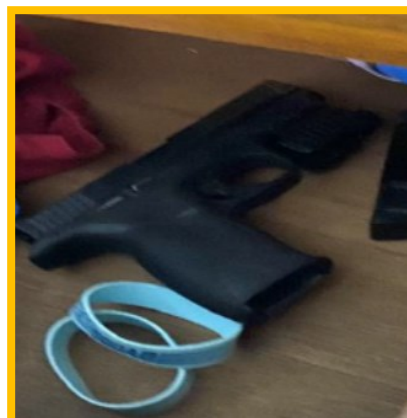
Probation Searches Conducted: 60

Home Visits Attempted: 93

Violations of Probation filed: 32

Warrant Arrests: 5

Fresh Crimes: 5





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 2

October 3, 2024

SAFE Team

3600 Block of Shining Star Dr, Sacramento



A search was conducted of an individual under supervision who is prohibited from owning or possessing any firearms or ammunition. During the search, officers located a stolen firearm, magazine and approximately 15 live rounds of ammunition.

The firearm was also easily accessible to a minor in the home. Subsequently, the individual was transported and booked in the Sacramento County Jail for possession of a firearm and endangering the life or health of a child.

DISTRICT 3

October 3, 2024

SAFE Team

3400 Block of Orange Grove Ave,
North Highlands

On October 2, officers located an individual under supervision walking with grocery bags near his residence. A probation search of the grocery bags revealed approximately 110 grams of methamphetamine. He was subsequently arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail.



DISTRICT 4

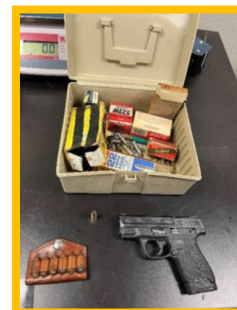
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On October 23, officers attempted to detain an individual under supervision. The individual removed a firearm from his person and tossed it under a vehicle. When a probation search of his residence was conducted, multiple rounds of 40 caliber ammunition and 100 rounds of miscellaneous ammunition were located in the bedroom. Additionally, approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine were discovered on his person.

The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail relative to drug and firearms charges, resisting arrest, and two warrants.



Check out Probation social media to stay up-to-date on efforts to support and keep our community safe!



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Culinary Arts Program

During the week of September 30, 2024 - October 4, 2024, residents combined previously learned skills with new ones to make hamburgers from scratch. Residents ground and seasoned their own meat prior to making patties and placing them on the grill. During this process, residents learned about proper temperatures for meat as it relates to their preferred cooking wellness. Along with hamburgers, residents made homemade French fries and onion rings.

On October 4, 2024, the culinary class consisting of VOYA female residents had a special opportunity to make tacos for both culinary and housing unit staff. Residents received a visit from YDF's own Chaplain Tara, who taught them how to make salsa from scratch during their food lab. The residents were excited about learning something new and shared that they were highly likely to create the recipe at home for their families. To accompany their tacos, residents also made Spanish rice, and fried tortillas coated in parmesan cheese. Overall, the lab was a tremendous success and will hopefully be repeated for many classes to come.

During the week of October 7, 2024 - October 11, 2024, residents made chicken and waffles as their final project. Residents demonstrated knowledge of proper poultry cooking methods as well as temperatures to make sure all food-borne illnesses, such as salmonella, were not a concern. They were also able to use the "two stage" mixing method to put together their individual waffle recipes to go with their chicken. As part of the final project, residents were required to pass their final exam with a 70 percent average to obtain a certification of completion for the course. We are happy to report that all residents passed! All residents will now be eligible for the Master 2.0 course, upon their return to the program.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Lake Tahoe Community College

On October 9, 2024, two VOYA residents successfully graduated from Lake Tahoe Community College.

One graduate has plans of attending college at UC Davis once released. The other graduate has intentions of continuing a career in construction. Both residents' families were present and were supported by SCOE staff as well as probation staff.



Leadership Education and Athletic Program (LEAP)

Mr. Milton's Art Class (SCOE)

Mr. Milton's Art Class returned this month, and the art residents worked on their Diorama Projects. He provided them with feedback and talked through their ideas with him. They were all very happy with having him there in the class.



Football Tournament (LEAP)

Youth Advocate B. Collins and LEAP organized a football tournament in the North Field with all the YDF units participating. Each team consisted of eight residents, the residents were selected within their units between staff and residents themselves. The championship winner has not yet been decided as the tournament is ongoing. The top teams remaining in the tournament are from Housing Unit 1 and Housing Unit 12.

Sacramento County Office of Education



On October 16, 2024, five students participated in the SCOE graduation and received their high school diplomas. Nineteen family members, along with a host of SCOE and probation staff were in attendance in support of the graduates. The energy in the room was electric. Students were encouraged to continue their education and chase their career goals. This moment is just a steppingstone to their future of positive change and rehabilitation.



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

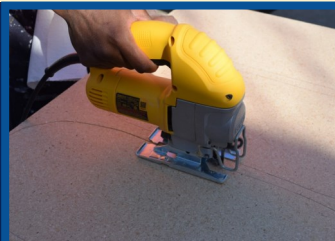
Christmas is such a BIG time of year for NCCT in YDF that the youth will be working on Christmas decorations for the next three months. Residents have already begun working on Christmas cut outs, routing them with a jigsaw, priming, and preparing them for painting. Residents have just started working on painting the 400 holiday decorations. There will be a big sale in December for staff to purchase.

New residents completed the Test of Adult Basic Education to get into the NCCT program. Residents that did not pass the test will get the opportunity to retest in November. Residents who passed, were issued book work required before they can enter the hands-on portion of the program.

On Tuesday, October 15, 2024, there was an NCCT sale. The sale included planter boxes, patio chairs, lifeguard chairs, toddler chairs, flags, and Halloween decorations. All proceeds will help fund the NCCT program for the first part of 2025.



**Northern
California
Construction
Training**



Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Contest



The housing units at YDF held their annual pumpkin decorating contest. This year's theme was "Tim Burton Movies". The units were allowed to choose any movie produced by Tim Burton for their pumpkin's creations. The top three winning housing units won a food party, and all youth received cookies.

Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU)

The YCOU currently collaborates and works with The Department of Land Management, Sacramento Parks and Recreation, and the Sacramento Bradshaw Animal Shelter. In addition, they have expanded to assist at the Department of General Services and Fleet Services which includes clean-up of old auto parts and equipment.

This month, YCOU participants completed all major clean-up at Bureau of Land Management and Sacramento Parks for fire abatement and safety hazards. They also power washed and cleaned areas within the YDF as well as the public and law enforcement entrances.





Probation's October 2024 Community Partners



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