

# 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."

### Juvenile Court Presenters Recognized

On March 26, 2025, Juvenile Court Presenters were recognized at the Chief's Roundtable meeting for their role in advising the Court on dispositional options, last-minute case information, and probation research. They serve as information brokers to the Court, providing crucial details such as outcomes, hearing dates, and judicial concerns back to the Probation Department. Presenters are expected to be well-versed in case facts and the workings of Juvenile Field and Institutional Services, while maintaining professionalism in challenging situations.

Their hard work and exemplary character are greatly appreciated. Their contributions are valued and supported.



Recognized Juvenile Court Presenters:

SPO Francisco Stinnetti, DPO Maricruz Alvarado, Sr. DPO Cathy Gomez, Sr. DPO Belen Betancourt, Sr. DPO Laura Martinez. (Not Pictured: Sr. DPO John Brock, Sr. DPO Irma Chavez-Vega, DPO Rachel Degelos, and DPO Latacia Crump.)



## Probation Mission Statement



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# Staff Spotlight

## County Valued Behavior Campaign: Excellence

On March 26, 2025, Clerical Supervisor II Monique Shuman, Sr. Deputy Probation Officer Savo Popovich and Sr. Office Assistant Shirin Fallahi-Marzooni were recognized for their behaviors that align with the County's "Excellence" value in its Valued Behaviors Campaign. Excellence means being committed to investing in employees, being transparent, delivering high quality and responsive services.



Monique Shuman, Clerical Supervisor II, was recognized for embodying the County's "Excellence" value in its Valued Behaviors Campaign. The nomination highlighted her supportive, respectful, and communicative nature as a supervisor. She promotes work-life balance and encourages employees to take time for family and vacations. Monique also focuses on skill development and is open to discussing improvements in workload. Her leadership qualities, including clear communication and timely responses, are deeply admired.

Shirin Fallahi-Marzooni, Senior Office Assistant, was recognized for embodying the County's "Excellence" value in its Valued Behaviors Campaign. The nomination highlighted her work ethic and positive, patient and professional attitude. Shirin is supportive and encouraging to those who work with her. She communicates openly with clarity, positivity, and kindness.



Senior Deputy Probation Officer Savo Popovich, was recognized for embodying the County's "Excellence" value in its Valued Behaviors Campaign. The nomination highlighted his devotion to developing an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program. Over the past three years, he met with product vendors, third-party consultants, and UAS pilots from other agencies. In addition, he has been attending regional summit briefings, monthly department meetings, pilot school and law enforcement-specific training. Sr. DPO Popovich is now a federally certified drone pilot under the Federal Aviation Administration's Part 107. His leadership, communication, and decision-making spearheaded this program and will soon be presented before the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.





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## Youth Detention Facility Employee(s) of the Quarter



Assistant Probation Officers Andre Dixon and Gabrielle Olivas have been selected as the Youth Detention Facility Employees of the Quarter. Both have consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, going above and beyond in their roles. Their hard work, positive attitude, and teamwork are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to both on this well-deserved recognition!

## Celebrating Women's History Month

On International Women's Day, Probation took a moment celebrate the many intelligent and innovative women in our diverse department. We are deeply proud of the strong women within our organization, who continue to inspire and lead by example.

Their passion, dedication, and expertise shape the work we do, and we are committed to fostering an environment where their voices and ideas are heard and valued. We thank the women of our Probation family for their ongoing commitment and resilience. Their contributions not only strengthen our organization but also enrich the communities we serve.





# Celebrating Success

## Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation

On March 21, 2025, the Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) proudly celebrated a client's graduation. The VTC clients participated in a 12-month comprehensive training and rehabilitation program that links veterans with benefits and services they need to break the cycle of substance abuse and reform behavior. The honored client endured a long but inspirational journey in this recovery from alcohol abuse. He displayed resilience, fortitude, and commitment to the program. Probation and the court team are extremely proud of him and wish him luck in the future!



## Recovery Treatment Court Graduate

This Recovery Treatment Court (RTC) graduate entered into the Collaborative Court program with the weight of a three-year suspended prison sentence on his shoulders. He had many obstacles to overcome that included challenges with housing, transportation, lack of a support system, and drug addiction. The road to recovery was not easy or smooth, but on March 26, 2025, he successfully graduated Recovery Treatment Court with stable housing, transportation provided to him by Probation, and a solid foundation of sobriety. His prison sentence was permanently stayed, and his probation case was terminated. More importantly, during his journey with RTC, he was able to rebuild relationships with his family, many of whom were in attendance to support him at his graduation. The entire team was thrilled to support his graduation and wish him continued success!





# Celebrating Success

## DUI Treatment Court Graduates

The Sacramento County DUI Treatment Court is a comprehensive treatment program for repeat DUI offenders with the goal of keeping communities safe and reducing recidivism. The program strives to change the offenders' thinking and behaviors around substance use, and participants are required to engage in individual and group counseling, self-help meetings, random drug testing, case management services, frequent court appearances, and Probation supervision. Upon completion of the minimum 12-month program, clients graduate with a wealth of knowledge and tools to help them maintain sobriety and continue their recovery journey.

Congratulations to the two individuals who successfully completed the DUI Treatment Court program!



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# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Community Connection in Action!

On March 14, 2025, Sr. DPO Jamie Davis and DPO Monica Lopez were invited to attend the College Glen Neighborhood Association Town Hall Meeting. Engaging with our community remains a top priority, and we truly appreciated the thoughtful questions and meaningful conversations that took place. We were also honored to have Mayor Kevin McCarty in attendance, further strengthening our connection with the local community.

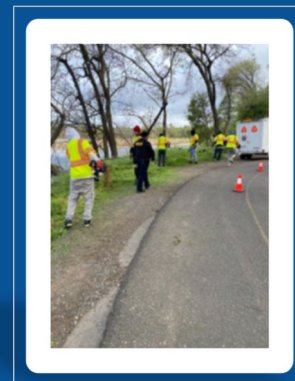
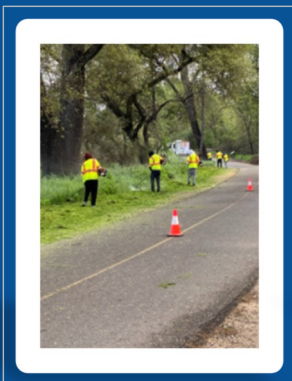




# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Community Outreach Unit Partners with Adult Work Project (AWP) to Revitalize Jedidiah Smith Bike Trail

Officers and clients from the Community Outreach Unit (COU) recently teamed up with the Adult Work Project to tackle a significant environmental challenge along the Jedidiah Smith bike trail. The group took on the task of heavy weed abatement, helping to clear overgrown vegetation. The COU continues to be a part of an ongoing collaboration between the community and Probation; aimed at providing rehabilitative work experiences for individuals participating in community-based programs.



## Mental Health Diversion Unit Assists Telecare ARISE Clients

On March 20, 2025, officers from the Mental Health Diversion Unit took the Probation Outreach Vehicle to Telecare ARISE to connect with Probation clients and the community. Probation offered nutritional snacks, hygiene products and Mental Health resources. The clients and community were very appreciative and looking forward to the next event.







# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Special Olympics Polar Plunge & 5K Run

The 2025 Special Olympics Northern California Polar Plunge and 5K event was a resounding success, raising over \$100,000 to support athletes with intellectual disabilities. The event, held at Granite Bay Main Beach on March 1, 2025, saw a strong turnout of enthusiastic participants who braved chilly waters and ran the 5K route to help make a difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes.

This year's event attracted a wide range of community members, including brave participants from the Sacramento County Probation Department, who plunged into the frigid waters to show their support for the cause. Their participation and fundraising efforts helped make the event a success.



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# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT- 3

**March 3, 2025**

*Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS)-  
North*

7000 block of Saint Tropez Way, Sacramento, CA  
95842

On March 3, 2025, Probation Officers assigned to the Citrus Heights Police Department and P.R.C.S.-North unit conducted a probation search at a residence in relation to a Prop 63 referral investigation, where two individuals on Formal Searchable Probation were living. During the search, officers discovered 12 firearms, including 2 illegal assault weapons and 1 stolen rifle, stored in an unsecured shed accessible to a prohibited probationer. All firearms were seized as evidence, and the individual was charged with possession of an assault weapon, possession of stolen property, and criminal storage of a firearm.



## DISTRICT- 1

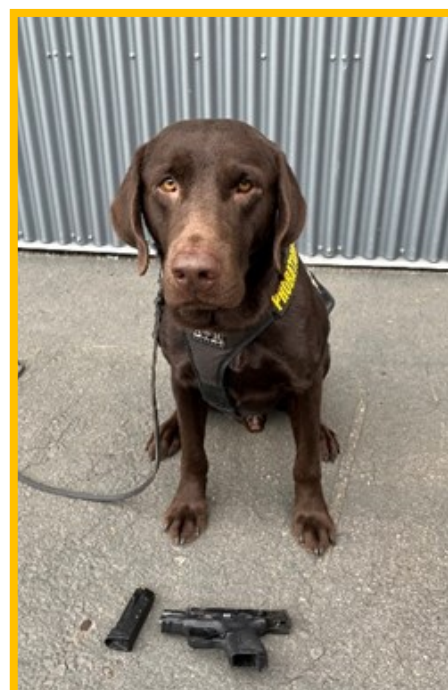
**March 4, 2025**

*Juvenile Field*

700 block of Warner St., Sacramento, CA  
95818

On March 4, 2025, Juvenile Field Officers, along with our K9 officer Duke, successfully carried out a search of a youth's residence who is currently on Juvenile Probation. Concerns were raised after the sixteen-year-old juvenile was observed posting on social media with a handgun.

Thanks to the quick response and teamwork of our Juvenile Field Officers, K9 Duke was able to locate the hidden weapon, despite it being concealed in a floor heating vent. The minor was arrested and booked for violations of 29820 PC and 29650 PC (minor in possession of a firearm and ammunition).





# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT- 2

**March 15, 2025**

*PRCS/ADRC- South & Adult Field*

7000 block of Lincolnshire Dr, Sacramento, CA 95823

On March 15, 2025, during a probation search at the South Area Probation Office, officers found methamphetamine, cocaine, plastic baggies, and a digital scale in a vehicle belonging to an individual reporting to the Probation Office. A subsequent search of an additional vehicle linked to the individual uncovered multiple firearms, ammunition, a ballistic vest, brass knuckles, suppressors, and "police" attire. The individual was booked into the Sacramento Main Jail and is pending multiple charges related to firearms and narcotics.



## DISTRICT- 1

**March 20, 2025**

*Gang Suppression Unit (GSU)*

7000 block of Antelope Rd, Citrus Heights CA 95610

On March 20, 2025, Probation Officers assigned to the Sacramento County's Gang Suppression Unit (GSU)-Team led an investigation into a known gang member in possession of a firearm. With the assistance of the Citrus Heights Police Department SWAT team, the GSU-Team executed a search warrant at a residence in Citrus Heights, CA. During the operation, officers discovered a loaded, privately made AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. The individual was arrested on multiple firearm-related charges.



**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 month of March, residents in the Youth Detention Facility (YDF), Housing Unit 3, learned how to make fettuccini alfredo with a side of steamed broccoli and cheesy bread. The residents were instructed on how to make fettuccini sauce utilizing heavy cream, shredded parmesan cheese and spices. Mr. Doolittle provided guidance to the residents on properly boiling the sauce in a pot, followed by simmering it while stirring occasionally until fully cooked. Additionally, the residents learned the process of boiling noodles and assessing the consistency to achieve the desired "al dente" texture. The preparation of French bread involved spreading butter on the slices and topping them with shredded Parmesan before serving.



Residents in Housing Unit 6 prepared red beans and rice with a side of cornbread. The residents first sautéed pork sausages with onions and garlic. Once the desired consistency was achieved, residents incorporated the red beans, water, and tomato sauce, bringing the mixture to a boil before allowing it to simmer until the beans became tender. The instructor assisted the residents by making steamed white rice. Residents also prepared cornbread utilizing cornmeal, butter, honey, sugar, corn starch, flour and baked it until fully cooked.

## Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

Residents participating in the NCCT program completed the OSHA-10 training course. Despite its challenges, they passed, all 24 residents scoring at least 70% on the section quizzes and passing the final exam with a minimum of 90%. During the Labor Agility Test, male residents competed for a Top 8 ranking by achieving the lowest times, while female residents made remarkable progress, cutting their previous scores in half. Residents will begin preparing for unit builds, where each class will construct their own mini shed.





# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Programming Unit

### Reaching Back To Our Youth

On March 5, 2025, residents from Housing Units 1 and 2 enrolled in the Reaching Back To Our Youth program, achieved a significant milestone as they received a Board of State & Community Corrections certificate for the completion of the 28-week Circles of Influence Juvenile Life Skills Curriculum. This certification marked an important step in their journey, equipping them with the tools to give back and create lasting change in their communities. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from two guest speakers who provided information regarding possible employment opportunities and encouraged them through sharing their personal experiences and career accomplishments.

Reaching Back "To Our Youth," a nonprofit organization dedicated to mentoring at-risk middle and high school students in the Greater Sacramento area, supports incarcerated youth and those transitioning back into the community. Their mission is to provide a structured support system that helps young people navigate challenges, avoid pitfalls, and build a positive future. Their unique approach pairs youth with mentors who have firsthand experience overcoming the same struggles. By fostering these meaningful connections, they strive to empower young people to make transformative changes in their lives and, ultimately, become role models for others.



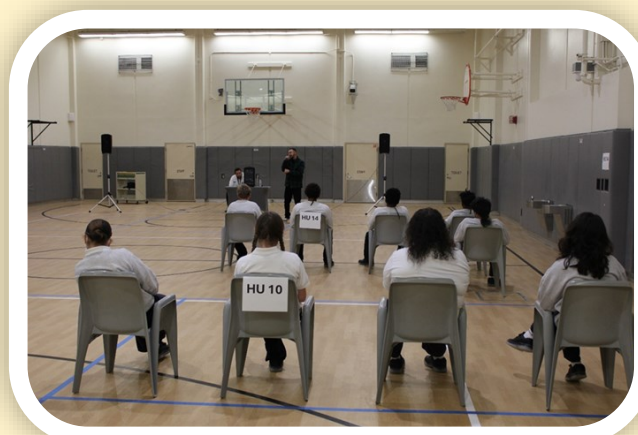




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## Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy (JJC)

On March 1, 2025, two chaplain volunteers visited the Youth Detention Facility to deliver a unique and uplifting concert featuring church-related rap music. In addition to their performance, the volunteers shared personal testimonies, offering relatable experiences and valuable life lessons for the residents. The session also included a reflection on the biblical story of *David & Goliath*, emphasizing its powerful message of overcoming challenges that may seem insurmountable. This meaningful experience served as an inspiring reminder to the residents about the strength they possess to face life's obstacles.





# Probation's January 2025 Community Partners



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