

# 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

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PROBATION'S NOVEMBER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Collaboration with Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program

This was our first year collaborating with the [Sacramento County Sheriff's Office](#) Youth Services Unit together with the [Twin Rivers Police Department](#), and the [City of Sacramento Police Department](#), on the Sheriff's youth diversion program.

Assistant Chief Deputy Casebeer and Supervising Probation Officer Wilson participated in this 8-week program, which began on September 12, 2022 and culminated with graduation on November 4.

The curriculum required youth to participate in classroom instruction twice a week as well as field trips and mentoring opportunities. Field trips included Quarry Park, a River Cats game, a Smash Room, a tour with the Sacramento County Superior Court, and a hike at Hidden Falls.



The goal of the Sheriff's youth diversion program is prevention through intervention and education. This program provides a positive opportunity for youth to take responsibility for their behaviors, a safe space where they can reflect, share, and learn new skills, a platform for law enforcement officers to help youth understand their backgrounds and the root causes of their behaviors and for officers to respond with evidence based curriculums and mentorship.



## Two Probation Officers Awarded CPOC 2022 Employee of the Year

Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Simone Spencer-Thompson and DPO Kirstie Williams were both awarded the 2022 Employee of the Year, Sacramento Region, by the Chief Probation Officers of California for their outstanding service in Probation's Youth Detention Facility (YDF).

Both DPO Williams and DPO Spencer-Thompson were awarded for their commitment to their work as the first Case Managers for YDF's Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA), a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) program for Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) realigned youth.

In addition to performing the duties of probation

officers within YDF, DPOs Williams and Spencer-Thompson prepare Court Progress Reports, oversee the daily functions of a VOYA secure youth housing unit, conduct a variety of risk/needs assessments, facilitate Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings for each youth assigned to their caseload, provide VOYA staff with assistance, and remain with each youth from their day of commitment to their day of re-entry into the community.

Both officers have also studied Senate Bill 823 legislation to better understand the court process as it relates to their positions and to DJJ Realigned Youth.



Chief Marlon Yarber proudly presenting the 2022 CPOC Employee of the Year awards to DPO Kirstie Williams (l) and DPO Simone Spencer Thompson (r).



Created in response to Senate Bill 823, aka "DJJ Realignment," the VOYA secure youth treatment program provides services and supports to youth realigned to Sacramento County from the California Division of Juvenile Justice. Click [here](#) for more information about DJJ Realignment SYTF program in Sacramento County. Click here for more information about the [VOYA](#) program at YDF.





# ADRC Graduation



On November 30, our North Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) included family, friends and staff to celebrate the graduation of six clients. The ADRC program offers clients cognitive behavioral treatment interventions, substance misuse treatment, self-help courses, educational programming, connection to housing, and vocational assistance. Clients also receive family support services, participate in pro-social activities, and pay victim restitution through the Community Outreach Program.



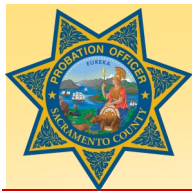
## Probation In the Community

### Bilingual Officers Connected with Stockton Boulevard Community

In response to the recent increase of crime along Stockton Boulevard, the Sacramento Police Department sponsored a Community Outreach and Resident Engagement event on November 12, 2022.

Bilingual Probation Officers Peter Lee, Mai Lu, David Chan, and Allie Saechao provided crime prevention tips, answered questions, engaged with the community, and represented the Probation Department positively and professionally.





# Probation Officers Making a Positive Impact

## Probation Orientation

Aspiring applicants ready to join our team attended our Probation Orientation on November 18. The day included a video presentation of the Youth Detention Facility, a physical agility test, and a tour of our Youth Detention Facility where new hires will begin their careers as Assistant Probation Officers. We are continuously hiring for the Probation Aide and Assistant Probation Officer positions.



## Academy Graduation

We welcomed our newest members to the Probation family during our academy graduation on November 17. After eight weeks of training, the graduates are ready to begin their career working as Assistant Probation Officers and Probation Aides within the Youth Detention Facility. We are excited to see the development of each officer as they join in our mission to support positive change.





## Holiday Blood Drive Drew Lifesaving Donors

On November 16, we hosted our annual Holiday Blood Drive with [Vitalant - California](#). This year, twenty-two staff took time out of their busy schedules to give blood for those in need.

One blood donation can save up to three lives. Human blood is composed of three key elements: blood cells,

platelets, and plasma. Each of these components can be used to help a different patient. Red blood cells are a big help for surgery patients, platelets often go to cancer patients, and plasma is often used for trauma and burn patients.

Officers and staff are proud to donate to this great cause.



## Chief Yarber - Law Enforcement Seminar Panelist at American River College

Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber served with other guests on the panel of the [Law Enforcement Seminar at American River College](#) on November 17.

The seminar, designed to connect law enforcement to students, exposed high school and college students to all aspects of law enforcement and gave them the opportunity to meet and learn from local law enforcement leaders in our community. Los Rios Community College District students and other college and high school students in our region were also invited to attend the event.



# CONNECTING LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STUDENTS

## LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR

**IMPACT SAC** NOV. 17TH AT 5:30PM  
IN THE ARC STUDENT CENTER (APPETIZERS WILL BE AVAILABLE)  
4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841

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| <br><b>Melanie Dixon</b><br>(Welcoming Remarks)<br>President, American River College       | <br><b>Kathy Lester</b><br>Police Chief, Sacramento Police Department   | <br><b>Amanda Ray</b><br>Commissioner, California Highway Patrol       | <br><b>Sean Ragan</b><br>Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations   |
| <br><b>Lasha R. Boyden</b><br>Acting United States Marshal, Eastern District of California | <br><b>Guillermo Viera Rosa</b><br>Director of Division of Adult Parole Operations, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation | <br><b>Marlon Yarber</b><br>Chief Probation Officer, Sacramento County | <br><b>Daniel Hahn</b><br>(Panel Moderator)<br>Dean, Sacramento Regional Public Safety Center and Sacramento Police Chief (ret.) |

  
 All The Departments Represented On The Above Panel

## Probation Officers Teamed Up for 2022 Soccer Heroes Cup

Probation officers participated in the 2022 Heroes Cup hosted by [Sacramento Republic FC](#) and supported by [Street Soccer USA](#) on November 20, 2022.

The soccer tournament has become a tradition where local law enforcement battle local fire departments for charity. This year, proceeds were donated to the [Firefighters Burn Institute](#) in Sacramento.

Republic FC launched its Youth Academy in 2015, providing a professional training environment for top youth players to develop into professional players for their first team, other professional clubs, and elite

college programs. In addition, their Academy has produced players who have represented their respective national teams, both at the senior and youth levels.





# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT 1

8700 Block of Tiogawoods Drive, Sacramento  
November 10, 2022

During a probation search of a residence of a young adult under supervision, Juvenile Field officers located a loaded 9mm semi-auto ghost gun on the individual and an ammunition magazine with 17 rounds. The individual was arrested for Carrying a Loaded Firearm, Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine, No Markings on a Firearm, and Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm.



3000 Block of Crandall Avenue, Sacramento  
November 28, 2022

Juvenile Field officers contacted two individuals on Formal Searchable Probation inside a vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a fully loaded Polymer P80 ghost gun next to the driver's seat as well as a Springfield XD45 handgun with a high capacity magazine.

The first individual was booked into the Youth Detention Facility for Minor in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine. The second individual was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail for Possession of Firearm by a Felon, Carrying a Loaded Firearm, Carrying a Concealed Weapon (switchblade knife), and Violation of Probation.



## DISTRICT 2

10000 Block of Shady View Court, Elk Grove  
November 8, 2022

During a probation search, Juvenile Field officers with the Age of Majority Unit located a loaded 9mm ghost gun with a high capacity magazine and a large amount of marijuana in the bedroom of an individual under supervision. The individual was booked for Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine, and Violation of Probation.





## DISTRICT 2 CONT'D

1200 Block of Watt Ave, Sacramento

Officers helped execute a search warrant at a residence of two individuals who were involved in a freeway shooting. During the search of the residence, officers located numerous firearms as well as large amounts of narcotics and cash. Both individuals were arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.



## Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

### The Annual Turkey Bowl Football Game - With a Twist



This year, players had to walk during the tournament, as it was held indoors.

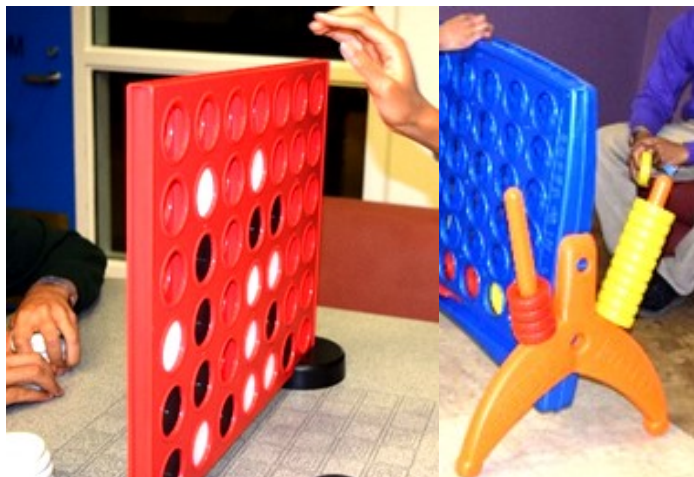


## Indoor Tournaments & Activities Brightened Rainy November Days

### Youth Celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a Lotería Game Competition



### Connect 4 Tournament Tested Strategy Skills



### Youth Kicked It Up in Kickball Tournament



### Sacramento Kings Player Kent Bazemore Mentored Youth and Coached Them on the Court





## Northern California Construction Training Students Hand-Crafted Wooden Holiday Decorations



Youth Made Holiday Ornament Gifts for their Families



## Probation's November Community Partners



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