

# 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."

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### **CAPSA 2024 Sacramento Region** **Employee of the Year: Chief Deputy** **Maria Gonzalez**

The California Association of Probation Services Administrators (CAPSA) presented Chief Deputy Maria Gonzalez with the 2024 Sacramento Region Employee of the Year Award.

Chief Gonzalez is currently assigned to the Professional Standards Division and previously served as the Chief Deputy of the Youth Detention Facility.

Chief Gonzalez exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding leader, demonstrating commitment, integrity, and a tireless dedication to improving the probation system and supporting staff. Her approach to leadership encourages collaboration, accountability, and innovation.

Chief Gonzalez was recognized as Manager of the Year for her contributions to strengthening the probation department and making a lasting impact on the community she serves.



**Congratulations Chief Deputy Gonzalez!**



# 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.”***

## **Probation Officers Duran, J. and Krehbiel, A. Shine During Retail Theft Blitz**

On January 7, 2025, during a high-intensity retail theft operation put on by Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD), Crime Suppression Unit, Probation Officers Duran and Krehbiel played a crucial role in the operation's success. Their dedication, quick response, and commitment to teamwork were vital in ensuring the operation ran smoothly and efficiently.

The operation resulted in 11 felony arrests under the new Proposition 36 laws, as well as 4 misdemeanor citations. In total, over \$5,700 worth of stolen merchandise was recovered.

While the operation involved many moving parts, Officers Duran and Krehbiel stepped up when the team was stretched thin. They were consistently the first on scene, quickly assisting with detaining arrestees at four different stores in the plaza. They helped with transporting individuals, to the booking room, and played a key role in identifying violations and assisting with initial investigative steps.

RCPD Sergeant Travis A. shared in his recognition of the officers, “Their presence was felt throughout the operation, they were always ready and available to help, no matter what the task. Their professionalism and teamwork are a reflection of their strong commitment to public safety.”

This partnership and their unwavering support have made a significant impact, as they continue to represent the Sacramento County Probation Department with excellence.

Thank you, Officers Duran and Krehbiel, for going above and beyond in service to the community.





# Celebrating Success

## First Adoption of a Foster Youth Under the Probation System

In September of 2024, Sacramento County marked a historic achievement with the first-ever adoption of a foster youth under Probation supervision.

The youth was initially placed in a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) in 2019. During the two years in their care they identified he did not have family members who could provide the necessary support as he prepared to transition from STRTP.



In response, Probation began working to establish a Resource Family (RFA) home. In June 2023, the youth was placed with a family that has since offered a stable and nurturing environment. The transition has proven to be incredibly positive for him; he has thrived in his new home.

Looking ahead, the youth has set his sights on becoming an EMT and joining the Military, demonstrating his commitment to a bright future.

## A Juvenile Probation Success Story

In March of 2023, a youth on Juvenile Probation faced significant challenges and was placed in a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) to receive the guidance and structure needed to succeed. Over the following 16 months, with unwavering dedication from DPO Boughton and STRTP staff, this young person demonstrated incredible resilience and turned his life around.

In November 2024, his hard work paid off when he graduated from high school. He then earned the opportunity to further his education by being accepted into Sacramento State University.

DPO Boughton played a critical role in supporting this youth's transition into the AB-12 Transitional Housing Program, providing him with stable housing near the Sacramento State campus. This transition ensured he had the resources and stability needed to succeed as a full-time student.

On December 13, 2024, he was terminated from Probation, marking a significant milestone in his journey toward independence.

We celebrate this youth's accomplishments and DPO Boughton's assistance.







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## Overcoming Adversity

On April 14, 2024, a client under probation supervision was released from prison and faced immediate struggles with housing and substance abuse. On May 15, 2024, DPO Calhoun successfully contacted the client, who was unhoused and sleeping outdoors. Recognizing the need for support, DPO Calhoun referred him to the Stockton Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Program.

On May 22, 2024, the client was accepted into the program. Through dedication and hard work, he successfully graduated on December 11, 2024. After completing the program, he was discharged from Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and is now employed with Salvation Army Hope Harbor, contributing to the culinary services program.

This story highlights the impact of proactive probation supervision and the crucial role of programs like the Salvation Army in helping individuals turn their lives around.



## First Veteran's Treatment Court Graduate of 2025



On January 17, 2025, the Veteran's Treatment Court proudly celebrated its first graduate of the year. The Veteran's Treatment Court offers specialized services to veterans, including substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and a strong support system to help them reintegrate into society successfully. This graduate's journey is a testament to the power of perseverance, resilience, and the critical role of community and court programs in helping veterans overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

Congratulations to the first graduate of 2025!



# Celebrating Success

## Celebrating Recovery Court Graduates

During the month of January, our Adult Community Correction's Collaborative Court Unit celebrated several client graduations from Recovery Court. In Recovery Court, clients receive services including substance abuse treatment, educational programming, self-help education, and connections to housing and vocational assistance. They also receive family support services, participate in pro-social activities, and pay victim restitution through the Community Outreach Program. Along with supervision and support from probation, these clients successfully completed their programs with perseverance and hard work. Congratulations on a job well done!







# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Probation Outreach Event at Mather Volunteers of America Housing Site

On January 16, 2024, officers from the Collaborative Courts Unit took the Probation Outreach Vehicle to the Mather Volunteers of America housing site to connect with clients and community members. The event was a huge success, with a strong turnout from individuals eager to receive support and information.

The outreach team offered nutrition and hygiene supplies to those in need, along with Veteran's Resource Books and fliers promoting the upcoming Veteran's Treatment Court pro-social event. This initiative not only helped provide vital resources to the community but also fostered stronger connections and support to those who serve our country.



## 3rd Annual Sober Tailgate at the Guns & Hoses Football Game

On Saturday, January 25th, the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program hosted its 3rd Annual Sober Tailgate Party at the Guns & Hoses football game at Sacramento City College. The event welcomed current VTC clients, program graduates, mentors, members of Sacramento Superior Court, and other key stakeholders.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious BBQ spread with all the fixings, generously donated by local supporters, as well as complimentary tickets to the highly anticipated 51st Annual "Pig Bowl" football game. This pro-social gathering offered participants a unique opportunity to socialize in a positive and sober environment outside of the traditional court setting.





# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Probation Shines in the 51st Annual Pig Bowl

The 51st Annual Pig Bowl was an unforgettable event, bringing together law enforcement and fire teams for a friendly yet competitive charity game supporting recovery efforts for the recent Los Angeles fires. Played to honor fallen first responders, the event was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who protect and serve.

In a thrilling match-up, law enforcement emerged victorious, with a final score of Hogs 14, Dogs 10.

Special recognition to our very own DPO Jackson, who not only scored 2 touchdowns but was also named the Game MVP for his outstanding performance. Jackson's dedication and leadership on the field was a true reflection of the spirit of the event.

Thank you to all our probation players—Larry King, Alberto Navarro, Damon Jackson, Garren Harris, Eric Davis, Angelo Pree, and Austin Dyer—for representing probation with pride and contributing to this incredible win.







# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT 4

January 9, 2025

*High Risk Probation & Rancho Cordova  
Probation Partnership*

400 Block of Williams Street, Folsom, CA

On January 8, 2025, the High Risk Probation Unit received a Proposition 63 referral, following a request from an adult probationer to surrender his firearms. Probation Officers successfully recovered one pistol, one rifle, feeding devices, and live ammunition from the probationer's residence.



## DISTRICT- OUT OF COUNTY

January 4, 2025

*OTS/DUI*

400 Block of Washington Avenue, W  
Sacramento, CA

On January 4, 2025, officers from the DUI/OTS Unit conducted a probation compliance check at the residence of a probationer on formal searchable probation. During a search of the property, officers discovered a black firearm and a loaded 15-round high-capacity magazine. The probationer was arrested for violations of Penal Code Sections 29800 and 30305 and booked into Yolo County Jail. The crime report was submitted to the Yolo District Attorney's Office for further action.



**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

In the month of January, residents had the opportunity to make chicken and waffles. Mr. Doolittle instructed the class on how to make batter to deep fry chicken by utilizing flour, battered eggs and panko seasoning. Afterwards, the residents had the opportunity to demonstrate how to properly cook the chicken in the deep fryer while monitoring the temperature. The residents also learned how to make waffles by mixing pancake mix and milk together and utilizing the waffle maker.



In another session, Mr. Doolittle offered the residents a variety of meats, pastas and vegetables and allowed them the opportunity to make any dish with the food provided. The residents made baked potatoes, shrimp and pasta, pork chops with a side of vegetable's, steak mixed with rice and chorizo with eggs. For dessert, residents had ice cream with a variety of toppings to choose from.

## Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

During the first week of January, the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) residents participated in the Labor Agility Test. The top eight residents with the lowest times received a luncheon provided by NCCT.

Last week students worked on completing platforms for new metal sheds. In the morning classes, residents began assembling components for skeleton framework on metal structures. In the afternoon classes, residents learned how to read a tape measure and practical math applications in construction. In addition, all residents who are enrolled in the NCCT program participated in the CPR & First Aide class. All 30 residents received their certification for CPR & First Aide training.





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## Leadership Education and Athletic Program

### Certified Physical Training

During the month of January, the Leadership Education Athletic Program focused on personalized physical training. Residents learned how physical training works at a certified level. They were instructed on proper ways to stretch and warm up. Residents also learned proper breathing techniques, isometrics, balance, and stability. The residents expressed their fitness goals and then received organized physical training. They completed the training within the hour allotted and learned the proper way to train their bodies for optimum health.







# Probation's January 2025 Community Partners



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