

PROBATION NEWS



Monthly District Newsletter brought to you by the Sacramento County Probation Department

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Supporting Positive Change

The mission of the district newsletter is to provide information, news, upcoming events, and program accomplishments to our County Supervisors and their constituents. Our department remains dedicated to building strong partnerships with the goal of providing the best possible services to our community.

In this issue, we cover March 2020:

- ◆ Arrests & Weapon Seizures
- ◆ Collaborative Courts Graduations & News
- ◆ Community Outreach
- ◆ Event Reports
- ◆ Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact
- ◆ Youth Detention Facility News

Probation's COVID-19 Response Update

ARRESTS AND WEAPON SEIZURES

March 4, 2020: 6000 Block of Fair Oaks Boulevard (Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia)

Probation officers contacted a former drug court client in the 6000 block of Fair Oaks Boulevard. The officers recovered a small amount of methamphetamine and a narcotics pipe. The client was referred to services and cited for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

March 5, 2020: 11,100 Block of Folsom Boulevard (Driving Under the Influence)

Senior Deputy Probation Officer Parker observed an erratic driver who swerved, nearly hitting other vehicles and the median, and ran a red light on Folsom Boulevard. Officer Parker contacted Sacramento Sheriff Office Dispatch/Rancho Cordova Police Department (PD) to report a community safety risk. The officer followed the driver into a parking lot at La Quinta and Folsom Boulevard, and, fearing the driver might resume driving toward the heavily traveled Watt Avenue and Folsom Boulevard intersection, the officer identified himself as law enforcement and took the driver into custody. Rancho Cordova PD arrived and took custody of the driver. The subject smelled of alcohol, and a bucket containing both full and empty alcoholic beverage containers was in plain view of the subject's truck. After administering tests, Rancho Cordova PD arrested the subject for Violation of Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving with a Blood Alcohol Level Greater Than .08.

Officer Parker's actions are consistent with the highest traditions of the Sacramento County Probation Department. His actions and commitment to public safety prevented the driver from seriously injuring himself or others."

– Supervising Probation Officer David Linden



COLLABORATIVE COURT GRADUATIONS & NEWS

Recovery Court: On March 4, 2020, Recovery Court awarded two proud clients with “Most Improved Client” and “Client of the Month” certificates.



Prop 36 Court: On March 6, 2020, a Graduation Ceremony was held at the Sacramento County Courthouse where two graduates received a framed Prop 36 Court Certificate of Completion. The graduation ceremony celebrated the clients completing a minimum of six months in the drug treatment program

Re-Entry Court: Three clients graduated from Re-Entry Court. All three started the program facing numerous challenges, including drug addiction, homelessness, and lacking pro-social decision making skills. During the course of their treatment all three clients completed Volunteers of America hours, moved to Mather transitional housing, and have since obtained stable housing. All three are employed and testing clean from drugs. One client was the graduate speaker at our recent ADRC-Central graduation. All three clients had their risk assessment scores drop from 29 at the start of their program to 12 or 13 at the end.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Through our partnerships with Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Waste Management, Probation’s Community Outreach Unit worked in the areas of Discovery Park (District 1), William B. Pond (District 3) as well as roadway clean-up along Don Julio between Monument Drive and Elkhorn Boulevard (District 3). In addition, work was completed inside the Kiefer Landfill. Work included weed and litter abatement, clearing and disposing of raked leaves, sticks and branches, and clearing areas for eased public access.





PROBATION EVENT REPORTS

The chart on the right displays the number of Event Reports probation officers submitted, summarizing the total drugs, paraphernalia, money, and weapons officers seized during probation compliance searches in Sacramento County during March 2020.

Probation Event Reports March 2020

Total Events	69
Seizure Totals	
Street Drugs (Grams)	601.33
Prescription Drugs (Grams)	2.11
Street Value of Drugs	\$23,310
Money	\$1,385
Firearms	4
Non-Firearms	2
Ammunition	455
Paraphernalia	16
Subjects Contacted	108
Subjects Arrested	64

PROBATION OFFICERS & PROGRAMS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

Officer Cossondra DeHerrera Memorial Award

On February 2, 2019, Probation was notified of the untimely passing of Deputy Probation Officer Cossondra DeHerrera. During March, we had a unique opportunity to honor Cossondra's legacy by awarding her niece with a check made possible by generous donations made by Cossondra's friends, family, and co-workers to the Cossondra DeHerrera Memorial Fund. Cossondra's niece plans to follow in her aunt's footsteps, seeking a career in law enforcement with a focus on forensics.



ADRC celebrates graduates

Central



In collaboration with Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA), the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) central honored seven graduates who successfully completed the program. ADRC has four phases and lasts from 9–12 months. Services include: cognitive-behavioral treatment classes; referrals to community-based organizations; job skill assessments; vocational training; group, individual or family counseling; educational services including assessment, GED preparation and testing; emergency housing; family support services; pro-social activities; and participation in the Community Outreach Program. Congratulations to the graduates for their commitment, perseverance, and hard work in making a positive change to their future.



District Attorney's Youth Academy Graduations



Probation officers attended the North and East area [Sacramento County District Attorney's Office](#) Youth Academy graduations. Probation officers participate in the youth academy, a program that partners with local law enforcement where students can learn about the criminal justice system, hear from criminal justice partners and engage in open communication with law enforcement about the issues that affect youth today.



Celebrating Women's History Month

In honor of [Women's History Month](#), the Women from Sacramento County Probation joined in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

For the women who came before us, we thank you. For those who will come after, get ready!



National

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

March 6, 2020: In honor of [National Women in Construction Week](#), Probation highlighted Ms. Lopez for her contributions to the construction industry, especially for her passion in working with our youth in the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program. NCCT prepares youth in custody at the Youth Detention Facility for careers in construction with practical applications. They learn job safety, industry terminology, and how to read blueprints. Ms. Lopez is devoted to raising awareness about the opportunities available in the construction industry.



YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY

speaker series

The Youth Detention facility welcomed Will Little, a speaker from [1Life Fully Lived](#), who shared his story as a formerly incarcerated young adult and how he best made use of his time while incarcerated. Mr. Smith identified his talents and began using spoken word to communicate. He knew that he had no keys to open up the jail cell door, but that he could "unlock his own mindset" by using KEYS (Keep Educating Your Self). His main resources for knowledge were avid reading, listening, and other people's experiences. **His drive home message to the youth was "Decisions create Outcomes: Want better outcomes? Make Better Decisions."**



YDF Superheroes

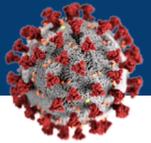


March 13, 2020: When Kaiden, a local preschooler, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoid Leukemia, his teacher at Pacific Oaks Preschool created a Facebook page, Capes for Kaiden, asking fellow students, friends, family and the community to share videos and images with the young boy and his family as he fights his battle against cancer. Several officers in the Youth Detention Facility dressed up as superheroes to lift Kaiden's spirits.

The Youth Detention Facility Library held their annual March Madness Book Tournament. Each week, youth vote on their favorite book or author. Round one ended with over 180 votes. The youth are excited to participate and look forward to the results each week.



PROBATION COVID-19 RESPONSE



Making Health and Safety Our Top Priority

Probation continues to maintain mission critical operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although facilities are closed to the public and staff are working remotely, Probation continues to serve clients and the public following CDC health and safety guidelines and safe distancing measures.

Youth Detention Facility (YDF): All essential internal services continue, including laundry, kitchen, medical, classroom instruction, and mental health while YDF is closed to volunteers, outside agencies, visitors, and tours. Bookings are being reduced, and increased medical screenings are being conducted at bookings. The Visitor Center remains open for all youth to receive non-contact visits with their families. Youth have additional phone time each week. Officers have taken on the roles of providers, mentors, activity directors, and teachers. Chaplains services are provided electronically. Officers provide classroom instruction and tutoring, and the Sacramento County Office of Education scores student work. Officers provide programs in each unit including movies, art clubs, bingo, spelling bees, book clubs, and athletics, including outdoor activity time.

Juvenile Court: To reduce the YDF population, in late March, Juvenile Justice partners determined suitable cases eligible for release, those pending release to DCFAS, and those requiring more information. Detention hearings with the District Attorney and Probation are keeping to previously established filing times and dates. Youth participate in Judicial Telephonic Detention Hearings through video conferencing inside the Visitor Center.

Juvenile Field: Officers are monitoring clients remotely via phone response, email, text, video conferencing, etc. Home Supervision/Electronic Monitoring is monitoring via phone and GPS tracker readings. Assessments and Case Plans are completed remotely, and referrals for services are made in accordance with needs. Armed officers on-site respond to critical case needs.

Adult Operations: Officers conduct case management from home using Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) or secure, County-issued computers, and laptops. All officers, mental health, and medical staff have VPN access. Intakes are completed by phone, and officers are conducting pre-release video conferences. Officers monitor facility operations on a rotating basis.

Pre-Trial: Probation liaisons, working remotely, provide supervision conditions for waived probation cases.

Administrative Professionals: All admin staff work remotely with a few staff reporting to the office on a rotating basis.