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■ SHERIFF DEAN F. GROWDON
■ LASSEN COUNTY

Dear Friends,

It has been very busy since the last edition of the *California Sheriff*. I have had the opportunity to participate in a number of events as the President of the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA), as well as my position as the Lassen County Sheriff. One thing that was consistent at all of these events was the great men and women who serve in our honorable profession. Although we face unprecedented challenges, these men and women put on their uniform every day and go out to face unknown dangers in order to protect their friends, neighbors, and strangers alike. It makes me very proud to be a part of such an incredible group of people.

In September, myself, along with Sheriff Moon of Nevada County, Sheriff Ayub of Ventura County, and our Executive Director Carmen Green were honored to represent CSSA at the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement conference in Anaheim. This conference is the largest public safety conference that I have ever attended, with over 1,000 attendees. There were a number of speakers who addressed the group as a whole, as well as break out sessions. The attendees were full of energy and excitement, and were happy to be able to spend their time expanding their knowledge about our profession, and enjoying the camaraderie of other officers/deputies from around the state and nation. (for more on WLLE, please see page 16).

In October, CSSA held the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting in Alameda County. We held a productive business meeting, and exchanged important information with our public safety partners, but the highlight of the meeting was the CSSA Inaugural Medal of Valor Ceremony. This event was hosted by Sheriff Greg Ahern and the men

and women of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. It was a spectacular event, and provided a great setting to present the Medals of Valor to the brave and courageous recipients. Everyone present was impacted by the event. Hearing the stories of the medal recipients, and the description of their heroic acts, touched everyone in the room, and we were all honored to be part of such an incredible event. (for more on the Medal of Valor Ceremony, please see page 6).

In November, I was able to attend a portion of the Seconds in Command Training hosted by Sheriff Kory Honea in Butte County. The Seconds in Command play a critical role in each Sheriff's Office, and these trainings are held so that they can receive specialized training, as well as learn from each-other. The training included a dinner event that was hosted at The Barn in a remote area of Butte County. This was a great opportunity for the Seconds in Command to network, and it also allowed for CSSA to present the John Sully Second in Command Award



Left to right: Sheriff Ayub, Sheriff Moon, Sheriff Growdon, and Undersheriff McGrath attending the WLLE conference

to the 2021 recipient. This year it was awarded to Undersheriff John Mineau of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Mineau had previously served as Undersheriff for me in Lassen County, so it had special meaning for me to be able to attend and recognize his efforts.

On November 17th, the Veterans Groups of Lassen County hosted their annual "Officer of the Year Event". The Veterans have hosted this event for decades, and it provides an opportunity for area public safety agencies (including law enforcement and fire agencies) to recognize some of their best and brightest. This event is one of my favorite annual events because all of the participating agencies work so closely together, and it is heartwarming to see local heroes recognized for their efforts. This year was exceptionally hard on the public safety agencies in our region. The Dixie Fire and Beckwourth Fire wreaked havoc for months and placed incredible strain on our local resources. All of the award recipients, and other public safety professionals in our region, made personal sacrifices for the benefit of the public as a whole during these challenging events. I was proud to be able to honor two of my own exceptional deputies at this event. Correctional Deputy McKenzie Mohr, and Deputy Michael (Chance) Loflin are very dedicated Deputies, who have done an outstanding job during 2021.

Each of these events made me proud to be part of our incredible profession, and honored to be President of CSSA. CSSA had a role in making most of these events possible, and I believe it is more important



Sheriff Growdon speaks at WLLE

than ever to recognize the brave men and women who work day and night to protect our communities.

**Thank you and God bless,
Sheriff Dean F. Growdon, Lassen County Sheriff-Coroner
CSSA President** ★



Sheriff Growdon and the Veterans Groups of Lassen County "Officer of the Year" honorees, Deputy Mohr and Deputy Loflin.



▪ M. CARMEN GREEN
▪ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) held its **Inaugural Medal of Valor Ceremony** on Thursday, October 7, 2021, hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. During the ceremony, CSSA recognized five heroes' who were praised for their actions above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind; or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of their personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life.

The recipients recognized were as follows:

2018 Medal of Valor Recipients:

Napa County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Steven Lombardi
Ventura County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ronald Helus
(End of Watch November 8, 2018)

2019 Medal of Valor Recipient:

Napa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Riley Jarecki

2020 Medal of Valor Recipients:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Deputy Claudia Apolinar
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Deputy Emmanuel Perez-Perez

We can't thank you enough for your incredible service to your communities. You are all assets to California law enforcement, and an inspiration to many.

On behalf of the California State Sheriffs' Association and the California Sheriffs, we'd like to express our appreciation to Sheriff Greg Ahern and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for hosting such an exceptional event.

The California State Sheriffs' Association would also like to say "thank you" to the following Corporate 100 Partners for their support of our event.

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MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENTS



2018 POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO SERGEANT RONALD LEE HELUS VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For courageous and heroic action on November 7, 2018, Sergeant Helus responded to an active shooter at a local bar in Thousand Oaks, California. The suspect went on a murderous spree killing 11 people in the crowded venue. Sergeant Helus and other law enforcement officers entered the building to engage the suspect. During the gunfight, Sergeant Helus was shot five times. He passed away from his injuries on November 8, 2018. The California State Sheriffs' Association takes great honor in presenting the Medal of Valor to Sergeant Robert Lee Helus.



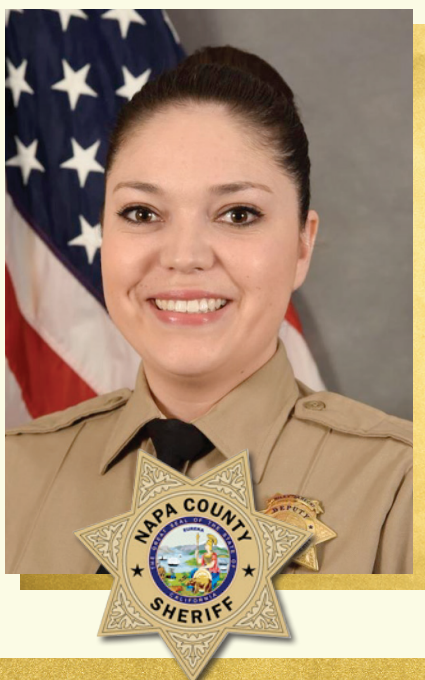


2018 AWARDED TO

SENIOR DEPUTY STEVE LOMBARDI

NAPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For courageous and heroic action on March 8, 2018. Senior Deputy Lombardi responded to an active shooter in Yountville, California. Senior Deputy Lombardi engaged the suspect in a gunfight forcing an end to the tragic event. The California State Sheriffs' Association takes great honor in presenting the Medal of Valor to Senior Deputy Steven Lombardi.



2019 AWARDED TO

DEPUTY RILEY JARECKI

NAPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For courageous and heroic action on February 17, 2019. Deputy Jarecki was on patrol when she noticed a suspicious occupied vehicle on the side of the road in Napa County, California. Deputy Jarecki contacted the driver of the vehicle to ascertain the situation. Without provocation, the suspect grabbed a handgun from inside the vehicle and attempted to shoot Deputy Jarecki in the head with multiple shots. Deputy Jarecki was able to move to cover, return fire and advise dispatch of her location after stopping the attempt on her life. The California State Sheriffs' Association takes great honor in presenting the Medal of Valor to Deputy Sheriff Riley Jarecki.



2020 AWARDED TO

DEPUTY EMMANUEL PEREZ-PEREZ LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For courageous and heroic action on September 12, 2020. Deputy Perez-Perez and his partner were assigned to patrol duties at the Compton Passenger Station of the Los Angeles Metro Transit. Deputy Perez-Perez and his partner were ambushed by a lone gunman. Deputy Perez-Perez was shot in his face, right arm and right hand. His partner was severely wounded as well. Deputy Perez-Perez was able to get himself and his partner to safety and call for assistance. The California State Sheriffs' Association takes great honor in presenting the Medal of Valor to Deputy Sheriff Emmanuel Perez-Perez.



2020 AWARDED TO

DEPUTY CLAUDIA APOLINAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For courageous and heroic action on September 12, 2020. Deputy Apolinar and her partner were assigned to patrol duties at the Compton Passenger Station of the Los Angeles Metro Transit. Deputy Apolinar and her partner were ambushed by a lone gunman. Deputy Apolinar was shot in her face, arms, and hands, shattering her jaw, and breaking both arms. Her partner was severely wounded, and she was able to apply a tourniquet to prevent him from bleeding to death. The California State Sheriffs' Association takes great honor in presenting the Medal of Valor to Deputy Sheriff Claudia Apolinar.



▪ **CORY SALZILLO**
▪ **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR**

Sunday, October 10 was the deadline for the Governor to sign or veto all legislation on his desk for the first year of the 2021-22 regular legislative session. According to the Governor's Office, the Governor signed 770 of the 836 bills that reached his desk in 2021. Governor Newsom vetoed 66 bills, resulting in a veto rate of 7.9%. For comparison, veto percentages were typically 5% under Governor Reagan in 1972, and Governor Schwarzenegger's veto rate was the highest in state history at 35%.

The Legislature reconvened on Monday, January 3, 2022, for the second year of the 2021-22 legislative session. Thousands of new bills will be introduced leading up to the bill introduction deadline on February 18, 2022. The Legislature is also heading into the new year with a projected \$31 billion budget surplus, and Governor Newsom will announce his budget proposal for the 2022-23 fiscal year on January 10, 2022. While the actual amount of the budget will adjust during the budget process, it will no doubt affect the Legislature's work in the upcoming year.

The coming of a new year also means new laws, some of which were opposed by CSSA, that have been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. All of these laws are effective January 1, 2022, unless the bill specified otherwise. Some of these new statutes that CSSA opposed include:

- **AB 48** (Gonzalez, D – San Diego) - Restricts law enforcement's use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents during a protest.
- **AB 333** (Kamlager, D – Los Angeles) - Makes it significantly more difficult to prosecute gang crimes by limiting crimes like burglary, vandalism, and certain theft-related offenses that can be used as predicate offenses to prove pattern of criminal activity.
- **AB 481** (Chiu, D – San Francisco) - Requires governing body approval before law enforcement agencies could acquire and use military equipment.
- **AB 490** (Gipson, D – Carson) - Prohibits law enforcement agencies from authorizing the use of techniques or transport methods that involve a substantial risk of positional asphyxia.
- **SB 81** (Skinner, D – Berkeley) - Makes it easier for courts to dismiss sentencing enhancements.
- **SB 98** (McGuire, D – Healdsburg) - Allows media to access areas that have been closed by law enforcement in connection with a demonstration, march, protest, or rally.

Here is a sampling of public safety related statutes supported by

CSSA and signed by the Governor include:

- **AB 3** (Fong, R – Bakersfield) - Permits a court to suspend a person's driver's license for 90 days to six months if they are convicted of engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed.
- **AB 110** (Petrie-Norris, D – Laguna Beach) - Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide the names and social security numbers of current inmates to the Employment Development Department to prevent payments on fraudulent unemployment claims.
- **AB 700** (Cunningham, R – San Luis Obispo) - Allows a defendant in jail to appear through his or her attorney in criminal proceedings.
- **SB 23** (Rubio, D – Baldwin Park) - Extends the statute of limitations for "revenge porn" crimes.
- **SB 341** (McGuire, D – Healdsburg) - Requires the California Public Utilities Commission to establish resiliency plans for backup power requirements for certain telecommunications providers

2022 CSSA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

In late 2021, the CSSA Board of Directors met to discuss the public safety priorities elected Sheriffs and their constituents are most concerned about. Some of these issues and challenges include:

Community Engagement and Trust/Enhanced Funding for Peace Officer Training

We strive to always maintain high levels of community trust, support, and engagement by ensuring the integrity, ethics, and professionalism of Sheriffs and their employees. As public servants charged with protecting our communities, we strive to accomplish that goal while maintaining accountability to those we protect and serve. Sheriffs will seek additional and sustainable funding for peace officer training through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to help continue these efforts and ensure the best training is available, delivered, and utilized to safeguard and protect all individuals.

Public Safety Resources

We strive to enhance and protect all funding for local public safety protection programs, including those that pay for deputy sheriffs on the street, keep correctional officers in our custodial facilities, support victims, and assist critical investigations. So that we may ensure we are able to fund necessary programs, we will continue to pursue full reimbursement of the costs of state and federal mandates and oppose unfunded state mandates on sheriffs.

Inmate Rehabilitation, Care, and Re-Entry

Appropriate adult criminal justice facilities that meet inmates' needs relative to space for programming, education, treatment, and medical and mental health care must remain a priority to support the mission and needs of our state and local criminal justice system, especially post-realignment. We must continue efforts to maximize funding for inmate medical and mental health care services, as well as assisting with continuity of care post-release and pursuing funding for increased needs resulting from realignment. We will continue to mitigate liabilities in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other areas of legal concern. We will pursue and support additional opportunities for participation in regional and jail-based competency restoration programs.

Homelessness / Mental Illness

The issues of homelessness and mental illness squarely intersect with the criminal justice space, specifically and especially in terms of law enforcement's interactions with these populations on the street and in county jails. When coupled together, and especially when exacerbated by co-occurring substance use disorder, these issues greatly affect public safety and sheriffs' resources. Examples include challenges around providing appropriate mental health care and competency restoration services, strains on available custodial programming, rampant overdose deaths, and churning jail populations. Stakeholders should pursue a multi-element approach to address these issues with not only resources but also a reckoning of how prior and current policies and actions (e.g. Proposition 47, reduced accountability, etc.) have led or contributed to this multi-part problem. However, due to their complexities, it may also be time to consider these two issues separately, in order to focus fuller attention on each in terms of achieving successful outcomes.

Court Security Funding

Costs to provide vital court security continue to rise and outpace state funding. Judges, litigants, attorneys, court officers, and employees expect and deserve safe levels of security and sheriffs are caught between a desire and obligation to provide court security and the challenge of doing so with resources that no longer cover costs. Sheriffs seek adequate and

sustainable funding for not only the provision of base court security services but also that resulting from new courthouses coming online.

The new year promises great opportunity and great risk, but sheriffs are prepared to meet their challenges head on, and we look forward to an exciting year in Sacramento. ✨

Cory Salzillo, CSSA's Legislative Director, is a partner of the firm WPSS Group, a pre-eminent team of advisors on matters involving state and local government. The firm effectively influences public policy in a broad spectrum of public sector issues.

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“The Ninth Circuit Continues its Struggle with the Doctrine of Qualified Immunity”

As noted in several prior articles, law enforcement agencies must be able to act without excessive threat of litigation in order to intervene in incidents at the times of highest community need. The defense of qualified immunity is critical to effective operation of law enforcement agencies in today's litigious environment, particularly in California with some of the highest verdicts in the nation for Section 1983 cases. The doctrine is founded on the straightforward principle a government actor cannot be expected to adhere to a rule they could not have known existed. For this reason, the defense of qualified immunity requires a comprehensive analysis of the facts and the previously established law applicable to a given situation and only then protects an officer from civil liability.

The United States Supreme Court's recent decision in the case entitled in *Rivas-Villegas v. Cortesluna*¹, illustrates this principle. In the *Rivas-Villegas* decision, the SCOTUS concluded that the Court of Appeals did not properly evaluate important details in denying summary judgment to a police officer in an excessive force case. As a result, the Court reversed the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's decision denying qualified immunity to a police officer who placed his knee on the back of an armed suspect lying face-down on the ground for eight seconds during the handcuffing process. The Supreme Court determined that Ninth Circuit precedent relied upon by the court did not clearly establish, for purposes of 42 U.S.C. section 1983, that the officer's conduct was unconstitutional because the facts of the precedential case relied upon were not sufficiently similar to the facts of the case here.

Facts of the Case

A 911 operator received a call from a crying 12-year-old girl reporting that the girl, her mother, and her 15-year-old sister had shut themselves into a room at their home because her mother's boyfriend, Ramon Cortesluna, was trying to hurt them and was armed with a chainsaw. The girl also told the operator that Cortesluna was always drinking, had anger issues, was really mad, and was using the chainsaw to break something in the house. A police dispatcher relayed this information along with a description of Cortesluna in a request for officers to respond.

Daniel Rivas-Villegas, a Union City police officer, and four other officers responded to the scene. After observing the home for several minutes, the officers reported seeing through a window a man matching Cortesluna's description. Dispatch informed the officers that the girl and her family were unable to exit the house, and confirmed that the 911 operator had heard sawing in the background and thought that Cortesluna might be trying to saw down the door.²

After receiving this information, Officer Rivas-Villegas knocked on the door and stated loudly, “police department, come to the front door, Union City police, come to the front door.” Another officer yelled, “he's coming and has a weapon.” A different officer then stated, “use less-lethal,” referring to a

beanbag shotgun. When Officer Rivas-Villegas ordered Cortesluna to “drop it,” Cortesluna dropped the weapon, which was later identified as a metal tool.

Officer Rivas-Villegas then ordered Cortesluna to “come out, put your hands up, walk out towards me.” Cortesluna put his hands up and Officer Rivas-Villegas told him to keep coming. As Cortesluna walked out of the house and toward the officers, Officer Rivas-Villegas said, “Stop. Get on your knees.” Cortesluna stopped 10 to 11 feet from the officers. Another officer then saw a knife sticking out from the front left pocket of Cortesluna's pants. The officer announced that Cortesluna had a knife in his left pocket, and told Cortesluna, “don't put your hands down” and “hands up.” Cortesluna turned his head toward the instructing officer but then lowered his head and his hands in contravention of the officer's orders. Another officer twice shot Cortesluna with a beanbag shotgun, once in the lower stomach and once in the left hip.

After the second shot, Cortesluna raised his hands over his head. The officers shouted for Cortesluna to get down, which he did. Officer Rivas-Villegas then straddled Cortesluna. The officer placed his right foot on the ground next to Cortesluna's right side with his right leg bent at the knee. Officer Rivas-Villegas placed his left knee on the left side of Cortesluna's back, near where Cortesluna had a knife in his pocket. The officer raised both of Cortesluna's arms up behind his back. Officer Rivas-Villegas was in this position for no more than eight seconds before standing up while continuing to hold Cortesluna's arms. At that point, another officer, who had just removed the knife from Cortesluna's pocket and tossed it away, came and handcuffed Cortesluna's hands behind his back. Officer Rivas-Villegas lifted Cortesluna up and moved him away.

Cortesluna sued under 42 U. S. C. 1983, claiming, as relevant here, that Officer Rivas-Villegas used excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment in kneeling on his back. The District Court granted summary judgment to Officer Rivas-Villegas.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, holding that Officer Rivas-Villegas was not entitled to qualified immunity because existing precedent put him on notice that his conduct constituted excessive force. In reaching its conclusion, the Ninth Circuit relied solely on *LaLonde v. County of Riverside*.³

Discussion

The United States Supreme Court granted Officer Rivas-Villegas' petition for certiorari and reversed the Ninth Circuit's determination that he was not entitled to qualified immunity in a *per curiam* decision. A *per curiam* decision is one in which there is unanimous agreement in the decision.

The Supreme Court explained that “[q]ualified immunity attaches when an official's conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.” *White v. Pauly*, 580 U. S. ___, ___ (2017) (*per curiam*) (slip op., at 6) (internal quotation marks omitted). A right is clearly established when it is “sufficiently clear that every reasonable official would have understood that what he is doing violates that right.” *Mullenix v. Luna*, 577 U. S. 7, 11 (2015) (*per curiam*) (internal quotation marks omitted).

The Supreme Court further noted, “specificity is especially important in the Fourth Amendment context, where . . . it is sometimes difficult for an officer to determine how the relevant legal doctrine, here excessive force, will apply to the factual situation the officer confronts.” *Mullenix*, 577 U. S., at 12 (alterations and internal quotation marks omitted). Whether an officer has used excessive force depends on “the facts and circumstances of each particular case, including the severity of the crime at issue, whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others, and whether he is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight.” *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U. S. 386, 396 (1989); see also *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U. S. 1, 11 (1985). However, the Supreme Court explained, *Graham's* and *Garner's* standards are cast “at a high level of generality.” *Brosseau*, 543 U. S., at 199. “[I]n an obvious case, these standards can ‘clearly establish’ the answer, even without a body of relevant case law.” *Id.* However, the Court did not consider the instant case to be an “obvious” one. Thus, to show a violation of clearly established law, Cortesluna had to identify a case that put Officer Rivas-Villegas on notice that his specific conduct was unlawful.

The Supreme Court concluded that neither Cortesluna nor the Ninth Circuit, which had relied solely on *LaLonde* in this case, had identified any Supreme Court case that addressed facts like the ones at issue in the case before it. The Court determined that even assuming that circuit precedent could clearly establish law for purposes of Section 1983, *LaLonde* was materially distinguishable and thus did not govern the facts of this case.

The Supreme Court noted that in *LaLonde*, officers were responding to a neighbor's complaint that LaLonde had been making too much noise in his apartment. When they knocked on LaLonde's door, he appeared in his underwear and a T-shirt, holding a sandwich in his hand. LaLonde testified that, after he refused to let the officers enter his home, they did so anyway and informed him he would be arrested for obstruction of justice. One officer then knocked the sandwich from LaLonde's hand and grabbed LaLonde by his ponytail and knocked him backwards to the ground. After a brief scuffle, the officer sprayed LaLonde in the face with pepper spray. At that point, LaLonde ceased resisting and another officer, while handcuffing LaLonde, deliberately dug his knee into LaLonde's back with a force that caused him long-term if not permanent back injury.

The Supreme Court declared that the situation in *LaLonde* and the situation at issue here differed in several significant aspects. In *LaLonde*, officers were responding to a noise complaint, whereas here they were responding to a serious alleged incident of domestic violence possibly involving a chainsaw. Moreover, LaLonde was unarmed, whereas Cortesluna had a knife protruding from his left pocket for which he had just previously appeared to reach. Also, undisputed video evidence revealed that Officer Rivas-Villegas placed his knee on Cortesluna's back for no more than eight seconds and only on the side of his back near the knife that officers were in the process of retrieving. LaLonde, in contrast, testified that the officer deliberately dug his knee into his back when he had no weapon and had made no threat when approached by police. The Supreme Court found that these facts, considered together in the context of this

particular arrest, materially distinguished the case here from *LaLonde*.

The Court concluded that on the facts here, neither *LaLonde* nor any decision of the Supreme Court was sufficiently similar. Accordingly, the Supreme Court granted Officer Rivas-Villegas' petition for certiorari and reversed the Ninth Circuit's decision to deny him qualified immunity.

Jones & Mayer attorneys James R. Touchstone and Denise L. Rocawich filed an amicus brief on behalf of the California State Sheriffs' Association, California Police Chiefs Association, and California Peace Officers' Association in support of Officer Rivas-Villegas' petition. The Supreme Court appears to have largely agreed with the arguments in the brief that *LaLonde* was too factually dissimilar from the case here in terms of the severity of the potential crime to which the respective officers were responding (a noise complaint in *LaLonde* compared to a domestic violence incident involving a chainsaw here), whether the suspect was armed, and the amount of force applied to the respective suspects.

With this decision, the Supreme Court continued its trend of reversing Ninth Circuit decisions for failure to properly apply the doctrine of qualified immunity by focusing with granularity on the facts of the particular case before it and comparing it to prior case precedent. The Court's decision is of particular importance considering the widespread use of this method of securing a suspect, particularly an armed one, for officer-safety reasons during the handcuffing process. One of the key aspects illustrated by this decision was the highly dangerous situation and nature of the reported crime that the officers encountered. The Court also focused its attention upon the duration of restraint as another key determining situational factor in this case. These circumstances bring up the importance of being able to demonstrate continuous weighing of the purpose of an application of a use of force, the level of resistance it is intended to overcome, and the proportionality of force to that objective. Deputies and officers must be able to articulate in their incident reports that the decision-making process that they exercised was consistent with training and policy in order to obtain qualified immunity. Use of body worn video is also extremely beneficial in portraying how a deputy has calibrated his or her actions to correspond to what they are facing.

In terms of organizational implications, the volume of litigation surrounding qualified immunity reiterates to us the importance of valid and effective training and curriculum that continues to evolve to reflect the present state of the law. Part of content development for our training programs is guided by our use of force and incident review mechanisms. The outcome of these processes can shape areas of instructional emphasis for both individuals and agencies. As part of the training process, it is also important for the members of our departments to recognize how the instruction they are receiving creates the basis for invoking qualified immunity on their behalf. ★

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■ LAURA COLE, TRANSPARENCY ENGAGEMENT ADVISOR

TRANSPARENCY- SHERIFFS ARE LEADING THE WAY

It is a word we hear often – transparency.

It can have a different meaning to different people and organizations. Perhaps the most important thing to know about transparency is that it's more than a slogan to be waved about by an organization.

It is a word of action.

To be transparent takes effort to not only release information but also to peel back the curtain and explain to an audience what the information means and how it impacts their lives.

We have seen Sheriff's Organizations throughout California take action to engage with their communities on social media, open new avenues of dialogue, and explain how we work and what we do for the communities we serve. Sharing information about critical incidents, personnel, procedures, goals, and more is not only valuable but it also often interesting content.

"Cal Fire, Sonoma County sheriff give update on raging wildfires" – that was the Press Democrat headline on August 19, 2020, as wildfires swept through Sonoma County. There was a time when Cal Fire would fill the lane as the sole or chief source of information during a major wildfire incident. But, as reflected in that headline, it was the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office that shared that position as a leading source of information and, why not? They're local. They're trusted. And their use of social media delivered vital information to an audience they had cultivated for years. That is transparency.

Transparency is not just about being open when prodded but showing the leadership to push information out.

When Assembly Bill 748 passed in 2019, it required California law enforcement agencies to release body-worn camera footage within 45-days of an incident in which deputies fired shots or if a use-of-force caused death or significant injury. The intent of lawmakers was to increase transparency into such incidents. But as often is the case with new law, noble intent can have unintended consequences.

Would the release of hours upon hours of body-worn camera video, without context, add to clarity or muddy the waters and thereby reduce

transparency? Or would it lead to confusion as viewers watched unfamiliar material or news media plucked out and broadcast "shocking moments" while leaving context behind?

Sheriff's Organizations across California were among the first to take action and present this often disturbing and complicated material in the form of critical incident videos. Before the ink was dry on AB 748, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, Kings County Sheriff's Office, Riverside County Sheriff's Office and many more released contextual videos in conjunction with the original body-worn camera video as required by law.

These videos were straight-forward, fact based, and not delivered to shape the organization's narrative but instead aimed at providing the community with as much information as possible to make their own judgements. That is transparency.

We have seen Sheriff's Organizations in California shift from simply depositing press releases on stale websites or emailing them to the media. Instead, they are using social media in a robust and effective way to share with the community news and information. To know how effective these tools can be, all one must do is look at the number of followers or engagement found on law enforcement social media platforms. Those numbers often far exceed other public agencies within the same county.

In today's media environment, it is often difficult to get "good news" out to the public. But many Sheriff's Organizations have found social media to be an effective avenue to share both good news and bad. And often stories the media would have declined suddenly become interesting once they've appeared on social media in a well told or creative manner. More people see the story. That is transparency.

The problem with transparency is that it can be achieved in a moment but not claimed as a state of being. It takes work on every effort to communicate an issue or story with an audience or community.

It takes action. And, fortunately, we've seen it. ✨

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SHARING STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

WLLE Has Most Successful Year Yet!



It had been 753 days since the attendees of the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Training Symposium (WLLE) had last been in-person together when they reconvened this year in Anaheim for WLLE 2021 on September 28-30th. Over 1130 women, and several men, from police and sheriffs' departments, probation, CHP, POST and others from the complete span of law enforcement agencies were in attendance. It was the largest WLLE Training Symposium in the 16-year history of the event. We appreciate the support of the California Highway Patrol and the California State Sheriffs' Association for helping promote and attend this event.

WLLE 2021 kicked off with an opening keynote address from Captain Beth Johnson of the Martinez PD who shared her story of breaking out of the glass box. Her keynote was followed by a surprise marriage proposal on stage from her now fiancé, Lieutenant Kenny Hart from the Benicia PD. What a way to start WLLE!

WLLE also welcomed NFL Official Sarah Thomas who spoke about her journey to becoming the first female NFL official, Sarah Klein who spoke about her story of survival after sexual abuse, Chief Anne Kirkpatrick who shared what true leadership is and finally Deputy Chief Sasha Larkin who closed out the event with "The Power of Closing the Loop." All of this year's keynotes were outstanding and those attending gave all of the speakers high marks.

In addition, WLLE had 16 workshops, daily workout sessions, and the first annual tradeshow and welcome reception which was a huge

success! A new mobile app was introduced this year that really facilitated the networking and interaction. All of this couldn't be possible without our WLLE Committees, volunteers, and staff. Thank you everyone who participated. A special thanks goes to this year's committee Co-Chairs, Alameda Sheriff's Captain April Lockett-Fahimi and Glendora Sergeant Shawna Celello and to our Chief Chairs, Fairfield Chief Deanna Cantrell and Pacific Grove Chief Cathy Madalone. They really hit it out of the park this year.

The event will be coming back to the Anaheim Hilton again for 2022. The dates will be September 12-14, 2022. We hope to have another well-attended event.

Leslie McGill

Executive Director

California Police Chiefs Association 

2021 Training Overview

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CSSAF

The California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) is pleased to present highlights of the educational trainings we provide to the professional and sworn staff of the Sheriff's Offices of California. Your generous donations assist in providing the following trainings:

SECONDS IN COMMAND WORKSHOP

CSSAF held the Seconds in Command Workshop twice this year, focusing on current topics affecting the Undersheriffs and Assistant Sheriffs of the 58 Sheriff's offices of California. The workshops included guest presentations on topics of regional concern and open dialogue between the various represented counties, discussing contemporary problem-solving on emergency issues, i.e., fiscal, labor relations, advanced training, as well as critiques of major incidents (criminal, civil, disaster related, etc.). Approximately 35 Seconds in Command attended each workshop. *Certified through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training*

The fifth annual Second-in-Command "John Sully" Memorial Award was presented to Monterey County Undersheriff John Mineau. Sheriff Steve Bernal writes, "John has established himself as a fair and approachable leader at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. He works tirelessly on budget challenges, jail issues, ensuring our 80-million-dollar jail expansion is on schedule and budget, and long-term planning to make the new expansion operable. I was elected Sheriff in 2014. I went from deputy sheriff to Sheriff and my success depended on a command staff I could trust and that would know exactly how a sheriff's administration runs. John has been the perfect fit as my second-in-command. He has been directly involved in planning and organizing operations and functions in all three bureaus. He especially keeps a close eye on our budget throughout the year and advises me on critical budget issues as they arise."



FINANCIAL MANAGERS FORUM

The annual Financial Managers Forum focused on topics that are currently affecting the Financial Managers of the 58 Sheriff's offices of California. During this Forum, topics customized to Financial Managers in the various Sheriff's Offices are presented and discussed amongst the group as a whole. The seminar included an economic forecast from a leading Economist, a legislative and legal update, procurement using federal grant funds, wellness as well as a Sheriff's Panel where attendees were able to ask candid questions to Sheriffs. 83 Financial Managers participated in this forum.

The California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) was pleased to present the 2021 Financial Manager of the Year Award to Kamajit (Kim) Randhawa. Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes writes, "Kim is the sole finance employee currently working for the Sheriff's Office and helps prepare, and manage, a budget of more than 32 million dollars. The Sheriff's budget is complex and consists of 10 separate budget sections. In addition to the budget, Kim handles billings, payments, and tracks capital assets for the Sheriff's Office. During the past year I was left without an executive assistant and Kim took on an even greater role, helping the Office of the Sheriff with scheduling board appearances and auditing the weekly employee time sheets. She is selfless and a true professional in every aspect of our daily operations. Kim is universally respected throughout the organization and county government alike. I am honored to work alongside Kim."



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS/SHERIFFS SECRETARY SEMINAR

In conjunction with the Financial Managers Forum, CSSAF held their annual Administrative Assistants/Sheriffs Secretary Seminar in September, which focused on topics that are currently affecting the Administrative Assistants and Sheriffs Secretaries of the 58 Sheriff's offices of California. Topics included presentations on social media best practices, Microsoft shortcuts, self-leadership, a Sheriff's Panel where attendees were able to ask candid questions to Sheriffs and a legislative update. 43 Administrative Assistants/ Sheriff's Secretaries participated in this training.

The 2021 Executive Assistant/Secretary of the Year "Mary G. Walsh" Award was presented to Amy Kemp Van Ee. Sheriff David Robinson describes how, "Amy has been the Secretary to the Sheriff for more than eight years. She has been a pleasure to work with and gives 100% effort each and every day. Throughout the year she keeps me on track for meetings, phone calls, interviews, record/document preparation and review, just to name a few. Amy is able to juggle many tasks at any given time. She takes on additional responsibilities, such as Human Resource functions, time keeping, helping with the budget, training issues, identification cards, concealed weapons permits, etc. Overall, Amy is an amazing employee and person. She handles everything with care and treats everyone as if they are a close friend or family member. I can't thank her enough for all the things that she does and her passion for the job. She embraces the Sheriffs Office history and culture and is truly a blessing!"



BASIC CIVIL PROCEDURES SCHOOL

This class was held twice this year and is a 40-hour course. This class is designed to introduce Sheriff's Office Civil Division staff to the Civil Process and its associated duties. This includes, but is not limited to the Notice Process and the Enforcement Process. A combination of lectures, practical exercises and scenarios are employed to give students a solid platform with which to work from in their continuing education on the job. Students successfully completing the course will gain a better understanding of the writ system and basic civil process, in addition to use of the CSSA Civil Procedures Manual. A total of 100 Civil Personnel attended these trainings. *Certified through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.*



CIVIL PROCEDURES SEMINAR

This annual training is designed to provide updated information specific to Civil Process and Procedures performed by the Sheriff's Office. The seminar provides civil staff with the latest and most important information regarding laws and procedures such as: research and resources, restraining orders, current civil trends and sheriff sales. This is a great opportunity for Professional Staff and Sworn Personnel to build important and lasting relationships with other civil staff across the State of California. 115 Civil Personnel were trained at this year's seminar. *Certified through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.*

CIVIL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) was pleased to present the first annual Civil Employee of the Year Award to **Wanda Ferguson** in the non-sworn category and **Victor Rodriguez** in the sworn category.

NON-SWORN CATEGORY: WANDA FERGUSON

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Todd Thiessen writes, "In my short tenure here at our Civil Bureau, I was quick to realize the global impact Wanda has on our unit. It is impossible for me to relay the importance of her role at our bureau or the vast knowledge she holds in all aspects of the civil realm to include: finance, clerical and issues encountered in the field. She has worked for the County of Sacramento for over 30 years, our Civil Bureau for 28 years and been our Records Manager for 18 of those years. Wanda has served on the CSSA Civil Committee for numerous years and continues to maintain her contacts throughout the state. I know there are many great leaders, managers and employees within our profession and applaud their continued steps

towards excellence. It is however my honor to nominate someone who has not only demonstrated what a Civil Employee of the Year should represent but also an employee who has dedicated her career to the betterment of the area of Civil law and our bureau, Records Manager Wanda Ferguson.



SWORN CATEGORY: VICTOR RODRIGUEZ

Sergeant Steven Baxter of the San Joaquin County Sheriff Office recounts, "On June 16th, 2021, Deputy Rodriguez responded to an address in order to serve and enforce a move-out elder abuse restraining order. Deputy Rodriguez had his partner, Deputy Cho, and his supervisor, Sergeant Baxter, with him to serve the order. While Deputy Rodriguez was speaking with the suspect, the suspect ran into the residence and attempted to close the door. Deputy Rodriguez acted quickly, and placed his body in the path of the door, preventing the door from closing. Deputy Rodriguez was then physically assaulted by the suspect. Once the suspect was detained, a horrifying scene was discovered. The suspect had been stockpiling a large amount of illegal firearms and ammunition. There were several loaded rifles, handguns, and short-barrel shotguns, all with attached suppressors. The suspect had an armor proof heavy-metal security door with a gun port. Multiple doors were rigged with a booby-trap device designed to detonate if the door was opened. The local explosive ordinance detail, FBI, and ATF spent the remainder of the day rendering all devices safe. Because Deputy Rodriguez acted quickly and refused to allow the suspect to close that door, there is no doubt that he saved not only his own life, but the life of his partner, supervisor, and responding deputies."



CORRECTIONAL/ COURT SECURITY SEMINAR

This annual seminar focused on topics that are currently affecting the Correctional Officers and Jail Administrators, as well as the Court Security Administrators of the 58 Sheriff's offices of California. The Seminar included topics of legislation between the jails and courts, legal updates, case studies, jail programs, lessons learned, court funding and staffing and open dialogue discussing current issues in the jails and courts. 113 Correctional and Court Security personnel were trained at the seminar. *Certified through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, as well as certified through the Board of State and Community Corrections' Standards and Training for Corrections program.*

MEDIA RELATIONS SEMINAR

The annual Media Relations Seminar focused on topics that are currently affecting the Public Information Officers (PIO) of the 58 Sheriff's offices of California. During this seminar, topics customized to PIO's in the various Sheriff's Offices are presented and discussed amongst the group as a whole. The seminar included presentations on One October, mass shooting incident, high profile drowning and Roles and Responsibilities of the PIO Only Session where attendees share experiences, challenges, successes, tips and advice. 54 PIO's participated in this seminar.

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SECOND ANNUAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The second annual Information Technology Manager of the Year Award was presented to Dave Fontneau, Orange County Sheriff's Department Chief Information Officer, at this year's annual California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation Information Technology Training Seminar in Costa Mesa. As noted in his nomination letter, "Dave is a relentless leader and never fails to put his people first. With a technical project list of 400+ outstanding items, a staff of 150 personnel, stakeholders at the Department, County, State, and Federal levels, budget restraints, the day-to-day challenges of managing a large, critical operation, and a global pandemic, Dave still serves as a leader with the 'first one in and last one out mentality,' his door is always open, he provides his staff an opportunity to try and fail without critique, and whenever he's asked if he has a moment, his reply has always been "come on in." He seeks staff's opinions and applies them.



He leads from the front, but takes the backseat on all praise, and he's shown that change means growth, and even stumbling means moving forward."

Dave is also a member of the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) Information Technology Committee. We thank him for his contributions to the CSSA and congratulate him on being presented this well-deserved award.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SEMINAR

CSSAF held their annual Information Technology (IT) Training Seminar. This seminar was specifically created to foster collaboration and communication among the IT personnel of the Sheriffs' offices of California, as they all face similar challenges related to law enforcement and the increasing need for current technology and maintaining a secure network environment. The presentation topics included emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, cyber intelligence, and other pertinent topics, while also providing valuable networking to discuss the challenges associated with Information Technology in law enforcement. 38 IT Professional Staff attended this training. ✨



IN MEMORIAM

Harold D. Carter



Imperial County Retired Sheriff **Harold D. Carter** passed away September 8, 2021 in El Centro. Carter took office in January 1999 and served two terms, retiring in January 2007. Sheriff Carter was a Life Member of CSSA and he and his wife Carolyn were faithful in attending annual meetings. He leaves behind daughter Angela, son Harold and spouses, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and one sister. He will be missed by many, and CSSA wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to everyone whose lives he touched. ✨



Recently Retired Sheriff



Sheriff Erik Apperson, Del Norte County

On October 1, 2021, Sheriff Erik Apperson retired from the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office after a 33 year career in law enforcement, serving the last 6 years as Sheriff.

Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. We sincerely thank you for your contributions to CSSA and wish you all the best! ☆



CSSA WELCOMES OUR NEWEST SHERIFF



SHERIFF RANDY WALTZ, Del Norte County

Sheriff Randy Waltz was born in Fresno and raised in Big Creek, a small mountain community in the Sierra Nevada east of Fresno. He studied engineering at Fresno City College and went to work for the City of Fresno Public Works Department. While he was working there, he served five years as a Reserve Police Officer for the Fresno Police Department and volunteered with the Fresno Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team.

In 1995, Randy put himself through the night academy in Fresno and got hired as a Deputy Sheriff for the Tulare County Sheriff's Office in 1996. He quickly promoted to Sergeant and held assignments in Detentions, Administration, Patrol, and Internal Affairs.

In 2007, Randy was hired as a Senior DA Investigator with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. He held assignments on the Felony Trial Team, Sexual Assault Unit, Consumer Protection, Training Unit, In Home Supportive Services Fraud, Prison Crimes, and Juvenile Crimes.

In 2020, Randy accepted the position of Undersheriff for the Del Norte Sheriff's Office, and he was appointed as Del Norte County Sheriff-Coroner on September 28, 2021.

Randy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Career and Technical Education from Sacramento State University, and he was a 2004 graduate of the POST Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. He is an adjunct instructor at the Fresno Police Academy, where he is the lead facilitator for the POST Supervisory Course. He has been a member of the POST Advisory Committee since 2013.

Randy and his wife Shelly enjoy spending time with their families and friends and frequenting the coastline. They have worked with Therapy Dogs International, where their dog Abbi has attended to crime victims through court proceedings. ☆



CDCR'S OFFICE OF VICTIM AND SURVIVOR RIGHTS AND SERVICES

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION'S OFFICE OF VICTIM AND SURVIVOR RIGHTS AND SERVICES (OVSRS) THRIVES IN ENGAGING WITH LOCAL CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES.

Whether it is providing restitution collection services, sending a notification of release, or assisting with instructions on how to participate in the parole hearing process, OVSRS consistently aids the crime victim community and their families.

When the world paused in March 2020 as a result of COVID-19, OVSRS took the opportunity to go digital. Here is how we continue to serve crime victims and survivors throughout the state – one community at a time:

NEW VIRTUAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

In July 2020, OVSRS launched a multi-language Live Chat service on our main webpage to make communication with victims easier. The instant messaging software allows for quick, real-time access to a Victim Services Coordinator to receive updates on an offender, the ability to quickly update contact information, coordinate parole hearing participation, and request status of restitution collection.

This Live Chat service, featured on the [OVSRS home page](#), is available to the public during normal business hours.

Additionally, on April 19, 2021 OVSRS officially launched a new Unclaimed Victim Restitution Portal <https://unclaimedrestitution.cdcr.ca.gov/>.

The portal simplifies the process for crime victims or their loved ones to confirm if CDCR has collected court-ordered restitution on their behalf. "With 88,000 unknown victims and well over \$20 million awaiting them at the California Victim Compensation Board, this portal will assist victims and communities gain access to their money quickly," said OVSRS Chief Katie James.

OUTREACH NUMBERS ON THE RISE

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, OVSRS has seen a positive increase in a number of outreach categories this year:

- » From 2019 - the number of registered victims increased by 15 percent.
- » Email communications are up 117 percent from last year.
- » The number of people reached on the [OVSRS webpage](#) increased by more than 31 percent in 2020.
- » Overall number of contacts for services from victims, offenders, and the public increased by 48 percent from last year.

Additionally, OVSRS responds to an average of 3,500 phone calls per month from victims, offenders, county staff, and concerned citizens to provide information about offenders sentenced to state prison.

PAROLE HEARINGS GO DIGITAL

To adjust to COVID-19 safety measures, the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) has been hosting virtual parole suitability hearings, which has resulted in a record number of victim participation/attendance. OVSRS coordinates all victim services during this process.

Victims can now feel safe and empowered from their homes as they virtually participate in the parole suitability process. In 2020, there were 2,411 victims that attended a virtual parole hearing. And as of November 2021, 2,684 victims have participated in total.

Additionally, CDCR has updated their CDCR Inmate ID Locator, which will allow for the victim to confirm location of the offender, release date and parole hearing data. CDCR will also be rolling out an enhancement



to this system in Spring of 2022, which will automatically update the victim via email of post transfer movement.

OVSRS also features a Victim Request for Services portal <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services/application/> to sign up electronically for services such as Notification of Release, requesting various Special Conditions of Parole, and requesting to be notified and participate in the offender's parole hearing process.

TRAINING VICTIM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS


CDCR works hand-and-hand with several statewide crime victim organizations to strengthen outreach efforts and resources for local communities.

These efforts include providing information and training opportunities to government, non-profit victim service organizations, and public safety partners.

While these trainings are mainly virtual in light of the pandemic, they

help CDCR to engage with local communities and share important information available to victims, survivors and their families.

If you or a family member is a victim of a crime – it is vital that you register for available services provided by CDCR. Registering with the department by completing a CDCR 1707 form (Request for Victim Services) will allow an individual access to a menu of services. Available services include notification of release, escape or death of an offender, collection of court ordered restitution, assistance with the parole hearing process and requests for special conditions of parole. To streamline the process, CDCR now offers this form (e1707) electronically via the CDCR/OVSRS website (www.cdcr.ca.gov). Additionally, victims or any concerned member of the public can utilize CDCR's Inmate ID Locator at <http://inmatelocator.cdcr.ca.gov> to confirm the status of an offender's incarceration and current prison location.

CDCR, Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services is available for assistance toll free at 1-877-256-6877 or via email at victimservices@cdcr.ca.gov. 



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Welcome New Lifetime Members

*The California State Sheriff's Association Foundation would like to thank and welcome our newest Lifetime Members!
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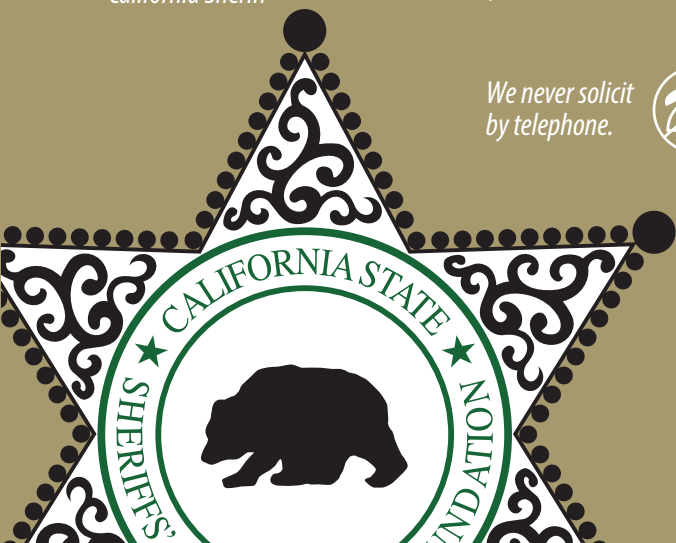
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