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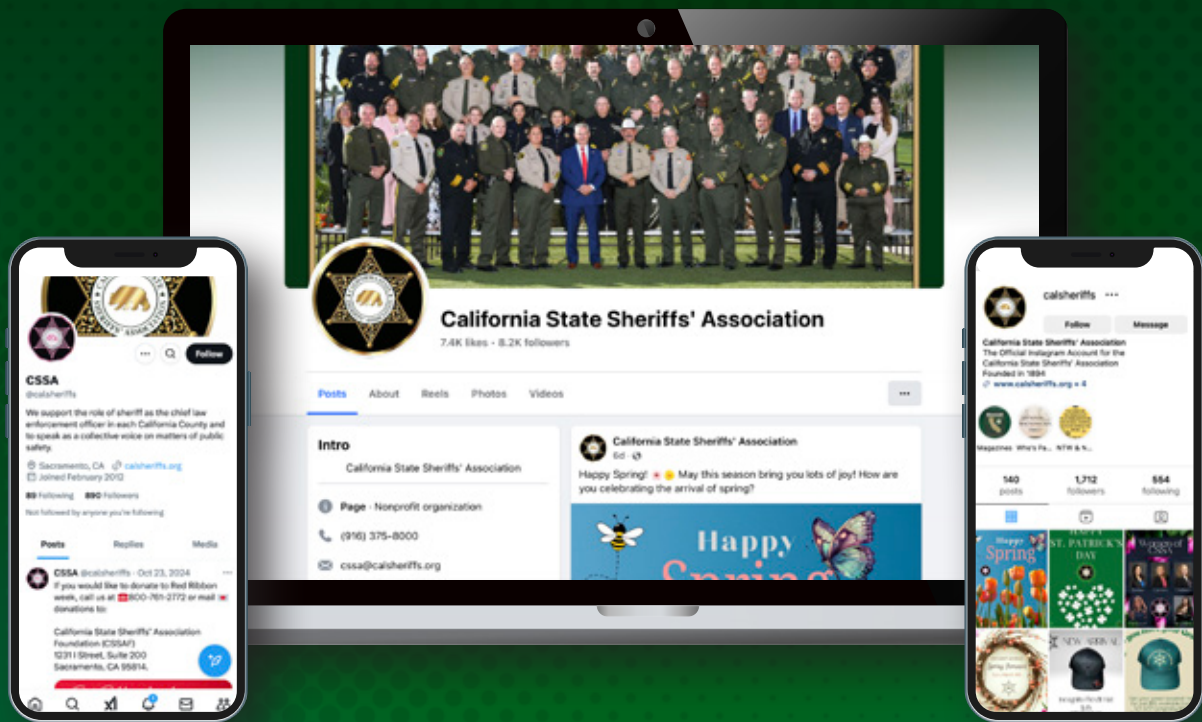
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- **SHERIFF DON BARNES**
- **ORANGE COUNTY**

To say that the first quarter of 2025 has been a “time of change” is a significant understatement. The new administration at the federal level is implementing policy changes and reforms at a pace rarely seen in government. Here in California law enforcement is adapting to the most significant change in public safety of the last decade: Proposition 36. While this flurry of activity comes with some challenge, there is also tremendous opportunity for sheriffs to move forward with initiatives that will make our communities safer and improve our effectiveness in carrying out our mission. One way to take advantage of this opportunity is for each of us to lean into the work of the California State Sheriffs’ Association.

In my view two of the most important functions of CSSA are to 1) provide sheriffs with a forum for sharing experiences and strategies to address current public safety trends and 2) use our collective voice to influence policy concerning those trends at the local, state and federal level. Fulfilling those functions is particularly important during this window of change. I would like to highlight a few areas where we are seizing the moment:

**Proposition 36 Data Collection.** The changes in law and tools provided by Proposition 36 are something we as sheriffs have advocated for since the wave of criminal justice reform began with the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014. California’s experience of that last decade has shown that mass incarceration leads to mass victimization.

Now we must use the gift voters have given us and be prepared to show why policies rooted in meaningful consequences for crime are necessary. To that end, CSSA has created a committee of multiple counties to gather data showing the impacts of Proposition 36. Importantly this collection is being done in a uniform way. Full participation of all CSSA members will ensure we have a complete picture of how the law is working or how it might need to be improved. If we fail to accurately capture the data we run the risk of our work being hijacked and misrepresented by those who desire to return to failed policies. Please stay engaged with CSSA on this issue and ensure your agency is contributing to this important work.

**Legislation to Protect our Mission.** While some bad bills detrimental to law enforcement have been signed into law over the last decade, we have been tremendously successful in stopping some truly terrible ideas. This has been largely due to sheriffs making their experience-informed views known to legislators and also the skill of CSSA’s legislative advocates.

One of our more recent successes was the defeat of legislation that would essentially end our use of K-9s. Now, in 2025, we have an opportunity to further protect this vital tool. CSSA is working with other law enforcement associations by sponsoring Assembly Bill 400, which codifies the best practices we all currently use and makes clear the necessity K-9s play in keeping our communities safe. Speaking with your legislators about AB 400 and continuing to educate the public about K-9s will help get this bill across the finish line.

**Addressing Regional and National Threats.** Security at the southern border has been a significant concern for CSSA and we have been vocal about the need for policy change. That change in policy is now taking place and data shows dramatic drops in the number of illegal crossings and law enforcement encounters. This new approach is very heartening, but we cannot let the federal government’s necessary focus on the border divert resources from other pressing threats.

For example, communities across our state and nation continue to be victimized by South American Theft Groups (SATG), primarily from the nation of Chile. These SATGs are taking advantage of Chile’s participation in the Visa Waiver Program to enter our country without proper screening. Several of us experiencing SATG residential burglaries in our jurisdiction have been sharing with each other the tactics we are seeing employed by these groups and strategies used to detour this activity. CSSA’s Crime Analyst/Intelligence Committee serves as one avenue for sharing this information and I encourage participation by all CSSA member agencies.

From an advocacy perspective, CSSA sheriffs are engaged on the SATG issue and other homeland security matters. Sheriffs are urging the new administration and members of Congress to end Chile’s participation in the Visa Waiver Program. On another front, CSSA has sent a letter to California’s Congressional Delegation urging reauthorization of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA) and has specifically asked for a surge in HIDTA funding to help our agencies stop the flow of drugs into the community.

CSSA will continue to use this current climate of change to push forward the initiatives we have been championing for many years. Our success is dependent upon the persistence and strength of our voice. Please help ensure this voice is amplified by continuing to be part of this important work, coming to the table, and sharing your counties perspective on the public safety matters of the day. As always, I remain grateful for our partnership.

Sincerely,  
**Sheriff Don Barnes**, Orange County  
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# Welcome to the April 2025 Edition of *California Sheriff!* This Edition includes:

**April 6-12, 2025, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWR):** This is a week-long event that honors crime victims and survivors, recognizes the professionals and volunteers who provide critical services to victims of crime, and raises awareness about crime victims' rights and services.

- If you are a victim of crime, or are related to, or know someone who is, there are many rights and services available to help. For more information or to view the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Online Directory of Crime Victim Services website, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices/>. This resource is also available to help you locate local services.
- California Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) Program. CSSA has continued to maintain the VINE Program through various grants since 2007. The VINE Program is almost statewide, currently in 58 of the 58 Counties.

VINE is a free and anonymous online portal ([www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)) and telephone service (877.411.5588) that provides immediate automated notification to victims of crime, and other concerned citizens. VINE provides up-to-date information on the change in custody status or case status of offenders incarcerated in California's jail facilities 24 hours a day 7 days a week. VINE is also available in 16 languages, Bosnian, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

In addition to being able to call the toll-free number or visit their website, the enhanced version of VINE will give the victim complete control of their information and is also very user friendly. Enhanced VINE will allow the following:

- Create a Confidential Account, secured by password.
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One can also access VINE on their mobile phone by downloading the VINE app. The VINE mobile app allows people to use their smartphone or tablet to easily check the status of their offender and register to be notified about changes in that status via phone or email simply by accessing VINE on their smartphone or tablet. The app is available for both iPhone and Android devices or you can visit their website by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone.

Do not rely solely on VINE for your safety. If you feel that you may be at risk, take precautions as if the offender has already been released.

**May 4-10, 2025, is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week:** During Law Enforcement Week, the California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation (CSSAF) asks you to salute and remember the heroic men and women of law enforcement during CSSAF's Law Enforcement Appreciation Week May 4-10.

These times provide us a special opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation to those officers who daily serve and protect the public, and those that have lost their lives in the line of duty. We hope that you will join us in recognizing their bravery.

Lastly, I would personally like to welcome all our new members who joined the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) in the past three months. It is because of YOU and all our members that we can continue providing the much-needed training to all our Sheriff's Offices across the State, we would not be able to do it without you! ✨



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

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The 2025-26 legislative session is now well underway with policy committee hearings being held on a weekly basis to consider the thousands of bills that have been introduced. This year, there were 2,350 bills introduced, 850 Senate bills and 1,500 Assembly bills. Several hundred of these proposals were reviewed by the CSSA Legislative Committee since many will likely shape the criminal justice conversation in the Capitol and they will impact how law enforcement protects the public safety.

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Over the next few months, as we head into committee and budget deadlines, the California State Sheriffs' Association will continue to work on these bills. We also remain actively engaged in discussions and negotiations regarding the implementation of Proposition 36, which increased penalties for some drug and theft crimes by changing portions of Proposition 47. In February, the California State Senate Public Safety Committee in partnership with the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee held an informational hearing on the implementation of Proposition 36. Though the Governor's January budget proposal did not allocate money for Proposition 36, some lawmakers expressed a commitment to fund and implement the will of the voters.

The funding discussion regarding Proposition 36 will continue as budget committees continue to meet to discuss Governor Newsom's 2025-26 proposed budget released on Friday, January 10. The budget proposes approximately \$228.9 billion in General Fund spending and \$322.3 billion in total spending. The budget includes a projected surplus of \$363 million with \$16.9 billion in reserves.

According to the Governor's Administration, the economy has generally performed better than projected in the 2024 Budget Act, leading to an upgrade to the forecast in the near term and modest upward revisions in the long term. The stronger-than-anticipated performance of the economy, stock market, and cash receipts,

combined with an improved economic outlook, have all contributed to the upgraded revenue forecast, with General Fund revenues before accounting for transfers and tax policy proposals projected to be higher by approximately \$16.5 billion in the three-year budget window.

Further, according to the Governor, while the Budget forecast does not reflect a recession, it does recognize several risk factors that could negatively affect the economy and state revenues. These factors include stock market and asset price volatility and declines—particularly those affecting high-income earners—as well as geopolitical instability. And although the Budget is balanced and provides for significant reserves in the coming fiscal year, it anticipates shortfalls in subsequent fiscal years that are driven by expenditures exceeding revenues. The state has made progress in reducing these shortfalls; however, additional decisions may be necessary at the May Revision.

In short, much change is possible between this proposal and the budget that is finally adopted this summer, and that will likely be attributable to uncertainty at the federal level and changes proposed in the May Revision that will take into account a timelier estimate of available revenues. The final budget is due to the Governor by June 15 and must be signed into law by July 1, 2025.

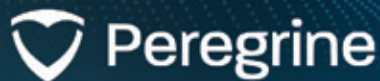


## 2025 CSSA SPONSORED BILLS

In addition to engaging in the state budget process and working to defeat or improve several dangerous bills that have been introduced, CSSA will again sponsor legislation that will be beneficial to law enforcement. ✨

*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.*

Measure	Topic	Brief Summary
<b>AB 292</b> Patterson, R	Violent felonies: domestic violence.	Adds felony domestic violence to the statutory list of violent felonies.
<b>AB 400</b> Pacheco, D	Law enforcement: police canines.	Requires law enforcement agencies with K9 units to maintain a policy that comports with recently adopted POST guidelines.
<b>AB 433</b> Krell, D	Mental health diversion.	Adds child abuse, human trafficking, and crimes resulting in great bodily injury to the list of exclusions that make a person ineligible for mental health diversion.
<b>AB 994</b> Hadwick, R	County jails.	Requires certain offenders to be held in a state prison pending trial for new crimes committed while the person was in prison.
<b>AB 1006</b> Ramos, D	Firearms: concealed carry.	Cleanup language to Senate Bill 2 (Chapter 249, 2023) to address specified implementation issues in the new CCW process.
<b>AB 1218</b> Soria, D	Copper theft.	Criminalizes the unlawful possession of copper materials.
<b>SB 320</b> Limón, D	Firearms: California Do Not Sell List.	Establishes a voluntary inclusion and removal system where individuals could place themselves on and remove themselves from a list of persons prohibited from purchasing firearms due to suicidal ideation.



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## *“Ninth Circuit Addresses Use of Force Upon Mentally Ill Persons Not Suspected of a Crime”*

In its July 2024 decision in *Scott v. Smith*, 109 F.4th 1215 (9th Cir. 2024), a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals panel denied qualified immunity to police officers on an excessive force claim in which an officer temporarily used bodyweight compression on a prone individual’s back and neck. In reaching its conclusion, the Court noted the individual was mentally ill, was not suspected of a crime, and did not present a risk to officers or others. The Court denied the officers qualified immunity as to the Fourth Amendment claim for excessive force based on the facts and evidence before it.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In March 2019, Roy Scott called 911 for help, reporting multiple assailants outside his apartment with a saw. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD” or the “Department”) Officers Kyle Smith and Theodore Huntsman were assigned to the call. Dispatch notified the officers that Scott was mentally ill. Officers Smith and Huntsman arrived at his apartment, knocked and identified themselves. Scott was distressed and hallucinating. The Officers quickly concluded Scott was mentally ill. When Scott did not open the door, Smith called their sergeant. Smith told Huntsman that their Sergeant said that “at the end of the day we can’t do anything if we don’t hear any reason to have an exigent circumstance.” Smith also explained that their Sergeant suggested they try again to get Scott to come to the door. Smith resumed knocking and ordered Scott to come to the door. Seconds later, and about seven minutes after Smith and Huntsman arrived on the scene, Scott opened the door.

Scott held a metal pipe at his side as he descended the stairs in front of the apartment. He immediately dropped the pipe when the officers asked him to do so. Scott asked the officers twice: “What am I supposed to do?” Smith and Huntsman directed him to stand near a wall at the base of the stairs, and Scott immediately complied. When Huntsman asked Scott if he had any other weapons, Scott

produced a knife from his front pocket and said, “I am sorry.” He handed the knife to Huntsman handle-side out and did not make any threatening gestures. The officers directed Scott to face the wall. Scott told them that he had paranoid schizophrenia, and twice asked: “Can you just put me in the car please?” Officer Smith again directed Scott to face the wall. Although they did not discuss it, the officers alleged they recognized Scott was in “some sort of distress” and concluded that he met the qualifications for a medical hold for his mental health and safety.

Smith and Huntsman approached Scott and grabbed his arms. Scott repeatedly pleaded “please” and “what are you doing” in a distressed voice, while Smith and Huntsman pulled him to the ground. At first, the officers held Scott’s arms at his sides while he was lying on his back. In this position, Scott screamed, struggled, and pled with the officers to leave him alone for over two minutes. The officers then eventually rolled Scott onto his stomach, repeatedly ordering Scott to “stop.” With Scott on his stomach and with his hands restrained behind his back, Huntsman put his bodyweight on Scott’s back and neck for about one to two minutes. Smith simultaneously put his weight on Scott’s legs, restraining his lower body. Scott’s pleas became increasingly incoherent and breathless as Huntsman applied his bodyweight.

After handcuffing him, the officers attempted to roll Scott on



his side, as he continued to incoherently cry out that he wanted to be left alone. When they rolled Scott over, his face was bloody from contact with the ground. Scott stopped yelling and thrashing around after a few minutes. He did not respond when Smith and Huntsman tried to wake or revive him. When the paramedics arrived, Scott was still unresponsive. After paramedics removed him from the scene, Scott was pronounced dead. Plaintiffs' expert found that Scott had died from restraint asphyxia.

Rochelle Scott (Scott's daughter and co-special administrator of his estate) and a representative of Scott's estate sued Officer Smith, Officer Huntsman, and the Department ("Defendants") alleging various federal claims.<sup>i</sup> Defendants Smith and Huntsman moved for summary judgment, arguing in part that no constitutional violation occurred and that they were entitled to qualified immunity.

The District Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' motion for summary judgment. The District Court denied qualified immunity to Officers Smith and Huntsman on Plaintiffs' Fourth Amendment claim and on Rochelle Scott's Fourteenth Amendment claim. The officers filed an interlocutory appeal challenging the denial of qualified immunity.

## DISCUSSION

In determining whether Smith and Huntsman were entitled to qualified immunity, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals explained that it asked two questions. "First, viewing the facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiffs, did Smith and Huntsman violate a constitutional right? *Rice v. Morehouse*, 989 F.3d 1112, 1120 (9th Cir. 2021). And second, if a constitutional right was violated, was it a clearly established right? *Id.*"

The Ninth Circuit explained that "[u]nder the Fourth Amendment, police may use only such force as is objectively reasonable under the circumstances." *LaLonde v. County of Riverside*, 204 F.3d 947, 959 (9th Cir. 2000). To assess the objective reasonableness of an officer's actions, courts "consider: (1) the severity of the intrusion on the individual's Fourth Amendment rights by evaluating the type and amount of force inflicted, (2) the government's interest in the use of force, and (3) the balance between the gravity of the intrusion on the individual and the government's need for that intrusion." *Rice*, 989 F.3d at 1121 quoting *Lowry v. City of San Diego*, 858 F.3d 1248, 1256 (9th Cir. 2017) (en banc).

First, the Court held that Smith and Huntsman used deadly force. Deadly force is force that "creates a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury."<sup>ii</sup> Here, Officer Huntsman used bodyweight compression on Scott's back and neck during and shortly after handcuffing him. The Court stated that its precedent in *Drummond ex rel. Drummond v. City of Anaheim*, 343 F.3d 1052, 1056-57 (9th Cir. 2003) established that the use of bodyweight compression on a prone individual can cause compression asphyxia. Drawing all reasonable inferences in Plaintiffs' favor, the Court



concluded that a jury could find Smith and Huntsman's conduct was similar deadly force.

The Court stated that even if "an emotionally disturbed individual is 'acting out' and inviting officers to use deadly force to subdue him," the government interest in using such force is limited "by the fact that the officers are confronted, not with a person who has committed a serious crime against others, but with a mentally ill individual." *Drummond*, 343 F.3d at 1058 quoting *Deorle v. Rutherford*, 272 F.3d 1272, 1283 (9th Cir. 2001)). Thus, although there is no per se rule establishing different classifications of suspects, the Ninth Circuit has recognized that counseling, where feasible, "may provide the best means of ending a crisis." *Id.* quoting *Deorle*, 272 F.3d at 1283. Moreover, the Court found that Scott did not pose a danger to the officers or others. Huntsman and Smith did not receive any warning that Scott was dangerous or that he had threatened himself or others.

As to whether Scott was "actively resisting arrest,"<sup>iii</sup> Scott did not attack the officers or anyone else, nor did he threaten to do so nor make any threatening movements.<sup>iv</sup> Finally, the Court found that Officers Smith and Huntsman ignored less intrusive alternatives to the force they employed, such as verbal de-escalation strategies, waiting for the support of additional officers to execute a safer "team takedown," or waiting for EMS to execute a "soft restraint." Thus, because Scott was mentally ill, was not suspected of a crime, and did not present a risk to officers or others, the Court concluded that the government's interest in applying force was limited.

The Ninth Circuit then determined that the balance of interests here was similar to *Drummond*, where officers also used significant or deadly force on a mentally ill individual to detain him for a mental health hold. There, as here, "grievous injury [did] not serve [the] objective" of taking an individual into "custody to prevent injury to himself" when he is not suspected of any crime. *Drummond*,

343 F.3d at 1059. Thus, the Court concluded a reasonable jury could thus find that the officers' use of severe or deadly force was constitutionally excessive. The Court accordingly held that Officers Smith and Huntsman were not justified in using deadly force against Scott, a mentally ill person who was not suspected of committing a crime and presented little or no danger.

The Court of Appeals next considered whether the law was clearly established, such that a reasonable officer would know the officers' violative conduct was unconstitutional. The Court found *Drummond* strikingly similar. The Court explained that long before Scott's death, *Drummond* clearly established that it is unconstitutional to use bodyweight force on the back and neck of a prone and unarmed individual. *Id.* at 1059. The law was especially clear where, as here, the officers know the prone individual is suffering from a mental illness and is not suspected of a crime. *Id.* Accordingly, reasonable officers would have known that their force was not reasonable and that it created a serious risk of asphyxiating Scott. The Ninth Circuit thus held that Officers Smith and Huntsman were not entitled to qualified immunity for Plaintiffs' Fourth Amendment claim and affirmed the denial of qualified immunity as to that claim.

## PROCEDURAL AFTERMATH

On November 19, 2024, the Defendants' petition for rehearing and rehearing *en banc* was denied. On Jan 29, the United States Supreme Court granted Defendants an extension to file a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, which is now due April 18, 2025.

## LEGAL AND POLICY CONCERNS RAISED

The author notes that multiple news articles express that this July 2024 decision "revoked officers' legal protection when they respond to calls where no crime is being committed."<sup>v</sup> This is a misinterpretation of this ruling. The case did not revoke qualified immunity on calls where no crime is being committed. The case did not hold law enforcement can never use force on a 5150 detainee even if they are armed. The same analysis of crime, threat, and resistance established long ago by *Graham* is still the standard.

That being said, there are some particular parts of the opinion that could be of some concern to law enforcement moving forward. First, for qualified immunity purposes, it has long been established that "significant, continued force on a prone person's back after being subdued is excessive force." This was established in the *Drummond* case discussed by the Court. Indeed, as noted above, the Court said



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the similarities between this case and *Drummond* were “striking”, though arguably, the two cases aren’t similar at all. The officers in *Drummond* put bodyweight on Drummond’s neck and back for 20 minutes as opposed to 1 or 2 minutes here, and Drummond was already handcuffed. Which raises a unique portion of the *Scott* decision wherein the Court noted that Scott was restrained with his hands behind his back which is the “functional equivalent of handcuffing”.

The Court seemed to significantly stretch the concept of clearly established in order to get to the conclusion they reached. This is not surprising as the Ninth Circuit has recently focused on body-weight use of forces cases taking issue with that force option. It is important for agencies to review their policies regarding use of body-weight, perhaps increase training as to positioning and most certainly reiterate to their ranks the need for thorough documentation in terms of why body-weight was applied, exactly to what areas of the body, the amount of bodyweight applied, expressed in percentage estimates, and for how long.

Finally, the portion of the *Scott* opinion that is probably of greatest concern to law enforcement moving forward is the Court’s assertion that there were “genuine issues of fact regarding whether any force was necessary” portending a possible future decision wherein even handcuffing a mentally-ill person not suspected of a

crime might be found by the Court to be impermissible. *Scott*, 109 F.4th at 1225 [emphasis in original].

Whether or not agencies should continue to respond to mental health calls where no crime is reported is purely a policy decision that must be made on an agency by agency basis. ✨

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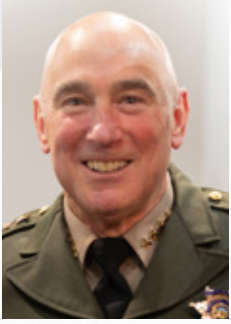
<sup>i</sup> This Article focuses on the Fourth Amendment/Section 1983 Claim for Excessive Force.

<sup>ii</sup> *Smith v. City of Hemet*, 394 F.3d 689, 706 (9th Cir. 2005).

<sup>iii</sup> See *Espinosa v. City and County of San Francisco*, 598 F.3d 528, 537 (9th Cir. 2010) discussing factors in evaluating the government’s interest in the use of force.

<sup>iv</sup> See *Smith*, supra, 394 F.3d at 703 [finding it significant that the suspect did not attack or threaten officers although he “ignored the officers’ requests to remove his hands from his pajamas and to place them on his head”].

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■ SHERIFF BOB JONSEN  
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# A Focus on CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

For those who attended the CSSA Conference in Riverside last year, you may have heard my talk regarding some of the health issues I've faced over the years. And some of you may know that my wife is a medical doctor, who fortunately, and somewhat surprisingly, wants me to live a very long life. One area of particular professional interest to her is improving healthspan - the length of time during which we can live independently in relatively good health. Much of her thinking in this area is influenced by Peter Attia, MD, who wrote the book, *Outlive*, and also has a weekly podcast along with newsletters and blog articles, many of which focus on ideas around improving healthspan. As law enforcement professionals, we read a lot of books on leadership and management, but rarely dive into enhancing our knowledge about our own well-being and health. I would strongly encourage you to read *Outlive*, but also want to share a newsletter article my wife recently wrote about cardiovascular health, which I hope provides useful information to some extent or another.

In this article, she briefly summarizes one core concept of improving healthspan, which is that we must limit, to the best of our capabilities, any risks for chronic disease - namely heart disease, metabolic disease (i.e., insulin resistance), cancer, and cognitive decline. She shares a few thoughts on cardiovascular disease because this is the leading cause of death in the United States, and in more cases than not it can be prevented. In this context, cardiovascular disease specifically refers to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), which includes heart attack and stroke. At this point, you are probably asking what the heck is ASCVD? Atherosclerosis essentially means that lipoproteins (or what we more simply, albeit somewhat inaccurately, call cholesterol) build up on artery walls. These lipoproteins, along with other inflammatory cells, can eventually form plaques on the artery walls. Those plaques cause narrowing of the vessels, limiting the flow of blood, and they can sometimes rupture, allowing a piece of the plaque to completely occlude a narrower part of the downstream artery, and thus cut off blood supply to the tissue (i.e., heart muscle or brain in heart attack and stroke, respectively). This means that heart attacks and strokes occur from plaque formation that has typically taken place over the prior few decades.

Conventional medicine sends a clear message that (1) high cholesterol is bad, (2) anyone with a cholesterol level over 190 should be on a statin, and (3) statins are always good. This is exactly what I was told as a young officer during a medical examination and

prescribed prescriptions to address my high cholesterol and blood pressure. My wife believes that treatment approaches always need to be individualized and that we need to take a careful look at our own risk factors. Over the last five years we have had comprehensive labs drawn, usually twice per year, to ensure specific markers are being managed appropriately. So here is what my wife, Dr. Amy Nett, explains in detail on lab markers that may be used in thinking about your risk of ASCVD:

### HDL

Limited usefulness. While a low HDL may slightly increase my concern about ASCVD risk, a high HDL is not always good. There might be more we don't know about HDL than what we do know.

### LDL-CALC

This is what you will see in a standard lipid panel, it is a calculated (i.e., grossly estimated) LDL, and I find very little value in a calculated LDL level. But a standard lipid panel is cheap, so this can still be a good place to start screening, particularly when we're working with a more limited budget.

### APOLIPOPROTEIN B

Currently my single favorite marker for assessing ASCVD risk. Apolipoprotein B (apoB) is essentially a protein tag on all the lipoproteins that may contribute to atherosclerosis (i.e., plaque formation). So apoB will reflect a measurement of low-density lipoproteins (LDL), but also intermediate density lipoproteins (IDL) and very low-density lipoproteins (VLDL), providing a more



accurate measure of atherogenic lipoprotein particles. Because LDL particles make up about 90 to 95% of apoB-containing lipoproteins, I will sometimes use the phrase *LDL lowering* interchangeably with *apoB lowering*.

#### LIPOPROTEIN (A), OR LP(A)

This is a circulating lipoprotein with the level determined largely by genetics. High levels of Lp(a) may increase the risk of ASCVD, so in people with high Lp(a) I prefer more ambitious LDL lowering goals. I think it is helpful to measure this at least once, but at this time I'm not clear on the benefit of follow up measurements.

#### LIPOPROTEIN FRACTIONATION

This allows us to see the LDL and HDL particle numbers, along with more detail about particle size. LDL particles can be like big, fluffy, bouncy balls that are less likely to damage the arterial walls, or they can be more like small dense golf balls, which more easily wedge into the vessel wall and cause injury. I think lipoprotein fractionation can be a nice contribution to understanding ASCVD risk, but it is rarely covered by insurance. So, when we want to prioritize budget, then we can often leave this out.

#### C-REACTIVE PROTEIN, HIGH SENSITIVITY, OR CRP-HS

This is a marker of inflammation, though a non-specific marker. I always prefer to see this less than 1.0, and if someone has a persistently elevated CRP-hs, which may be correlated with an increased risk of ASCVD, then I would like to consider more ambitious lipoprotein lowering goals.

#### HOMOCYSTEINE

This is an amino acid that is an intermediary in a particularly useful and common biochemical cycle called the methylation cycle. The methylation cycle occurs in all of our cells essentially constantly. When homocysteine levels are elevated, clearly above 11 and maybe even above 9, there is a correlation with an increased risk of ASCVD, cognitive decline and cancer. So, while I like to see everyone's homocysteine level below 9, when it is above 9, I give stronger consideration to LDL lowering.

For completeness, when we are thinking about ASCVD risk we may also take into account:

- Blood pressure
- Glycemic control (i.e., blood sugar balance and insulin sensitivity/resistance)
- Current or prior smoking
- Family history of heart attack or stroke
- Optionally, coronary artery calcium (CAC) score or plaque seen on a coronary angiogram

So why did I (Dr. Nett) just go into all that detail? There are so many extremes out there. Some cardiologists recommend putting statins in the water, and purport that there is no such thing as a cholesterol value that is too low. And others, often in the ketogenic diet or carnivore communities, may claim that high LDL in the

context of a low carbohydrate diet is nothing to worry about. And amidst these strong opinions, even with all the knowledge around ASCVD and advanced imaging technologies, we still cannot accurately predict who will go on to develop ASCVD. So how do you decide what's right for you?

In essence, I think of ASCVD as a probability. With a high apoB there are more circulating atherogenic lipoproteins, and thus a higher probability that those apoB containing particles will encounter an area of an artery where they may accumulate and start the process of plaque formation. Again, serious plaque formation most often takes multiple decades. So, the longer you have high apoB, the higher that apoB is, then the higher the probability those apoB particles are making their way into plaques.

If you add in a high Lp(a) and high CRP-hs, then our probability goes up even further.

I hope that information from my wife's article can provide helpful guidance for each of you. In closing, by being more aware of these lab markers, various treatment protocols, and the nuances around each one, you can work with your doctor to create a plan that will better result in preventing and/or treating ASCVD and increasing *your* healthspan. Remember that the approach you take to increasing your healthspan will be unique to you. Most of you are aware of John M. Violanti, PhD, a professor at the School of Public Health and Health Professions at the State University of New York University at Buffalo, and the 55-year mortality study on police, where researchers looked at deaths of police officers and specifically police versus the general population. Deaths from all diseases of the circulatory system were significantly higher than deaths in the general population. More specifically, 46% of the total population studied died of cardiovascular disease, and 35% died of cardiovascular disease by age 60. The percentage dramatically increases with age and reaches 80% by age 75. I personally want, and hope for each of you, to enjoy retirement well beyond the age of 75. So let's take our health seriously and do everything in our power to outlive the averages!

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# CALIFORNIA SHERIFFS HISTORY

## NEVADA COUNTY



### NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: MOVING FORWARD FROM MENTAL HEALTH MURDER SPREE

■ ASHLEY QUADROS, NCSO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Nevada County became incorporated on April 25, 1851, from portions of Yuba County. Its name was inspired by a prominent mining town, Nevada City, which is where the Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) is headquartered today. From humble beginnings with just one sheriff and one jailer, today the Nevada County Sheriff's Office is home to 170 dedicated employees, including 71 sworn staff who take on a myriad of duties, including Patrol, Coroner, Major Crimes, Special Enforcement Detail (SED), Critical Incident Negotiations Team, Search and Rescue, Courts Security, and more, in addition to 54 correctional staff who help run NCSO's two county jails, on top of admin-related support personnel.

Throughout 174 years of service, there have been several historic events that have shaped the Sheriff's Office and the greater community. One such event unfolded on Jan. 10, 2001, when a mentally ill man, Scott Thorpe, 40, went into the local Nevada County Department of Behavioral Health Services building in Nevada City, where he was a patient receiving treatment, and shot three women, ultimately killing Laura Wilcox, 19, and Pearl Mae Feldman, 68. During the shooting, people in the building went into hiding and lockdown, and first responding agents, one Sheriff's sergeant and one Nevada City Police Department (NCPD) officer, worked together to secure the scene, locate victims, and attempt to preserve life. NCSO Sergeant Gary Driscoll first spotted Feldman, who was lying on the floor hanging onto life, and while it was unknown if the gunman was still in the building at the time, he and NCPD Officer Dan Badour knew they had to try to save her and as many victims as possible. While assessing her injuries, they spotted

Wilcox, who had sadly already succumbed to her injuries, and then Judith Edzards, 49, who had been shot in the head and chest but was still alive and miraculously survived her injuries. Another woman fleeing the gunman jumped out a two-story window, sustaining major injuries from the fall, but she too survived. Feldman sadly passed on before medical could safely arrive.

As the situation unfolded, additional NCSO deputies, detectives, SED and fellow law enforcement partners rushed to the medical building and while in route radio chatter erupted with new reports of another shooting at a nearby Lyon's restaurant in Grass Valley, straining available resources to respond to two shooting incidents. It was later confirmed Thorpe had left the medical building and went to the restaurant where he shot two people, killing Michael Markle, 24, and injuring Richard Senuty, 34, who was shot in the arm and abdomen, but survived.

Thorpe was later located at his residence and arrested





following a short standoff in which he finally surrendered. In the months that followed, he was initially found incompetent to stand trial in June 2001. However, he returned to court competent the following year and was found not guilty by reason of insanity and sentenced to the California Department of State Hospitals for life for three counts of first-degree homicide and two counts of attempted premeditated homicide. He was originally sent to Atascadero State Hospital and later to Napa State Hospital for mentally ill persons.

The shooting rampage inspired change around mental health treatment, especially where intervention and prevention were concerned. Wilcox's parents, Nick and Amanda Wilcox, became advocates of their daughter and in their hopes to prevent further mental health-related tragedies, they introduced Laura's Law to California, which was signed into law in 2002 and today authorizes court-ordered outpatient treatment for people with a history of severe mental illness, psychiatric hospitalizations, acts of violence/threats, or related contacts with law enforcement and jailings. Laura's Law is designed to provide intensive community treatment services and medically supervised intervention to individuals who pose a high risk of relapse or who are deteriorating to the point of being dangerous to themselves or others.

One of the original NCSO detectives who responded to the medical facility on that fateful day and saw the case through to completion was Shannan Moon, the current Sheriff of Nevada County. The Thorpe case left a lasting impression on the then detective who always felt more was needed in the face of mental health treatment, especially regarding calls for service that Sheriff's Office deputies respond to involving mental health crises.

As she climbed through the ranks, by 2018, she decided to throw her hat in the running for sheriff and won the election, becoming the 34th sheriff of Nevada County in 2019. She also made history as the first female sheriff for Nevada County and the first openly gay sheriff in all of California. However, having never forgotten the Thorpe case and the senseless loss of life, in 2020, Sheriff Moon partnered with Nevada County Behavioral

Health to establish the first-ever Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) for Nevada County, a team that pairs a licensed clinical social worker with a sheriff's deputy on a variety of mental health-related calls for service that often involve substance abuse, welfare checks, homelessness, and the de-escalation of critical incidents. The goal of the co-responder model is to provide expanded crisis intervention and prevention services with immediate and comprehensive response, follow-up, rehabilitation, consulting with individuals and families, and referrals. The team often helps individuals experiencing a mental health crisis get connected to appropriate services, such as the hospital, crisis stabilization unit, referrals for long-term care, etc., increasing access to safety plans and treatment options while reducing arrests.

In 2024, the MCT made 661 contacts with individuals, resulting in 48 mental health holds and 12 arrests. The low number of arrests is a positive indicator that the MCT is able to defuse crises with their communication skills and support. After crisis-related calls for service, the MCT regularly follows-up with community members to "check-in" and continues to provide services and referrals as needed with a goal of long-term stabilization. Since its inception, the program has grown from a single team of two, to two teams of four with the hopes to grow the program further in the future.

The Thorpe shooting spree will not soon be forgotten and as NCSO looks ahead, learning and growing from past incidents and examining ways to better serve and protect Nevada County residents remains at the forefront. In addition to introducing the MCT, in the last few years, Sheriff Moon has reestablished the K-9 Program at NCSO, introduced body worn cameras, launched a volunteer rescue nonprofit for emergencies, and is currently working to redesign NCSO's radio infrastructure, create a gym for staff wellness, and build an onsite shooting range where all local law enforcement can benefit from advanced trainings. From the early days of a single sheriff and a single jailer, NCSO has come a long way with a history rich in bettering their community. 🌟



# A MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE FALLEN

BY FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN ZANONI

Fresno County is poised to become the home of a powerful symbol of sacrifice and honor for law enforcement, with the building of the Fresno Sheriff Memorial. Currently under construction at the Fresno County Sheriff Area Two Substation in southeast Fresno, this Memorial will stand as a solemn tribute to the courage and commitment of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our community, and will be a gathering place for all.

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This Memorial is not just a structure—it is a powerful reminder of the cost of our safety. Each of the 21 names that will be etched on the Wall of Honor will tell a story of valor, of selflessness, and of devotion to something far greater than oneself.

As we near the 2025 completion of this project, please take a moment to learn about our unique Memorial. Join us as we commit to continuing to support those who continue to serve the front lines. The creation of the Fresno Sheriff Memorial is more than an act of remembrance; it is a call to action. It is an invitation to stand united with our Sheriff's Office, to show our own community and all

those throughout California and the nation, that our Fresno County Sheriff's Team is valued, respected, and appreciated. It is a call for all of us to stand shoulder to shoulder with the men and women who safeguard our streets, our courts, and our jails—and who do so without seeking recognition. The Memorial will serve as a place for reflection, remembrance, and for learning. It will be open to all—residents, students, and visitors alike—who wish to pay their respects and understand the sacrifices made by those who protect us. I urge you to join me, retired Sheriff Margaret Mims, retired Sheriff Steve Magarian, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, the families of the fallen, the Fresno Sheriff's Sergeants Association, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and a growing list of business and community supporters in ensuring that this Memorial endures. Together, we will honor the lives of those who have given so much by embodying the values they upheld: courage, compassion, and unity. To learn more about the Fresno Sheriff Memorial and how you can get involved, visit [fresnosheriffmemorial.org](http://fresnosheriffmemorial.org) or follow us on FB at Fresno Sheriff's Memorial Foundation.

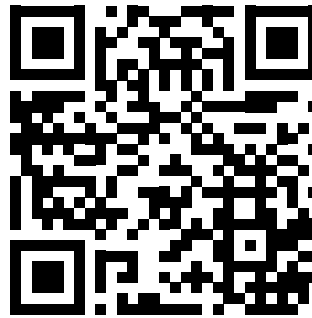




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# FROM ART GALLERIST TO ADVOCATE

HOW ANNA NASSET WENT FROM STALKING VICTIM TO LEADING VOICE FOR SURVIVORS.

Full of excitement and fresh from the Midwest, Anna had just opened an art gallery in the idyllic seacoast town of Port Townsend, Washington. If that sounds ideal to you, it was to Anna, too. “I followed my own little bliss into this wild world. I was passionate about art. I wrote a business plan and was able to get a private investor and buy this gallery. So I was living my dream.”

## DREAM INTERRUPTED

Two years later, a stalker invaded Anna’s ideal. “I’m just living my dream, having so much fun with this world I’m creating. Just gone through a divorce. So I was really kind of in this place of back on my feet and, like, ‘Look at me shine. Look at me go,’” explained Anna. “Unfortunately, unbeknownst to me, there was a man who had already been stalking me.”

While a stranger to her, the man was a known serial stalker—with a mental health diagnosis—in the small community. He had targeted Anna earlier, but first made himself known to her in 2011. “He approached me saying he wanted to showcase artwork at my gallery,” said Anna. “Nothing that out of the ordinary about that, but he began to quickly escalate in messaging.” His continued communication set off alarm bells. “It wasn’t anything I’d ever seen before by somebody who wanted to work with me. He would say things like, ‘It was nice to see you today,’ and I never saw this individual anywhere. So very quickly my spidey sense went up.”

### Working the Legal System

The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates that only around 40% of stalking victims go to law enforcement. The reasons for that are as varied as the individual: fear, uncertainty, being told you’re “overreacting,” society making light of stalking, and more. Encouraged by someone close to her, Anna did go to law enforcement.

“They were really able to help me start to form out basically my own investigation because that’s really what a stalking victim has to do: collect their own evidence. Chronicle everything. Keep logs of everything so that the police can actually build a case.”

While it demanded hard work and courage, Anna’s documentation paid off. “Within a couple months, he was arrested for harassment against me,” said Anna. A trial followed, and in 2012 the man was sentenced to one year in county jail.

## TIME FOR VINE

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024, VINE began in Kentucky in 1994 in response to the murder of Mary Byron. Byron was murdered because she was unaware that her offender had been released from prison. Since then, VINE has empowered thousands of crime victims with a host of services to help prevent a tragedy like Mary’s. Want an alert when an offender is being transferred or released from prison? Or when a protective order is being served? From alerts to victim-centered resources, VINE has you covered through its app, website, or phone number.

Anna’s experience with VINE began in 2012 soon after her offender received that one year jail sentence. “I was initially told about it by the Port Townsend Police Department by my officer, Officer Corrigan,” recalled Anna. “I actually called the phone number and signed up, you know, talking to somebody, which I think was very important to me back then because it just felt so isolating and alone.”

During that call, VINE customer service signed Anna up to be alerted when her offender was released from jail. Reflecting back on her feelings at the time, Anna said, “This is a really scary moment, and I don’t know how to accept what’s going on. And so I found when I could lean into any sort of victim service, that kind of just helped me feel a little bit more supported and accepting of what was happening.” And while no service can undo the harm, Anna said it “felt like an extra level of support. Signing up for VINE was one of those pieces of being okay.”

## GETTING SOME DISTANCE

One year later, Anna was indeed alerted when her offender was released from jail. Unfortunately, that wasn’t the end of her offender’s stalking. “Within a couple of months of being released, he would start to kind of take other tactics,” said Anna. “By the end of 2013, it was really too much for me to deal with, and so I would end up closing my business.”



In 2016, a cross-country move to a quaint Vermont town gave Anna distance and a fresh start, but the stalking continued. Equipped with all she had learned the first time, Anna armed herself with evidence and worked with law enforcement. Once again, the effort was successful. “In 2019, we went to trial out in Washington state, and he was found guilty of felony aggravated stalking and felony cyberstalking and was sentenced to a maximum of 10 years, which at the time was one of the longest sentences—if not the longest sentence in our country’s history.”

While the lengthy sentence gave Anna some piece of mind, she once again signed up for VINE alerts, this time via the app. For that extra bit of reassurance, she took an additional step: “I still call up the Department of Corrections to see when is his release date. I do that every six months because in Washington state that changes,” she said. Thrust into a situation she never asked for, Anna had once again equipped herself by taking steps and using services like VINE. But “Enrollee” wouldn’t be Anna’s only role with VINE.

### AN UNEXPECTED DIRECTION

We plan some chapters of our lives. But many surprise us, unfolding bit by bit, laying a path we didn’t consider but that makes perfect sense. Anna’s next chapter came that way.

“I think it was late 2017, and I was like, ‘I’m gonna become a victim advocate,’ which is a very typical thing for people in my situation to do,” she reflected. “And so I found out about a course here in the state of Vermont, put on through our state, called the Vermont Victims Assistance Academy.” Attended by law enforcement agencies and community advocates alike, Anna quickly doubted her fit there. “After the first class, I met with the coordinator of it, and I was like, ‘I’m trying to figure out where I fit in this work.’”

In chatting with Anna, the coordinator quickly saw that her skill in art and design could help victim service agencies communicate their mission. But the coordinator’s eyes really grew wide when Anna began to unspool her personal story of survivorship—and her success navigating the criminal justice system.

“She was really surprised by all of the positive interactions I’d had with law enforcement, advocates, prosecution... which so rarely happens in stalking,” remembered Anna. “And so she asked me if I would speak on a panel down the road, and I was, like, ‘Why would anybody want to hear me speak?’”

### WORKING HERSELF OUT OF A JOB

Since those early engagements, Anna has delivered victim-centered, expert-level training all over the world, served as a board and advisory council member for several organizations, and won numerous awards for advocacy. In 2023 she released *Now I Speak: From Stalked to Standing Up*, a powerful book that shared her story and learnings. She also hosts *The Mend*, a podcast she created to provide tools, understanding and hope to victims of crime.

In one of many full-circle moments, Anna was asked to join VINE’s Advisory Council in 2024, moving from enrollee to leading voice in shaping VINE’s next

30 years of work. “I think that we all want to be out of a job,” said Anna, regarding VINE’s Advisory Council. “I want to go be the cash register at a little general store in town because I think that’d be really fun. And just... sell ice cream cones, and chat with tourists all day. But until then, I’m gonna keep doing this work. I think we keep pushing for that. And we keep pushing for protections, and we keep pushing to make victims and survivors feel not as alone.”

Find out more about Anna and her work at [www.standupresources.com](http://www.standupresources.com)

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, you can find resources in your state or sign up for VINE’s services at [vinelink.com](http://vinelink.com), via the VINELink app, or by calling 1-866-277-7477 anytime. ✨

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## Individual Membership Levels

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(Renewal rate will be at business level joined)

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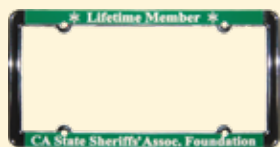
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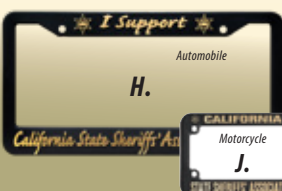
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E	Challenge Coin Thin Blue Line Challenge Coin		\$10	
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G	Lapel Pin Green, Gold, and White Circular Lapel Pin		\$6	
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K	Star Lapel Pin Size is 1" wide		\$5	
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M	Black Flexfit Hat with Black Logo <b>New!</b> S/M • L/X (CIRCLE ONE)		\$45	
N	Black Trucker Hat with Black Logo <b>New!</b> Embroidered Logo		\$40	
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T	Women's Cotton Polo Shirt** <b>ON SALE!</b> Black • S • M • L • 2XL (CIRCLE ONE)		\$25	
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**<https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/organization/CSSAF>**